

 *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 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Contact Us*

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

Our church office is open  
M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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*Looking Ahead*

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| December 13  | Christmas Caroling                          |
| December 15  | Giving Tree Gift Return                     |
| December 22  | Christmas Sunday                            |
| December 24  | Christmas Eve Service                       |
| Dec 24-26    | Church Office Closed                        |
| Dec 31-Jan 1 | Church Office Closed                        |
| January 25   | How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex Workshop |



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



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

*"Fear Not, Joseph: God is Doing Unconventional Things"*

Matthew 1:18-25

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If you were Joseph, what would have been your primary feelings when Mary gave you her news?

What about the generally unconventional makes you nervous or afraid?

What is God doing in your life that you might regard as unconventional?



December 8, 2024



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





**Today is the second Sunday of Advent.** Devotionals are still available in the lobby. No need to “catch up.” Pick one up today and start reading in Luke to help prepare your heart for Christmas.

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

**Ballots for the 2025 Budget** have been distributed to members through the church mailboxes. Please return ballots **by December 29**. See Erv Blank or Josh Blank with any questions. Thank you for participating in church life at CMF!

**We want your feedback!** Please fill out the short survey available through the QR code here, or distributed via email and this week’s CMF Remind. Paper copies are also available by the ballot box in the lobby. Please return completed paper surveys to Josh Blank’s mailbox by December 22. Thank you!



**Join us for Christmas caroling this 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 today.**

**Baughner and White Deer Elementary Giving Tree** gifts are due next Sunday, **December 15**. Thank you 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.

**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](http://warinternational.org).



**How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex Workshop:** LaVonne Yoder will lead a workshop on talking to your children about sex on **January 25, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**, in Room 201/202. **Childcare will be provided.** Please sign up in the lobby!

**Have you considered a short-term mission trip?** A team is forming for **February 22-March 1, 2025**, to serve alongside Healthy Ninos Honduras, to provide medical care in remote mountain communities, construction projects, and activities with children. No medical training needed. Contact Jane Wirt at 570-428-5058 or [janewirt@yahoo.com](mailto:janewirt@yahoo.com).

**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 selections accompanied by the Commonwealth Brass Ensemble, organ, harp, and percussion. Get tickets at: <https://www.svcmusic.org/svc-tickets>.

**CONNECT!** *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.



## Children’s Ministry



**Christmas Program Practice:** Kids participating, please meet in the gym **today after Sunday school (11:45ish)** to finalize plans and work on costumes for the **December 15 Christmas Program**. Parents, we’d love the help of anyone willing to stay. We will have practices this **Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:00 PM; Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:00 PM; and Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10:00 AM**. Please try to make it to as many as you can and contact Amy Goodwin or Rachel Snoddy with questions. Thank you!

**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.

To receive Children’s Ministry Remind messages, text “@cmfkidmin” to 81010.

## 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 it’s the Youth Christmas Party! See details Online.

**Belize 2025 Mission Trip:** C4 students interested in the Belize Mission Trip should get their paper application to Jim. If you did not attend the Belize meeting, please reach out to Jim personally to hear more.

**C4 Lock-In:** Fun during the day and stay up late at night. It’s the Christmas break C4 Lock-In, December 29-30.

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

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 Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.



**Last Week’s Offering:** \$9,463  
**Last Week’s Attendance:** CMF Worship: 263 (224 in person, 39 online)  
 Sunday school: 105