

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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Our church office is open
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Looking Ahead

December 6	Family Movie Night
December 13	Christmas Caroling
December 15	Giving Tree Gift Return
December 22	Christmas Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25-26	Church Office Closed
January 25	How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex Workshop



"Fear Not: Obedience"

Luke 1:26-38

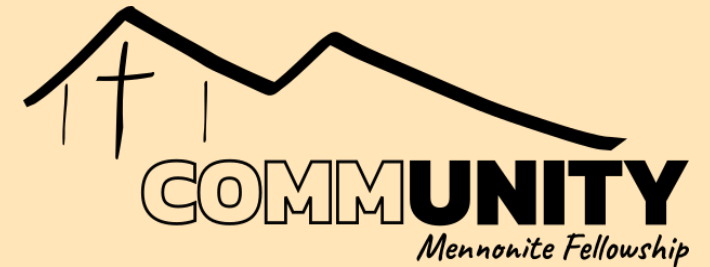
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1. What are you afraid of?
2. Do you resonate more with Zechariah or Mary?
3. Have you been obedient to God?

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



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



December 1, 2024



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





Today is the first Sunday of Advent.

Paper copies of "Behold: An Advent Reading Plan" are available on the Advent table in the lobby.



Prayer and Anointing: After the sermon this morning, we will have a time of anointing with oil and prayer. If you have a prayer request or need, prayer team members will be available to pray with you. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

Two new adult Sunday school classes begin today:

- "Lead with Prayer," Led by Larry Seibert, Room 203
- "The Invisible War," Led by Steve Jablonski, Room 201/202

We hope you will join a Sunday school class on these timely topics.

Join us for a Family Movie Night in the Refuge (Youth Room) this Friday night, **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!

Join us for a fall Adult Sunday school class!

Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:
<i>The Invisible War</i>	Steve Jablonski	201/202
Lead With Prayer	Larry Seibert	203

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.

How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex Workshop: Coming **January 25!** Be on the lookout for more details.

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.

Have you considered a short-term mission trip? A team is forming for the week of **February 22-March 1, 2025**, to serve alongside Healthy Ninos Honduras, to provide medical care to folks in remote mountain communities, small construction projects, and activities with the children. Medical training is not needed. Contact Jane Wirt at 570-428-5058 or janewirt@yahoo.com for more information.

Susquehanna Valley Chorale Candlelight Christmas, December 14, 7:30 PM and December 15, 3:00 PM, at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury: The concert will showcase new music selections accompanied by the Commonwealth Brass Ensemble, organ, harp, and percussion. Get tickets at: <https://www.svcmusic.org/svc-tickets>.

Are you part of CMF's "All-Church" email list? Our weekly Prayer Update and important reminders are sent through this list. If we've missed you, contact the church office to learn more: office@cmfmilton.org.



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 the Young Adult celebration in December. **December 23** is a tentative date. Let Jim or Max know if this doesn't work for you.



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: \$9,675
Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 279 (250 in person, 29 online)
Sunday school: 134

Children's Ministry

Kid's Christmas- Kids and teens are invited to be a special part of the church service on **Sunday, December 15**. If your child is interested, please message Amy Goodwin **today**. Practice times will be sent to the group via Remind. Thanks!

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.

Advent is Here! Today is the first day of Advent! Remember to set up your Advent Blocks at home so your family can focus on the true meaning of Christmas. If you don't have a set of Advent Blocks, please see Amy Goodwin.

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Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

Wednesday Night Youth: So many fun things going on for Wednesday Youth in December! This week is our normal time, but next week will have altered times for the Youth Christmas Party. See details Online.

Belize 2025 interest and information meeting: C4 students and their families are invited after church **today, 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>

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