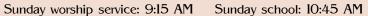
Welcome Newcomers!

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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Looking Ahead

March 25	Women's morning Bible Study begins	
March 26	Soup & the Word, First Presbyterian	
March 28-29	Women's Retreat at CMF	
March 30	Youth Sunday and Pulled Pork Meal	
April 4&5	PA Relief Sale at Farm Show	
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt	
April 13	Palm Sunday	
April 17	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	
April 20	6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service, at Lapp's	
April 20	9:15 AM Easter Service, at CMF	
May 3	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	
June 23-27	Summer High Point	

"God Will Never Forget You" Isaiah 49:15

When have you felt abandoned by God?

When have you felt God had his eyes on you?

In retrospect, if you were God, when would you have given up on you?

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

Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"

Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"

Adults: text "@cmfremind"



March 23, 2025



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





<u>Prayer and anointing:</u> 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.

<u>Watch the lobby slide show this morning</u> for preview pics of the proposed sanctuary renovation!

Young Adult Israel recap today: Last year, our young adult leaders traveled to Israel to discover more about who Jesus was and his ministry. This morning, in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour, come hear them share their experience.



Youth Sunday and Pulled Pork Meal: Next Sunday, the Youth will lead the Sunday morning worship service and then at 11:45 AM, they will serve a meal featuring "Paul's Pulled Pork." Donations will be accepted for the meal to benefit the C4 Youth trip to Belize and the Ignite summer camp trip.

Donations for Easter Egg Hunt: Donations of wrapped candy, stickers, small toys, etc. are needed to fill eggs for our Easter Event. If you'd prefer to donate pre-filled eggs, that's fine, too! **Please place donations in the tub by the gym doors by next Sunday, March 30**. To help at the event on April 12, please see Amy Goodwin. Thanks!

<u>Soup and the Word Lenten Meals:</u> The free Lenten luncheons will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, from 12:00-1:00 PM, on Wednesdays, through April 16. Provided by the Milton Ministerium, the meals are followed by a short meditation.

Women's Bible Study will start this Tuesday, March 25, from 9:00-11:00 AM, in Room 201/202. In our study of the Book of Esther, author Kelly Minter invites us into the daring faith modeled by Esther and Mordecai – a faith rooted in the goodness of God. Although our time is different from Esther's, God is just as active and faithful. He has called each of us for such a time as this. Sign up in the foyer today. Childcare will be provided if prearranged. See Cheryl Wyble with questions.

<u>Community Harvest Meal:</u> Feeling God's call to serve during Lent? Help provide a free weekly meal at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Milton. Volunteers are needed the following dates: April 7 & 14, June 2, 9, & 30, and July 14. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Nigel.

Join us for an Adult Sunday School class today!			
Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:	
The Book of Proverbs	Bruce Wilkins	201/202	
Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus	Nigel Fulmore-Smith	203	

Women of Faith Retreat - March 28-29, 2025! This Friday night, join us for games, fellowship, and food, starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring snacks and drinks to share. If you plan to stay overnight, bring bedding and PJs! Doors will be locked at 10:30 PM and open for breakfast on Saturday, at 8:00 AM. The program will begin at 9:00 AM, with lunch at noon, and wrap up by 3:00 PM. Please sign up in the lobby today. See Julie Tyson for any questions.

Next Sunday is the final day to donate to My Coins Count!

Our church family is collecting coins (and dollars, too!) through March 30 to help Mennonite Central Committee's My Coins Count. Donations will go to MCC's food initiatives to help people around the world. Coins and dollars can be placed in the jugs on the collection table in the lobby. Checks and larger donations can be placed in Erv Blank's mailbox labeled "My Coins Count."

<u>Hour of Prayer:</u> Join us **every Wednesday in April** from **6:30 to 7:30 PM in Room 201/202** for a time of prayer, fellowship, and sharing! Gather with us to pray for our church, community, and country.

Small Group for Parents starting in April: Parenting comes with challenges, and sometimes the best way to navigate is through open conversations. A new monthly parenting group will meet at Sean and Rachel Snoddy's home to discuss difficult aspects of parenting in a supportive, Jesus-centered environment. For details or to express interest, contact Rachel Snoddy at 570- 337-5198.

<u>Lenten Prayer Gathering:</u> Join us on **Sunday, April 6, at 6:00 PM** for a Lenten Prayer Gathering! We will pray, share and embrace the Cross for our everyday lives. For questions, contact Lois Miller.

CMF Soup Ministry: Our next free soup pick-up will be on Wednesday, April 9, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, from Room 201 (please use that entrance). After a 4-month break, the soup will be offered again in September. The free soup is available to the community and church attendees. Consider someone you know who could be encourage by this. Contact Sally Biddinger for questions.

Maundy Thursday: On April 17, at 6:30 PM, join us for a Maundy Thursday service. After a simple meal of soup and bread, foot washing, and communion, we will close the evening with a Tenebrae Service—a service of shadows, re-entering the increasing darkness of the time leading up to Jesus' death. It is a reflective service of scripture readings and music. Expect to leave quietly.

<u>Easter Sunday:</u> Come celebrate the resurrection with us on **April 20.** Weather-permitting, a Sunrise Service will be held at **6:15 AM at Lapps' farm**. Please bring your own chair and dress warm! Also join us **at CMF for our 9:15 AM** Sunday Easter service. He is risen!

Thank you: "We wish to thank you for your thoughts of well wishes and prayers. Also, the flowers were beautiful and brought a bright spot to our lives. Thank you! In Christ's love, Dave & Soonseeah Trostle"

Children's Ministry

Our Easter Event is coming soon! If you're in fifth grade or under, we'd love for you to join us for our Easter Egg Hunt and more on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 AM. Make sure to invite your friends, too! Donations of candy, small toys, stickers, etc. are still needed to fill eggs. If you'd like to lend a hand at the event, please see Amy Goodwin. Thanks!

<u>Save the Date:</u> 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):

<u>Wednesday Night Youth:</u> Christian community is so important. Make Wednesday Night Youth a weekly part of your journey to abide with Jesus. Relationship Series begins in April.

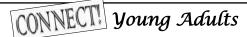
Youth Sunday and Pulled Pork Meal: Next Sunday, March 30, at 9:15 AM, we look forward to leading a special Sunday morning service and at 11:45 AM, serving a delicious meal. Get involved, serve others, grow in your leadership skills.

See youth event details at:

https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142

<u>Parents:</u> Not getting REMIND messages? Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.





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

<u>Passion 2026:</u> Passion 2025 was amazing! Passion 2026 will be in <u>Texas</u> this year, so we need to plan ahead. A block of hotel rooms are already booked to make things easier. We reserved some extra rooms, so claim your spot by letting Max Kennel know (available until rooms are filled).

<u>Summer Retreat:</u> A cabin on a remote lake in Canton, PA! An all new location for the Young Adult Summer Retreat being held **June 13-15**. Mark your calendars.



Last Week's Offering: \$16,523

Last Week's Attendance: 240 (210 in person, 30 online)

Sunday school: 78