

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 through 5th grade, 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 on 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

October 8	Soup Ministry Pick-Up
October 16	Super Seniors Autumn Festival
October 19	Open Volleyball
October 24	Women's Fireside Chat
October 26	(Tentative) Fellowship Brunch
November 2	Sunday services (tentatively) begin to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning Street, Milton
November 9	Ministerium Thanksgiving Service
November 12	Soup Ministry Pick-Up
November 23	Operation Christmas Child Sunday

The Pilgrim's Progress: "Armor From the Palace Beautiful" Ephesians 6:14-17

In your life, how does spiritual warfare take the most recognizable shape?

As Christians, courage is becoming a more and more important virtue. Are you brave?

Which of the pieces of armor do you need to strengthen: truth, preparation in the Gospel, righteousness, faith, salvation, or a good utilization of Scripture?



To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 81010:
Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"
Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"
Adults: text "@cmfremind"



October 5, 2025



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



Welcome



Our fall sermon series, based on *The Pilgrim's Progress*, written by John Bunyan in 1678, continues this morning. The allegory, one of the most widely read books in history, has been translated into over 200 languages. It narrates the story of a man traveling through life in search of eternal redemption. Journey with us as we walk alongside Pilgrim through his search for relief from the burden of sin, his encounters with the struggles of life, his temptation of sin, and his ultimate victory.

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.

Small Group Survey: Our vision is to grow in Christ as a community — not just on Sundays, but all week long. While our sanctuary and lobby are being renovated over the next four months, we are launching small groups where adults can connect, grow, and encourage one another. Please sign up using the QR code at the table in the lobby, or at this link: bit.ly/CMF123, or complete a printed form from the sign-up table and place it in Pastor Nigel's mailbox.



Renovations are moving forward! We have a likely (though still tentative) date for starting. **We will tentatively observe our last Sunday in the current sanctuary on October 26 and begin services at Trinity Lutheran Church on November 2.** Listen for more details.

Our Next Newcomer's Lunch: Join us for our next Newcomer's Lunch at Mike and Sally Biddinger's home on **November 2 at noon**. Contact Pastor Nigel at nigel@cmfmilton.org if interested in coming!

Soup's on! Our next free soup pick-up is this **Wednesday, October 8, between 4:00 and 6:00 PM**, from Room 201 (please use that entrance). The free soup is available to church attendees and the community, as well. 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.

Fall Adult Sunday School Classes:

Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
Rooms 201/202	<i>Cultural Backgrounds of the Bible</i>	Rachel Grimm
Rooms 203	<i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>	Nancy Magargle

Super Seniors: If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join the Super Seniors for a Fall Festival **at 1:30 PM on October 16**, at the old school house, 186 Beaver Run Road, Turbotville. The event will include Bingo, fall snacks, and a daylight "hayride" tour through the countryside. New this year, is a used puzzle exchange. Bring an "old" puzzle and exchange for a "new" used puzzle someone else is swapping out. Please sign up in the foyer.

Open Volleyball: Join us on **October 19** after Sunday school for recreational volleyball. You must be at least 16.



Women's Fireside Chat: Ladies, join us at Julie Tyson's home on **Friday, October 24, at 6:45 PM** for food and fellowship. For questions, please reach out to Julie at 570-490-5400.

Night of Worship: On **November 9, at 6:30 PM**, the Milton Ministerium invites you to worship at the Crossroads Nazarene Church. This is an opportunity to worship the Lord as one body, and one Church.

Quarterly Ministry Reports are posted for your review. Find them, along with the most recent Elder Team and Administrative Team minutes, on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Ephesians 6: 14-17

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



Young Adults



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

Passion 2026: Passion 2026 will be in **Texas** this year. We already reserved hotel rooms and provide the room to you free of charge. Some rooms still remain, so claim your spot by letting Max Kennel know (available until rooms are filled). You will need to buy your event ticket and your airline ticket. We have secured financial help of \$150+ per person to cover most of your airline costs! See Jim Hostetter for reimbursement.

Children's Ministry

CC Boom Kids (grades 3-6): Boys and girls will meet together in their usual spot in The Refuge today.



Join us for Pumpkin Parables every Wednesday in October from 6:00-7:30 PM, in place of our usual Fall High Point! We'll have faith-based fall fun **for kids age four through fifth grade**. Doors open for check-in at 5:45 PM. Please get in touch with Amy Goodwin if you can lend a hand.

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Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

Sunday Morning Youth: Gather in the Refuge at 10:45 AM for hangout. Class starts at 11:00 AM. (Youth Sunday school will continue until the CMF construction project begins. It will pause during the remodel.)

Wednesday Night Youth: Make building your faith a priority every week. Invite your friends to hear the gospel and grow in Jesus. "RADIATE THE LOVE OF JESUS" Ignite 6:00-7:30 PM; C4 7:00-8:45 PM. (Wednesday Youth will NOT be affected by the CMF remodel project this fall.)

Ignite Fall Camp: Sign up for Fall Camp **before 9:00 AM on October 10**. Did you know that Fall Camp is the perfect event to grow your friendships and your faith in Jesus? All details Online.

C4 Fall Camp: Mark your calendar for one of the best events all year! Sign-ups will open in mid-October. Camp is November 14-16.

"Our Online Newsletter has more information about events, but you can contact me with questions anytime, at jim@cmfmilton.org or 570-238-2250." ~Jim Hostetter, Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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

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Last Week's Offering: \$8,768
Love Offering: \$5,043

Last Week's Attendance:
Worship: 265 (240 in person, 25 online)
Sunday school: 103