

## 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.

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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

February 26 Hour of Prayer, 6:30pm  
March 9 Newcomers' Lunch  
March 12 Soup Ministry, 2:00-4:00pm  
March 14-16 Men's Camping Retreat  
March 28-29 Women's Retreat at CMF  
April 9 Soup Ministry, 2:00-4:00pm  
April 13 Palm Sunday  
April 17 Maundy Thursday & Tennebrae Service, 6:30pm  
April 20 Easter, Sunrise 6:15am; Worship 9:15am

## Pastor Timothy Darling Sermon Notes

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I will praise you as long as I live  
Psalm 63:1-8

Have you ever had a memorably intense encounter with God?

What is the most natural way for you to give God praise?

Why do you personally find it hard to give God praise in times of trouble?

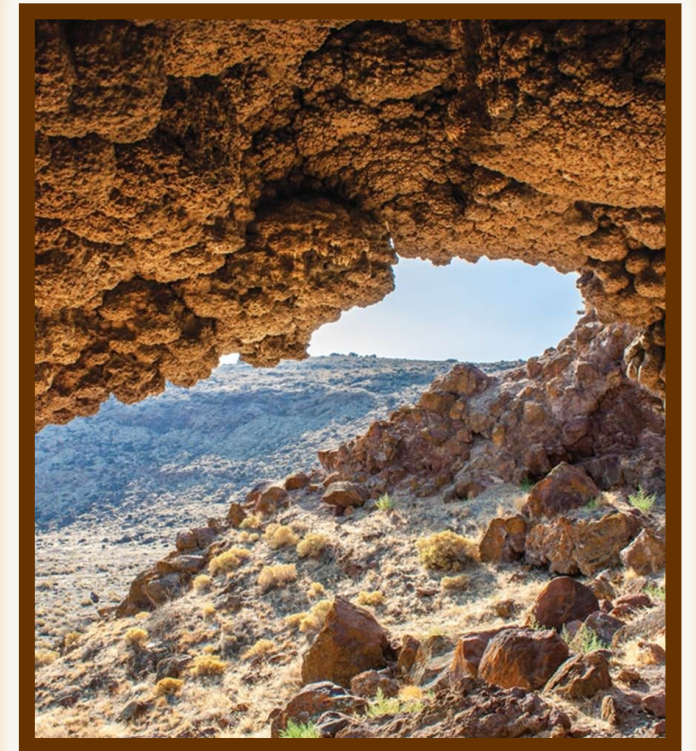
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Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"  
Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"  
Adults: text "@cmfremind"



February 23, 2025



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





**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 can pray with you. We encourage you to partake in this special time of prayer.

**Thank you:** I want to thank everyone who remembered me with birthday wishes on my 90th birthday. God is good. -Ron Robenolt

**Hour of Prayer:** Join us every Wednesday in February from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for a time of prayer, fellowship, and sharing! Let's gather to pray for our church, community, and country.

**Women's Bible Study:** Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings, starting March 25, from 9:00-11:00 AM, for a women's Bible Study. We will study *Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This*. Invite a friend and sign up in the lobby. See Cheryl Wyble for more details.

**Family/Handicapped-Accessible Restroom:** At the February A-Team meeting, the addition of a family/handicapped accessible bathroom was approved to meet expressed needs. The restroom will be completed with volunteer labor. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

**A new Sunday school session begins next week.** Two classes will be offered:

- "Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus," led by Nigel Fulmore-Smith
- "The Book of Proverbs," led by Bruce Wilkins

Please sign up for the class of your choice in the lobby to help us prepare accordingly.

**Join us for a Super Sunday School class today!**

Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:
<i>A Biblical Perspective on Mental Health</i>	Erin Geiswhite	201/202
<i>What Is A Christian?</i>	Chris Long and Jerry Wyble	203
<i>1 John</i>	Josh & Lydia Blank	305
<i>The Personhood of God</i>	Rachel Grimm	Refuge
<i>Sermon 2.0</i>	Jim Hostetter, Ken Bergey, and Jesse Randall	Refuge

**New CMF Soup Ministry:** A new outreach ministry at CMF! Soup will be given away the 2nd Wednesday in March and April. **The next Soup pick-up will be on March 12, between 2:00-4:00 PM,** from Room 201 (use that entrance). This free soup is available to the congregation and the community. Consider someone you know who could be encouraged by this; perhaps a neighbor, friend or co-worker. Be the hands and feet of Jesus as we spread His light and love! Contact Sally Biddinger with questions.

**Men's Camping Retreat:** On **March 14-16**, men age 18 and older are invited for a weekend of fellowship and adventure at Rickett's Glen! The cost is \$50 per person, and we have 3 cabins available with space for up to 17 people to sleep. Or, if you prefer, you can bring your own tent. Please sign up in the lobby to reserve your spot! And reach out to John Peachey with any questions.

**Soup and the Word** will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, **each Wednesday, March 12-April 16**, 12:00-1:00 PM. **On March 12, CMF will provide the meal and Kingdom Kidz will share the message.** To volunteer to help serve and/ or clean up, please see Pastor Nigel.

**Super Seniors** will have a Potluck Lunch and Pack A School Bag for Mennonite Central Committee on March 20, noon in CMF Rooms 201-202. Bring 1 dish (hot, salad or dessert) and school supplies to fill as many bags as you want. See supply list in lobby.

**Women's Retreat 2025!** Women of Faith Retreat is March 28 - 29th. Friday will be a fun night with games, fellowship, and food starting at 6pm. Bring snacks and drinks to share. If you plan to stay overnight bring bedding and PJs! The doors will be locked at 10:30pm and opened for breakfast on Saturday morning at 8am. The program will begin at 9am, with lunch at noon, and wrap up by 3pm. Please sign up! See Julie Tyson if you have any questions.

**Connections:** Interested in being mentored or being a mentor? Be part of Community's mentorship program, *Connections*. Perhaps you would like to mentor in response to the Holy Spirit's calling? It's not too late, and a request form can be filled out at the Welcome Desk or at our website, [www.cmfmilton.org](http://www.cmfmilton.org). Completed paper requests can be put in Shelly Feerrar's church mailbox.

*Tithes and Offering*  
INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM

**Last Week's Offering:** \$6,175  
**Last Week's Attendance:** 230 (192 in person, 72 online)  
**Sunday school:** 77

*Children's Ministry*

**Upcoming Kid's Nights!** Kids age 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade—join us for Kid's Nights on February 26 and March 19, 6:00-7:30pm. **Please RSVP to Amy Goodwin or sign up at the Children's Ministry table by the gym doors if you plan to attend.**

**Knot Your Blanket Service Project-** Tween girls in third through fifth grade are invited to join us in the WOW room on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM. We will have fun working together to make no-sew fleece blankets to be donated to Project Linus. **Please RSVP to Becca Parker or Amy Goodwin by Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Save the Date - Summer High Point** will be held the evenings of **June 23 through 27!**

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*Youth Ministry*

**"Embrace and Pursue Christ"**

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

**Wednesday Night Youth:** Christian community is so important. Make Wednesday Night Youth a weekly part of your journey with Jesus.

**Belize 2025 Mission Trip:** We are so blessed to be going back to Caledonia, Belize! **Our Team Meeting is today February 23 at noon.**

**30-Hour Fast:** Giving up food for 30 hours isn't easy! But it can truly make a difference! C4 is invited to join the challenge. February 28-March 1. Sign up at Youth.

Our online newsletter always has more information about events, but you can contact me with questions at 570-238-2250 or at [jim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org)  
-Jim Hostetter, Director of Youth & Youn Adult Ministries

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

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*Young Adults*

**Wednesday Small Group:** Connect with others on **Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM, in Room 305.** See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

**Passion 2026:** Passion 2025 was amazing! Passion 2026 is in Texas, so we need to plan ahead. Room reservations will be made in early March. Let Max or Jim know by the end of February if you are interested. We are reserving rooms now while they are still available. There will be time later for you to book a flight, finances will be available to help offset costs for your plane ticket.