

## *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 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, which will be dismissed during the worship service, and Sunday school for all ages. If you need assistance in finding any of these areas, an usher or greeter will gladly help you. Please take time to sign in on the red attendance register in your row.

## *Contact Us*

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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*

November 25	8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer Time
November 22	Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed
November 23	Office Closed
December 7	Christmas Caroling
December 9	Advent Prayer Gathering

## "Rope of Hope"

Psalm 22

Orientation – Psalm 22:3-5, 9-10

Dis-orientation – Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 12-18

RE-Orientation – Psalm 22:19-31



November 18, 2018

But you LORD,  
do not be far from me.

You are my  
**STRENGTH**,  
come quickly  
to help me.

Psalm 22:19

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*"God has blessed and equipped CMF to be a servant,  
a sender, and a mover of mountains,  
to bring the Gospel to where the need is greatest,  
to preach, teach, heal, build, and equip,  
carrying the peace of Jesus to the world."*

**Would you like to be prayed for today?** Every Sunday, following the sermon, one of CMF's Elders is available at the front of the auditorium to anoint you with oil and pray for your needs. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer and spiritual blessing.



**Affirmation ballots due today!** Affirmation ballots for 2019 CMF volunteer ministry leaders are due today. Please return completed ballots to the ballot box on the Welcome Desk.



**It's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Time!** Shoeboxes are due today! If you packed your own Operation Christmas Child box(es) at home, please drop off at the table in the lobby this morning. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

**A Fellowship Meal and Congregational Budget Meeting** will be held today, following the Sunday school hour. In conjunction with the fellowship meal, we will review the proposed 2019 CMF Budget. Please review the information that was recently placed in mailboxes, and bring your thoughts and questions to the meeting.



**Milton Ministerium's Annual Thanksgiving** Praise and Worship Night will be held at First Baptist Church tonight at 6:00 PM. All are invited. A choir and music selections from a number of churches will be part of the service. Jessica Felix and Jamie Tyson will represent CMF.

**Christ Wesleyan Church** will host Christopher Yuan, author of "Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God. A Mother's Search for Hope," this evening, November 18, at 5:30 PM. Informational cards with tonight's topics are available on our Welcome Desk.

**Advent Devotionals** are available for the Christmas season. Pick up your copy today on the Advent table in the lobby.

**Flan Anyone?** Congregacion Menonita Shalom, our sister church in New Columbia, is selling vanilla and cheese flan for your holiday festivities, at \$10 each. Order forms are available on the Welcome Desk and in the kitchen (on the bulletin board). Money will be collected on December 9 and flans will be delivered on Sunday, December 16. Pay by cash or by check (made payable to CMS and earmarked for flan), and place in Audrey Metzler's mailbox.

**Our winter Sunday school quarter begins Sunday, December 2.**

Four new adult classes will be offered:

- **"Desperate for More of God—The Heart Cry of Every Believer,"** by Shane Idleman, led by Larry Seibert and Bruce Wilkins
  - **"Unshakable Hope,"** by Max Lucado, led by Mike and Olivia Platt
  - **"Discipleship, Community and Reconciliation: Foundational Values of CMF,"** led by Brantley Gasaway and Linford Good
  - **"Enough: Silencing the Lies That Steal Your Confidence,"** by Sharon Jaynes, led by Pam Jablonski
- Please sign up in the lobby today for the class of your choice.

**Let's go Christmas Caroling!** Join us for a fun night of Christmas caroling on Friday, December 7, from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will visit housebound folks from CMF who are unable to attend weekly services. To participate, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Dress in your most festive Christmas garb! Joy Mertz will provide hats and scarves from the Victorian era to accent our outfits. We'll end the evening back at CMF for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies!

**All are invited to an Advent Prayer Gathering on December 9,** from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the way. Through reflection and prayer, reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where peace abides and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Join us as we prepare the way through Scripture, singing, and prayer.

**Spiritual Advisors are needed for incarcerated men and women.**

To learn more about this important ministry, contact Audrey Metzler at [audrey@cmfmilton.org](mailto:audrey@cmfmilton.org) or Linda Meckley at [lmeckley@juno.com](mailto:lmeckley@juno.com).

**A Healthy Ninos Honduras (HNH) medical mission team** is forming for February 16-23, 2019. There are still openings on the team! Medical training or experience is not necessary. To learn more, see Regan Yoder or Jane Wirt.



**Congratulations to Takela Blackstone & Skyler Jagers** who were married Friday night. We pray God's blessing on them as they begin this new chapter of their lives together.



**"Many thanks to our wonderful church family** for all your support as we welcomed baby Nathan into our family! All of your prayers, cards, gifts and meals have been most appreciated and we would not have wanted to go through this transition without you.

~Love, Dave, Melanie, Ben and Nathan Kuhns

**"Thanks! to my CMF family** for all of the acts of kindness you've shown my family in 2018." ~Love, Charlotte Sarkany

**Last Week's Offering:** \$8,458 (84% of year-to-date budget.)  
**Last Week's Attendance:** CMF Worship: 220 Sunday School: 167

**Children's Ministry**

**Family Advent activity packets are available in the lobby.** Packets include scriptures and activities for kids to count down to celebrate Jesus' birth. Please pick up an envelope for your family today, to be ready for the start of Advent, on December 2.

**A Packing Party "Thank You!"** Big thanks to all the kids and adults who donated supplies and helped to pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes last Wednesday night. We had a fun time together and were able to pack up 27 boxes that will be sent around the world to bless children!

**Christmas ConNect Leaders Needed:** Please contact Amy Goodwin this week if you can lead a group of children in making a homemade Christmas gift. You can create an appropriate activity of your choice. In the past, we've made ornaments, candles, jewelry, canvases and other things. It's a fun way to spend time with our kiddos and gives them a special gift for their loved ones.

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

**Ignite\*** (Grades 6-8) **and C4\*** (Grades 9-12):  
 (see online newsletter for details)

**C4 and IGNITE Wednesday Night Youth:** Bring a Bible and a friend. This week, C4 boys are in charge of snack.

**Parent Meeting, December 2:** Meet with Jim from 12:00-1:30 PM in the Youth Room to discuss youth matters, including summer mission trip details, 2019 events, ministry needs, and any concerns you may have. Lunch will be provided.

**Christmas Vacation Lock-In:** December 28-29, overnight event at CMF. Doors open at noon that Friday. Details are online.

**All details for youth events can be found at:**  
<https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142>

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



**Young Adults\***

**Encounter:** Young adults—meet with us for a meal and Bible Study at Josh and Lydia's house, this Tuesday, at 6:30 PM.

**\*For questions regarding Ignite, C4, or Encounter, contact Jim Hostetter, at 570-238-2250 or [jim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org).**

<b>Join us for a fall Adult Sunday School Class today:</b>		
<b>Sunday School Class:</b>	<b>Teachers:</b>	<b>Room:</b>
<i>Your New Money Mindset</i>	Pastor Don Sharp	201
<i>Jesus &gt; Religion</i>	Eric Ludovico & Dan Conklin	202
<i>Respect and Kindness (Women's class)</i>	Shelly Feerrar	204