

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

December 22	Christmas Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24-26	Church Office Closed
Dec 31-Jan 1	Church Office Closed
January 19	Super Sunday School Begins!
January 25	How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex Workshop

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

"Fear Not: Zechariah"

Luke 1:8-19

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With what stories of bold devotion to God are you most familiar?

What are some of the more intense times of devotion to which you have given yourself?

What kind of intense devotion do you wish for and pray for your kids?



December 15, 2024



Luis Paret y Alcázar - El anuncio del ángel a Zacarías (1786)

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



Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



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.



Ballots for the 2025 Budget were distributed to members through the church mailboxes last week. 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 next Sunday, December 22**. Thank you!



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! Stay afterward and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, and fellowship following the service, as well!

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

Spiritual Gifts: In the New Year, Pastor Tim will lead a small group exploring Spiritual Gifts. We want to make the opportunity to participate available to a few more families. We will arrange the date and time of our first gathering in conversation with participants to meet the needs of the group. If you'd like to be involved, please call or drop an email to the church office in the next two weeks.

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

Super Sunday School is coming back! From **January 19-February 23**, join one of six AMAZING classes that will help you grow spiritually, emotionally, and in community! A separate Youth Sunday School will not happen during this session because the youth are invited and encouraged to be part of this opportunity. **Please sign up in the lobby.** For any questions, please call Nigel Fulmore-Smith, at 570-742-7315.

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.



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. Contact Jane Wirt at 570-428-5058 or janewirt@yahoo.com.

CONNECT! Young Adults

Wednesday Group-Time continues: 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: \$11,245
Last Week's Attendance: CMF Worship: 282 (253 in person, 29 online)
 Sunday school: 114



Children's Ministry



A Big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped pull together today's Christmas program and to our amazing group of kids who participated!

Brand New Schedule Changes:

Today:

- **Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us in the gym following this morning's Children's program** for a shortened combined version of Children's Church and CC Boom.
- We will have Children's Sunday School today, as usual.

Next Sunday, December 22:

- No Children's Church
- No Children's Sunday School

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Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

Wednesday Night Youth: The Christmas celebrations continue Wednesday! This week, it's the Grad Panel! Hear what this year's returning grad's have to say about life after graduation. 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**.



Ignite "Lock-In": So much fun and activity for one day! First it's games, then it's pizza, then we jump in white vans and drive away to an undisclosed location to play BubbleBall! (Ok, ok we head to CWC), then back to CMF for more refreshments and some games. **January 3**. Event ends at 11:00 PM.

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

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