

Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you sense God's presence and enjoy your time of worship with us today. We have a staffed nursery, Children's Church for ages 3-5th grade, which is dismissed during the worship service, and Sunday school for all ages. If this is your first time at CMF, please stop by a Welcome Table in the lobby. We would love to connect with you! Also, please take time to sign in to the red attendance register in your row.

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Sunday worship service: 9:15 AM Sunday school: 10:45 AM

Our church office is open
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Looking Ahead

November 28 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
November 29 Office Closed
December 1 First Sunday of Advent
December 6 Family Movie Night
December 13 Christmas Caroling
December 15 Giving Tree Gift Return
December 22 Christmas Sunday
December 24 Christmas Eve Service



"The Dirty White Cloth"

Jeremiah 13:1-11

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Do your spiritual ups and downs run in a cycle? What does that cycle look like?

Have you ever wandered far from God? What did returning to Him look like?

Repentance is the first piece of restoration. What do you imagine restoration to be?

To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 81010:



Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"
Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"
Adults: text "@cmfremind"



November 24, 2024



*Together,
pressing in toward Christ;
reaching out to the world.*





Would you like to be prayed for today? Every Sunday, after the sermon, an Elder is available at the front of the auditorium to anoint you with oil and pray for your needs. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

A Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal will be held today after Sunday school. We hope you will stay and join us.

*After gathering your input on the proposed 2025 budget at today's meeting, the Administration Team will finalize the budget for congregational vote. Ballots will be distributed to all members via church mailboxes **on Sunday, December 8.**

The Personnel Committee is conducting annual reviews of Jim Hostetter, Amy Goodwin, and Tammy Trate. If you would like to provide any comments regarding their performance this past year, please see Shelly Feerrar, Joni Forman, or Chad Cohrs **today.**

Two new adult Sunday school classes will begin next Sunday:

· "Lead with Prayer," Led by Larry Seibert

· "The Invisible War," Led by Steve Jablonski

See details on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. **Please sign up for the class of your choice today** so we can order books accordingly.

Advent begins December 1. A few "He Is Here," adult devotionals that coordinate with the GoodKind children's Advent Blocks are still available in the lobby for \$5. If your family does not have a set of Advent Blocks, you can reach out to Amy Goodwin or the church office to learn more. Paper copies of "Behold: An Advent Reading Plan" are also available for free on the Advent table in the lobby.

Join us for a Family Movie Night in the Refuge (Youth Room) on **December 6!** Get your PJs and sleeping bags and join us **at 6:30 PM!**

Join us for Christmas caroling on Friday, December 13, from 6:00-9:00 PM. Meet at CMF **at 5:30 PM** for costumes. Please dress in festive Christmas colors - red, green, gold or black. Victorian hats, capes, and scarves will be provided by Joy Mertz. We will meet back at the church afterwards to return the costumes.

**This is also the *Super Seniors* event for December.

To help us prepare, please sign up in the lobby.

Baughner and White Deer Elementary Giving Tree:

Visit our Giving Tree in the lobby if you'd like to buy a gift to help families with students from the Milton Area School District. Choose a tag, sign up on our record sheet for the student you chose, and have fun shopping! Gifts are due by Sunday, **December 15.** Thanks so much for blessing these families!



A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at CMF on December 24, at 6:30 PM. Invite family, friends, and loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Savior with us. We will sing Christmas carols, light candles, and remember the reason for the season!

A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year. Contact Larry Seibert, at 570-850-8946, **by December 24** if interested, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in January.

Can you help? Women at Risk International is a Christian ministry that helps abused women learn a trade. They are in need of beads for making jewelry. If you can help by donating beads, money for beads, or bead-making equipment, please get them to Clorice Summers before Christmas. Learn more at warinternational.org.

thank you!

"Thanks!" to all who helped to support the Threads for Honduras event. They profited almost \$7,000 to support the continued work in Izopo as well as support six students with school scholarships. Thanks for your generosity! ~Reba Yoder

"Our church ladies can cook!!" Thank you so much for looking after our bellies following my surgery. I appreciate all the care and effort everyone brought to us." ~Wendy Hollenbach and family

An Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Thank You! Thanks so much to everyone who donated supplies, helped with the Packing Party, or packed a shoebox at home! There will be many happy children all around the world, thanks to you!

Young Adults

Wednesday Group-Time continues this fall! Connect with others on **Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM, in Room 305.** See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

Annual Young Adult Reunion: Catch up with old friends and connect with new ones. Anyone who's around over break is invited to come to the Young Adult celebration in December. Stay tuned for details.

Passion 2025: Our Young Adults will head to Atlanta, GA, in early January to attend the Passion Conference for Young Adults. Please lift this trip up in prayer. Also, there may be interest in staying overnight somewhere on the trip down on **Sunday, January 5,** if anybody has church/condo/basement connections that would allow them to crash for the night. Please see Jim Hostetter with ideas.

Last Week's Offering: \$9,245
Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 263 (224 in person, 39 online)
Sunday school: 107

Children's Ministry

Kid's Christmas- Our kids have the opportunity to be part of the church service on **Sunday, December 15.** If your child is interested in taking part, please message Amy Goodwin or sign him/her up at the Children's Ministry table by the gym today.

Please Take Note: December is a busy month and we have a few changes to our schedule, as follows:

- **December 15-** No Children's Church or CC Boom, due to the children's involvement in the church service. There will still be Sunday school.
- **December 22-** No CC Boom (grades 3-5). There will be Children's Church for kids in preschool through second grade. No Sunday school.

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Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

Ignite* (Grades 6-8) and C4* (Grades 9-12):

Wednesday Night Youth: See you at Weekly Youth this week for a special Thanksgiving Celebration Edition. Turkey and lots of the fixins will be showing up. Bring anything you want to share with the group—cook/bake/buy. Watch for the altered times for this event.

Belize 2025 interest and information meeting: C4 students and their families are invited after church on **December 1, at noon,** in the Youth Room. We will talk about the exciting trip ahead, what we hope to accomplish, costs, requirements, how to register, and more. The meeting is anticipated to be under an hour. You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch to eat during the meeting.

See youth event details at:
<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

Parents: Not getting REMIND messages?
Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.



Join us for a fall Adult Sunday school class!

Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:
<i>How to Study the Bible</i>	Pastor Tim Darling	201/202
Undistracted	Jay & Lois Miller	203