

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 – 1st 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

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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

January 13	8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer Time
January 20	Commissioning of Leaders and Fellowship Meal
January 21	Blood Drive
February 22	Right Now Media <i>Work as Worship</i> Seminar
March 8-10	Women's Retreat
April 13	Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Sermon Focus for January through Easter: BECOMING FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

January 6, 2019
Epiphany Sunday
Matthew 2:1-23

Epiphany Sunday recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, but the word, "epiphany," has another popular meaning: a sudden flash of understanding or insight.

Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi visit infant Jesus with their gifts

How do I make an effort to visit Jesus? What gifts do I bring?

Matthew 2:13-18 Escape to Egypt

Does following Jesus ever made you feel afraid?

Matthew 2:19-23 Return to Nazareth

Who are the "angels" in my life that give me guidance for my journey?

How does this text help me faithfully follow Jesus?



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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.

The 2019 CMF Budget was overwhelmingly approved last week. "Thank you!" to the 75 members who returned their ballots.

2019 offering envelopes were recently placed in CMF mailboxes. The envelopes are for your convenience and to help keep giving confidential by assigning each giver a number. The envelopes also make tracking tax receipts easier. If you received envelopes in your mailbox but don't want them, please return to Donna Kennel's box. If you did not receive envelopes but would like them, please contact Donna at finance@cmfmilton.org.

A commissioning service will be held for new and returning CMF leaders on Sunday, January 20, during the morning service. Please pray for our leaders who faithfully use their gifts to bless others and serve our congregation.

A fellowship meal will be held on Sunday, January 20, after Sunday school. Please bring 2 dishes, a main dish and either a salad or dessert—enough for your family and some extra to share with visitors. A fellowship meal is a good way to connect with others while enjoying a great meal together.

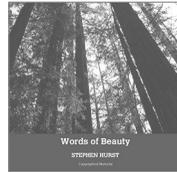


Like to cook? Encounter, our Young Adult Ministry, is looking for persons to host one Tuesday evening Bible Study in 2019. This would involve sharing a meal at your home and providing an area for our group to hold Bible Study afterward. Contact Jim Hostetter to learn more!

Join us for an adult Sunday school class:

Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room #:
Discipleship, Community & Reconciliation: Foundational Values of CMF	Linford Good & Brantley Gasaway	201
Desperate for More of God—The Heart Cry of Every Believer	Larry Seibert & Bruce Wilkins	202
Unshakable Hope	Mike & Olivia Platt	204
Enough: Silencing the Lies That Steal Your Confidence	Pamela Jablonski	305

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at CMF on Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Day), from 12:30-5:30 PM. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org. There's also a sign-up sheet in the lobby for blood and/or food donations.



Words of Beauty, a new book by our own Stephen Hurst, is now in our church library. The book was compiled by Steve's friend, Stephanie Lamb. Steve authored the words and Stephanie photographed all of the images. Please check it out and then send a thank you note of encouragement to Steve!

Farewell blessings to Ann Smith who will be moving to Ohio next weekend. A big "Thank you!" to Ann for all the goodies she has made our congregation over the past several years. We will miss you, Ann.

Save the Date! Our Annual CMF Women's Retreat will be held at Penn Valley Christian Retreat Center in McVeytown, on Friday to Sunday, March 8-10. More information will be out soon.



Our deepest sympathy to Joni Forman, whose mother, Jean Sarver, passed away Tuesday morning. Please keep Joni, Carl, and their family in your prayers.

Our sincere condolences to Jean Springer, on the loss of her father, Richard "Dick" Thomas, who passed away Thursday night. Please pray for comfort for Jean, her mother Patsy, and their family.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is looking for volunteers to go to Ponce, Puerto Rico, to help rebuild after Hurricane Maria. Weekly volunteers are needed through March. Work is mostly demolition and hard labor. Skilled labor is always welcome. MDS offers up to \$200 in flight reimbursement for anyone who serves for 5 consecutive days or more in Puerto Rico. Location requests will be taken into consideration. Please complete a Volunteer Registration Form at mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration-form/ or contact Deanna Frey at 1-800-241-8111 or email: dfrey@mds.mennonite.net.

Mennonite Disaster Service is building their team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals with a passion for the MDS mission, vision, and values, and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. Openings include: 1) Communications Manager in Lititz, PA, 2) Volunteer Training Specialist, and 3) Leadership Volunteer Interviewer. For more information, visit: www.mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/employment.

Lancaster Mennonite School has several positions open, such as IT Admin Assistant, Office Admin Assistant, Spanish Immersion and English Classroom or Recess Aides, Lunch Assistant, HS Biology Teacher, Alumni Relations, Coaches and more! See their website at: www.lancastermennonite.org/employment.

Children's Ministry



Winter High Point will start Wednesday, February 6, with our fun location still to be determined! We'll talk about several locations today at WOW time, so be sure to show up and share your opinion, kids! Also, we are in need of Tour Guides, Snack Preparers, and Craft Leaders, as well as a Bible Teacher, Game Leader, and Skit Person. If you're able to help, please contact Amy Goodwin at 570-490-6217 or sign up in the lobby. Thank you!

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: SMALL GROUPS—a new year together. Food, fun, friends! Bring Bible. SNACK: Ignite girls.

Upcoming:

IGNITE NERF Night: Friday, January 25. All new custom course this year. Location: CMF Gym.

C4 NERF Night: Saturday January 26. All new custom course this year. Location: CMF Gym.

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—join us Tuesday for a meal and Bible Study at Josh and Lydia's house, at 6:30 PM.

*For questions regarding Ignite, C4, or Encounter, contact Jim Hostetter, at 570-238-2250 or jim@cmfmilton.org.

Last Week's Offering: \$10,512
(Current giving equals 87% of 2018 budget.)

Last Week's Attendance:
CMF Worship: 198 Sunday School: 114

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