

## *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*

### **Community Mennonite Fellowship**

2985 Broadway Road, Milton, PA 17847

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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*

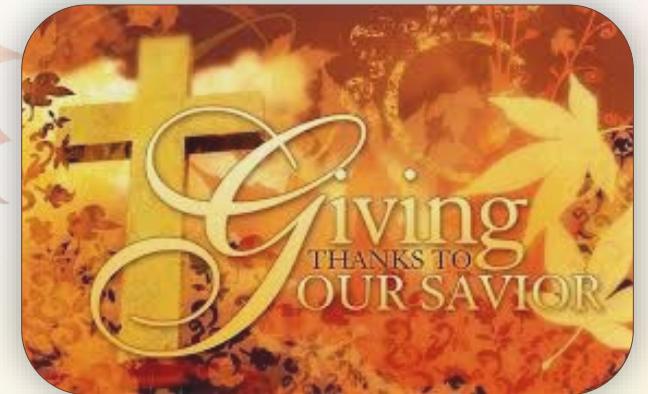
December 2	8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer Time
December 7	Christmas Caroling
December 9	Advent Prayer Gathering
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Merry Christmas!
Dec 25-28	Office Closed
January 1	Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
January 20	Commissioning of Leaders and Fellowship Meal

## Dan Conklin Sermon Notes:



# Community Mennonite Fellowship

November 25, 2018



*"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.

**Advent Devotionals** are available for adults and children in the lobby, to help prepare us spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Stop by and pick up one of each for your family today!

**Flan Anyone?** Congregation 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.

**Hygiene Kits and School Kits are needed!** Due to the increased refugee population around the world, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs more hygiene and school kits for children and families who have fled their homes because of disaster or war. We invite you to pick up 1 or more drawstring bags in the lobby and fill with the contents listed. Please include NEW items only, and return the filled kits to the designated bins in the lobby by Sunday, December 16.

**The Milton Giving Tree** is an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for needy children in the Milton School District. Each ornament on our Giving Tree has a suggested gift (for clothing OR a gift)—two paper ornaments per child. Seven families are represented by differently colored ornaments (Family #1 has red ornaments, Family #2 has dark blue ornaments, etc). Pick as few or as many paper ornaments off the tree as you would like to purchase. Print your name on the corresponding line(s) on the sign-up sheets. Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Place them in a paper or gift bag and attach the paper ornament to the outside of the bag. Bring all gifts to the table in the lobby by December 16. See Audrey Metzler for any questions.



**Praise God we were able to donate 73 full shoeboxes** for Operation Christmas Child! Samaritan's Purse will deliver the boxes to needy children around the world.

**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'll visit housebound CMF folks who are unable to attend worship 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.

**The Buffalo Valley Singers will present An Angelic Christmas,** on Saturday, December 15, at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 PM, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1050 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg. Tickets are available at the door. Learn more at [BuffaloValleySingers.org](http://BuffaloValleySingers.org).

**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, just a heart to help those in need. To learn more, see Regan Yoder or Jane Wirt.

**A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year.** Contact Larry Seibert, at 570-568-0248, by December 30, if interested, so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in February.

**Lord, open our eyes and our hearts!** Have you noticed if your church mailbox "neighbor" has a box full of mail? Have they missed church for several weeks? Check out the mailboxes above, beside, and below yours. If you haven't seen these people at CMF for a time, why not give them a call to see if all is well, or send a note of encouragement. No contact info? Contact the church office. Even if all is well, they will enjoy the connection. And they're worth the effort.

**Join us for a fall Adult Sunday School Class today:**

Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:
<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

## Children's Ministry



**Advent Packets:** Parents, remember to grab an Advent packet today in the lobby for your family. There are additional resources on the table for little ones, too!

## 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 girls 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. **Please RSVP to Jim Hostetter by December 1,** for food planning.

**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 Jim and Keely's house, 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).

**Last Week's Offering:** \$11,581  
(Current giving equals 85% of year-to-date budget.)

**Last Week's Attendance:**  
CMF Worship: 229 Sunday School: 156

Your tithes and offerings help fund the ministries of CMF and many more beyond our walls, making an eternal difference.