



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.

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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



December 10 Christmas Caroling
December 19 Family Sunday School & Fellowship Event
December 24-27 Church Office Closed
December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 26 Christmas Sunday—No Sunday school
January 16 Commissioning service for 2022 leaders
January 17 American Red Cross Blood Drive
March 26 CMF trip to the *Museum of the Bible*, Washington, DC

"Home for Christmas"

John 10:22-24 & John 14:23

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When you hear the word, "home," what comes to mind most readily: people, a place, a feeling?

Is the idea that Jesus saw himself as essentially homeless new to you? How does it affect the way you see Him?

Is the pure idea of "home" a complex idea for you? What makes it that way?

The old hymn says, "this world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through." To what degree is this true for you?

How can you go about remembering that Jesus making His home in you creates an actual home for both of you?

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





Opportunity for Prayer: Would you like to be prayed for today? After the sermon, an elder will come to the front of the auditorium to anoint you with oil and to pray for your needs.



Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Devotionals are available for adults, teens, and children in the lobby, to help prepare us spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Stop by and pick up one for you, your family, and a friend, today!



After Sunday school today, join us for a Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal to review the proposed 2022 CMF Budget. Childcare will be available.

Tonight, an Advent Prayer Gathering, “Making Space for God,” will be held at CMF from **6:00-8:00 PM**. Join us as we make space for God this Advent season, through Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

Our ‘Think Tank’ Sunday school class will meet in Room 203 today! Today’s class will feature ‘Ministry to Marriages.’ Bring your ideas for groups, activities, retreats, fellowship events, outreach, etc., for discussion led by the Adult Ministries Team. Can’t attend? ‘Tag’ your ideas to a gift box on the bulletin board in the lobby. Bring your spouse!

Would you like to lead a Sunday school discussion next year? Please join us for our Think Tank class today in Room 203, or chat with JoAnne Geiger or Eric and Rachel Ludovico.



Opportunities to serve at CMF and in our local area! In light of our recent Ministry Fair, we have posted many opportunities for you to serve here *at Community*, as well as *in* our community. Please take a good look at our bulletin board **on the elevator wall** in the hallway to the gym.

Winter Cancellations: In case of inclement weather, check CMF’s website or WGRC’s [website: wgrc.com](http://wgrc.com), for possible cancellation of services. (Weather-related announcements are not announced on-air.)



New Small Groups will be starting in January! Would you like to participate in, facilitate/lead, or host a small group? What a great way to get to know people, grow together, and deepen your walk with Jesus! Please reach out to JoAnne Geiger or email/call the church office. We are excited to have you ‘plug in!’

The Susquehanna Valley Chorale will present *Candlelight Christmas*, December 11 at 2:30 AND 7:30 PM, and December 12 at 2:30 PM, at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury. Visit www.svcmusic.org for details.



Home for Christmas: The 1943 song, “I’ll Be Home for Christmas,” remains a favorite in our highly mobile society. For many, Christmas is about home, family, familiarity, and tradition. How do these values align with the way we observe the significance of Christmas? Come, this Advent season, to explore what it means to be *Home for Christmas*.



Caroling, Caroling! This Friday, December 10, we will meet at CMF at 5:45 PM to ‘dress up’ in Victorian caroling costumes before heading out to share the joy of Jesus in song. After caroling, we will return to the church for refreshments. **It is important to sign up in the lobby**, so we can prepare enough costumes (capas, hats and scarves). **Please bring a plate of cookies or pastry items to share.**

The Milton Giving Tree: “Thank you!” to those participating in our Milton Giving Tree outreach. All of the tags were picked up! **Please return your gifts by next Sunday, December 12.**

You are invited to a “Family Sunday School” on Sunday, December 19 (in place of regular Sunday school programs that day). Materials will be provided for your family to participate in a Christmas devotional with crafts, and of course, snacks will be provided!



CMF’s Christmas Eve candle light service will be held on **Thursday, December 24**, at 6:30 PM. Please join us for this special time of worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Note: childcare will not be provided, but the nursery will be open for parents to use.

On Sunday, December 26, there will be no Sunday school, to allow more time for families to visit during the Christmas holiday.

Children’s Ministry

It’s time for Advent! Kids - if you haven’t grabbed an Advent devotional and paper chain, please pick one up in the lobby today.



Christmas ConNects are here! This Wednesday, December 8, join us for our first Christmas ConNect class from 6:00-7:30 PM. Kids will have the opportunity to make beaded ornaments and another Christmas craft. We need an exact count of kids in advance, so **please text Amy Goodwin today to sign up.**

~Another ConNect class will be offered after church next Sunday, **December 12**. More details are available through your Remind app. Text Amy, at 570-490-6217, with any questions.



Thank you for your kind messages, prayers, cards, and for the beautiful flowers after the passing of Jay’s father. Your expressions of sympathy are very much appreciated. ~Jay & Lois Miller

Thank you for your prayers. I am very grateful for my church family and that God is in control. Please continue praying for the wellbeing of my family. ~Charlotte Sarkany

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

“Embrace and Pursue Christ”

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



Today—Ignite “Camp-Games” Event: You asked for it - we brought it! We will play the “Box Game,” Ground Basketball, and more camp-favorite games. We will join in the fellowship meal after church and then make our way to the Refuge and gym. The event will end at 4:00 PM.

Ignite & C4 Wednesday Youth: Ignite meets from 6:00-8:00 PM and C4 meets from 7:00-9:00 PM. Watch the Online Calendar for special Wednesday happenings in December.



December Events: Several December events are in the works, including a C4 Lock-In. Check out these tentative events online and offer feedback soon on dates and times.

See youth event details at:

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

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



Young Adults (Ages 18-25)



College Students: We are looking to connect as a group again when you return home for Christmas break. Please let Jim Hostetter know what works for you.

The “Grad Panel” is back: Recent grads, you have an opportunity to teach and share with those younger than you. Contact Jim to express your interest in our annual “Grad Panel” at Youth Group.

Last Week’s Offering: \$5,637

Weekly Need to Meet Budget: \$11,409

*This year, \$52,000 more was spent than was received in offerings.

Last Week’s Attendance:

CMF Worship: 217 (163 at CMF; 54 online)

Sunday school: 34

