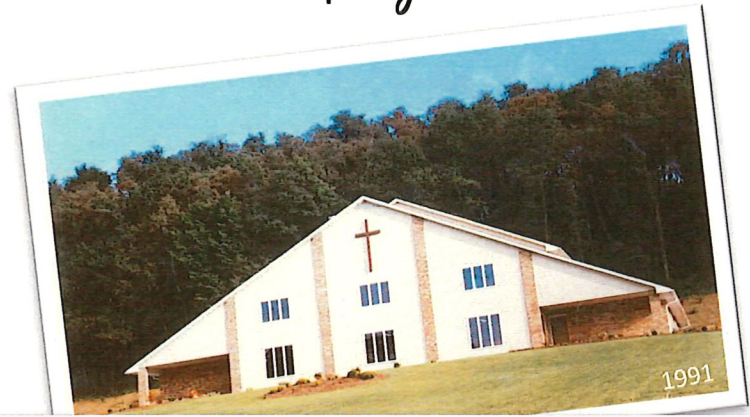


Coming Home Sunday

May 17, 2026





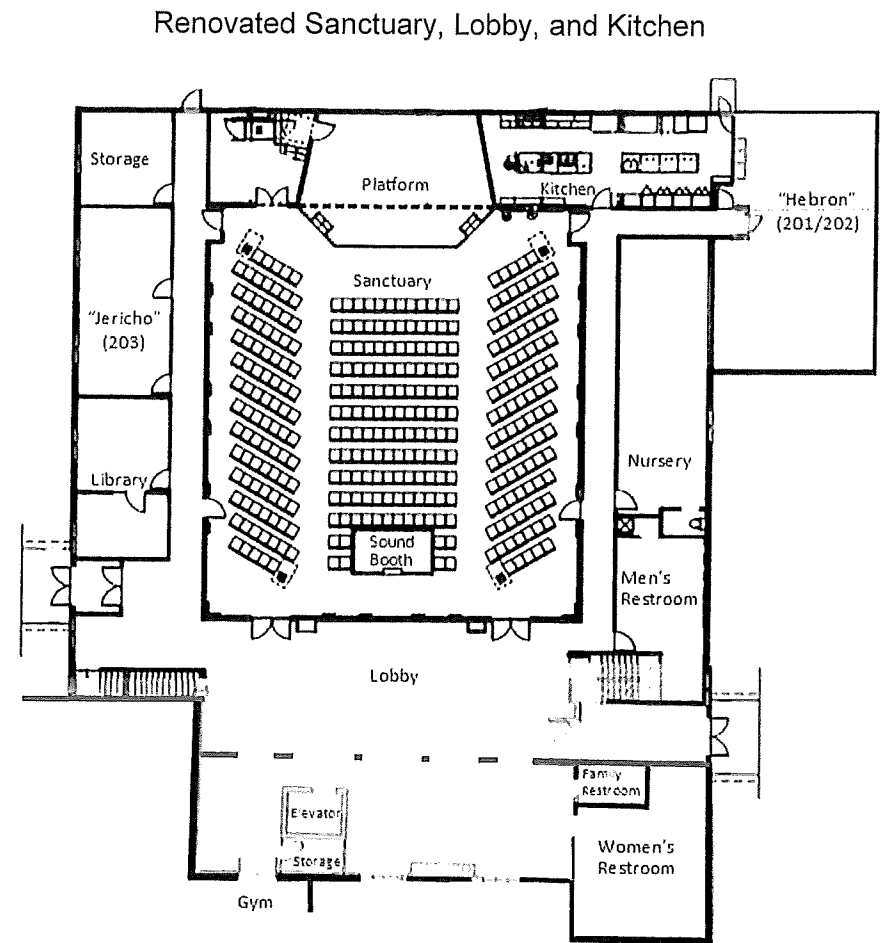
Welcome to our Coming Home Service: We are so glad you are here to worship with us at our first Sunday back at Community! There will be no Sunday school today, but stick around after the worship service to fellowship together and share some good food!

Timeline of Events:

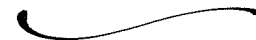
- 1953 Bible school held on Limestone grounds as an outreach witness by the Stumptown Mennonite congregation in Lancaster County. On October 25, sixty-nine people were present for the first Sunday services at the renovated Beaver Run School House.
- 1954 On June 13, thirteen people were received into Beaver Run Mennonite Church as charter members.
- 1955 A 30 x 55-foot block building for worship was erected on the Clarence and Ethel Zeager farm.
- 1956 On March 17 & 18, a Dedication Service was held for the new place of worship.
- 1957 Ben Lapp was ordained as the first resident Pastor. He, along with his wife, Geraldine, served in the role until 1977.
- 1964 Paul Landis was ordained as deacon. He and his wife, Evelyn, served in this capacity until their retirement in December 1997.
- 1977 Glen Hess was licensed as pastor. He and his wife Sylvia served until 1979 when they began a missionary assignment in Kenya, Africa.
- 1979 Walter Clemens was ordained as pastor, serving with his wife until 1984.

Timeline of Events, continued:

- 1985 Daniel and Goldie Regier served as interim pastoral couple in to 1986.
- 1986 A. Willard Shertzler was installed as pastor. He and his wife Ann served until 1993.
- 1988 In December, eleven acres on the north side of Route 254, two miles east of Milton, was purchased in order to build a larger facility. This ground was owned in the mid 1800's by Henry Funk, a Baptist, a 5th generation descendent in the family of Bishop Henry Funk, a Mennonite who emigrated to America from Europe in 1719. Lewis Henry Funk, 5th generation, was part owner and editor of the Miltonian Newspaper.
- 1989 In September, excavating and construction began for the new building. The name, Community Mennonite Fellowship, was chosen by the congregation.
- 1990 On May 20, the first worship service was held at Community Mennonite Fellowship. The dedication service took place on September 16.
- 1993 In September, excavating and construction began for a new addition. Eighteen feet was added to the foyer area which included three floors with handicapped accessibility by elevator. Basement space included an area for a secretary and pastor's offices, main floor had an enlarged foyer, with the second floor having two new classrooms and a nursery.
- 1994 David Martino was installed as pastor. He and his wife Susan served in this capacity until 2017.
- 2011 A gym and educational wing were added to accommodate growing ministries to children and youth in our church and in our community.
- 2017 Don Sharp served as an intentional interim pastor for eighteen months with his wife, Loretta.
- 2019 On September 8, Pastor Tim Darling was installed as pastor. He and his wife, Dawn, are currently serving at Community.
- 2025 A discerning process was begun to decide on whether or not to renovate the sanctuary and lobby. A building committee was chosen and, in November, the building project officially began.
- 2026 On May 17, a special 'Coming Home' service is held at Community with a newly remodeled sanctuary, lobby, and kitchen.



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



Special Thanks

A big "Thank you!" to the many people involved in this large renovation project, from the youngest Little Lambs Preschool student whose days and travel patterns were rearranged, to the oldest generation who packed boxes, moved equipment, learned to use new technology, adjusted to different work spaces, and teamed together in harmony for the purpose of enlarging our meeting space in order to reach more people with the Gospel. Praise God for His goodness to us! Although there are too many to thank individually, below are several people and businesses at the heart of the project. If you see any of them, please take a moment to thank them personally.

Building Project Committee

Reuben Kennel
Donna Kennel
Dawn Darling
Regan Yoder
Rod Yoder

Contractors

Miller's Church Interiors, New Holland, PA
Smoker Design Build, Lancaster, PA
Krebs Audio, Northumberland, PA
Barnes Integrations, Bloomsburg, PA
Eslinger Lighting, Enola, PA
Red Hill Cabinets, Rebersburg, PA

Special Thanks to Pastor Gary Schaeffer and Chuck Stahl for their kindness and assistance during our stay at the beautiful Milton Lutheran Church. Also, much appreciation to Pastor Jim Hostetter, Pastor Nigel Fulmore-Smith, and Children's Ministry Director, Amy Goodwin for their leadership and flexibility during this transition.

Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you sense God's presence and enjoy your time of worship with us today. We have a staffed nursery and Children's Church, for ages 3 through 5th grade, which will be dismissed during the worship service. Sunday school classes will resume in June. If this is your first time visiting with us, please stop by the Welcome Center 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.

Contact Us



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Looking Ahead

May 21	Super Seniors Event
June 7	Chicken BBQ, West Milton Memorial Park, New Columbia
June 12	Men's Crosscutters Outing
June 17	Baptism at Rod & Deb Yoder's Pond
June 18	Super Seniors Ballgame Event
June 22-26	"Rome" Vacation Bible School

CMF Announcements

Welcome Home! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! There will be no Sunday school this morning, but we hope you will stick around after the worship service to fellowship together and eat some good food! We are grateful for each of you for attending this special "Coming Home" service as we praise God for the good work He continues to do at Community Mennonite Fellowship!

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.

Sunday school for children, youth, and adults will start on June 7. Pastor Tim will lead an eight-week adult class based on his experience in Israel during his sabbatical.

Super Seniors, join us at Bill's Old Bike Barn, 7145 Columbia Blvd, Bloomsburg, **this Thursday, May 21,** to explore this large museum filled with a vast collection of Americana, antiques, vintage motorcycles, and memorabilia ranging from transportation to technology. We will **meet at 9:00 AM at Cracker Barrel,** off Buckhorn exit of I80. If not interested in breakfast, meet us **at Bill's Bike Barn at 10:30 AM.** Cost of museum (\$10/ person) and breakfast will be self-pay. Please sign up in the lobby.

Chicken BBQ on June 7: Join us **at 12:30 PM at West Milton Memorial Park,** on River Road, New Columbia, for a Chicken BBQ fellowship meal. We will play games, fellowship, and hang out as a church body. Please provide one side or dessert to share and sign up in the lobby!

We Need You at Summer VBS! We're getting ready for **Vacation Bible School the evenings of June 22-26** and would love your help! Whether you enjoy teaching, organizing activities, or behind the scenes preparations, there's a place for you on our team. It's a fun and meaningful way to make an eternal difference in the lives of children in our community. If interested in volunteering, please sign up in the lobby or reach out to Amy Goodwin or Katie Beck—we'd be so grateful to have you join us!



Enrollment is open! Please help us spread the word about Little Lambs Preschool! Contact Little Lambs Director Shelly Feerrar, at 570-809-3103, with any questions.

Worship Director Search Update: The search committee had been working with a viable worship director candidate; however, the candidate withdrew from consideration. This puts the committee back into search mode. We will continue to advertise the position and pray God will provide a candidate. The position is posted on CMF's website and we ask you to please help get the word out to possible candidates and that you lift this up in prayer.

Children's Ministry

Welcome Home, kids! It's so great to be back at CMF! Today, we will have Children's Church in the gym classrooms for kids age 3 through second grade. **CC BOOM kids will join their families in church today.** As usual, children will stay with their families for opening worship and be dismissed for Children's Church after the offering. These next few weeks will still be "pencil/paper check-in" by the gym doors, until we start our new system in June. **All kids are welcome to play in the gym following church today. We will have adult supervision until 11:30 AM, after which they can continue to play under their parents' supervision.**

Brand-New Children's Check-In will start on **June 7,** using our new database! Children up to and including fifth grade in Nursery, Children's Church, and Sunday school will need to be checked in before heading to their classrooms. The station will be located in the lobby area outside the gym doors. Parents are encouraged to give it a **"test run" after church on May 24 & 31,** to get familiar with the system. Contact Amy Goodwin with questions.

Rome Vacation Bible School coming June 22-26! We will travel back in time to Rome to learn about Paul and the Underground Church. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! Registration info is coming soon.

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: Join us this week as we prepare to wrap up the school year. Worship, great teaching, good food, and time spent with friends...It's Youth Wednesday!...and there are only 2 more left until the end of the school year.

Ignite Summer Camp at Camp Kanesatake: June 8-11. Cabins, campfires, games, outdoor fun, and praising God. Mark your calendars for Ignite Summer Camp at Kanesatake. Registration is open.

C4 Summer Mission Trip: Serving others, road trips, bunk beds, evening speakers/ worship, building friendships new and old...it's the makings of an epic summer trip! **Philly Project 2026 from July 12-18.** More details and registration link are available online. Sign up now.

See youth event details at:

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

Parents: Not getting REMIND messages?
Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.

Young Adults

Wednesday Small Group: Connect with others on **Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM.** See Max Kennel or Rod & Deb Yoder to learn more.

Young Adult "Welcome Summer" picnic, Sunday May 31, at Rod and Deb Yoder's house. Plan to play volleyball and outdoor games beginning at **4:00 PM.** It's a great time to connect and we would love to see you there!

Young Adult Canoe Trip: Paddle down the Susquehanna, **June 27-28,** and camp out at the Landis's riverside camp.

Scan the QR code to stay up to date on all that is happening in the Young Adults group.



Local Community Ministry Announcements

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Multi-Sport Co-Ed Power Camp:



Free for boys and girls, ages 8-12, choose soccer, wrestling, or basketball daily clinics. **June 8-10,** Milton Area High School, **from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM.** To learn more, contact Bruce Wilkins at bwilkins@fca.org. **Today is the last day to register.**

Expectations Women's Center's Walk for Hope & 5K Run will be held on **Saturday, May 30.** Attend one event or both!

5K Run: 9:00 AM-registration is \$35.

Walk for Hope: 10:30 AM-Walkers, strollers, families and groups are all welcome at the 2-mile Walk for Hope!

YOU make this event a success by fundraising your own walk! To learn more and get started, visit: expectationswc.org/walk-run.

Heritage Hymn Sing-A-Long: Join in worship at the Historic Warrior Run Church during the annual strawberry festival **on Sunday, June 14, at 1:30 PM,** for a hymn sing accompanied by Mike Yahn on the pump organ. Hymn sings will also be held in October and December. For more info, contact Randy Watts at 570-437-4048.

Pastor Tim Darling

"Coming Home"

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

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When you say "home," where do you mean? Is it where you live, where you grew up, where your extended family lives..? Why do you think of it as "home"?

What are your devotional practices like? Do they reflect a desire to be close to God, an obligation, a habit..?

What does it mean to you to see God "face-to-face"? What are you willing to give up for the opportunity?

Tithes and Offering
WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

Last Week's Offering: \$13,946

2026 Weekly Budget Need: \$13,900

Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 254 (229 in person, 25 online)