

## *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

570-742-7315

[www.cmfmilton.org](http://www.cmfmilton.org)

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

Timothy Darling  
(Lead Pastor)

[tim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:tim@cmfmilton.org)

Jim Hostetter  
(Youth and Young Adults)  
[jim@cmfmilton.org](mailto:jim@cmfmilton.org)

Erv Blank  
(Finance)  
[finance@cmfmilton.org](mailto:finance@cmfmilton.org)

JoAnne Geiger  
(Congregational Ministries)  
[joanne@cmfmilton.org](mailto:joanne@cmfmilton.org)

Amy Goodwin  
(Children's Ministry)  
[amy@cmfmilton.org](mailto:amy@cmfmilton.org)

Tammy Trate  
(Administrative Assistant)  
[office@cmfmilton.org](mailto:office@cmfmilton.org)



## *Looking Ahead*

March 9	Wednesday <i>Soup &amp; the Word</i> Luncheons Begin
March 26	Bus Trip, <i>Museum of the Bible</i>
March 27	Lenten Prayer Gathering
April 3	Youth Sunday
April 8-9	Enneagram Workshop
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service
April 17	Easter Sunday

## **"Love Over Rules"**

Matthew 12:9-14

.....

God knows what all of us are thinking. All the time. How does that bit of information affect how you think?

Some people consider Sunday the Christian sabbath and try to treat it accordingly. How does that idea fit into your own thinking?

One popular observation making people doubt the faith is the miracles of the Bible. People think miracles like that just don't happen anymore. Or they see the abuses of some Christians and think it's all a sham. How do you respond to the idea of miracles today?

What must you do to keep rules in their proper perspective and let love and compassion work alongside them for God's best?

# Community Mennonite Fellowship

## March 6, 2022



*The Road to the Cross – Lent 2022*

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



**Would you like to be prayed for today?** Every Sunday, after the sermon, an Elder 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.

**Pastor's Bible Study for Lent:** Pastor Tim is leading a Bible Study on The Crucifixion at 9:00 AM, on **Thursdays, through March 31**. You are invited to join the study. The sessions meet in Room 201 and will normally last no more than an hour. Participants, please wear a mask.

**The Personnel Committee is seeking feedback,** as we begin thinking about a new Congregational Ministries Director. To this end, an email survey was sent via email. We hope as many as possible, especially ministry leaders and former leaders, will help us by completing the survey. **Please complete the survey today.** For those without email, paper copies are on the Welcome Desk. Please return completed paper surveys to Chad Cohrs' mailbox.

**Lenten devotionals are available in the lobby.** To help prepare our hearts for Easter, to reflect on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection, pick up devotionals in the lobby today.

**Two new adult Sunday school classes begin today:** *"Holiness: Living the Christian Life in the Modern World,"* led by Joshua Knapp, in Room 306; and *"Vanishing Grace,"* led by Larry Seibert, in Room 201. We invite you to participate in one of these classes.

**Men, join us for Breakfast this Saturday, March 12, at 8:15 AM,** at CMF. Together, we will share a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and a time to brainstorm about future events and opportunities to serve together. Cost for breakfast will be on a donation basis. Please sign up in the lobby or contact Eric Ludovico at 570-412-7023.

**Women's Bible Study:** Ladies, come 'discover how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now,' with Priscilla Shire's, "Elijah," Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00 AM (childcare provided) and Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM, in Room 306. See Becky Saber for any questions. We hope you will join us!

**Want to bless some ladies?** We are looking for help watching the children during Tuesday morning Bible Studies. This is a paid position. Please text Becky Saber, at 570-412-1661, as soon as possible if CMF has your clearances and you are interested.

Join us for an adult Sunday school class today:		
Room #	Name of Class	Teachers
201/202	<i>Vanishing Grace</i>	Larry Seibert
306	Holiness: Living the Christian Life in the Modern World	Joshua Knapp

**Little Lambs Preschool Open Enrollment:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022-2023 school year. Please share this information with families interested in preschool for 3 to 5 year-olds. Information and applications can be found on the Little Lambs Preschool website: [www.littlelambsmilton.com](http://www.littlelambsmilton.com), or contact Jan Seibert at 570-238-1267.

**Soup and the Word Lenten Luncheons** will be held Wednesdays, **March 9-April 13**, from 12:00-1:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton. All are invited! The free meals, provided by the Milton Ministerium, will be followed by a short meditation by a local pastor. Pastor Tim will be delivering the message on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Child Abuse Clearances and Training:** If interested in helping with Children's or Youth Ministries at CMF but do not have clearances, please plan to attend one of the following training options:

- Sundays, March 20 and 27, during Sunday school, in Room 203
- Thursday, March 24, from 7:00-9:00 PM, in Room 306

If you have current clearances but need to update your training, you can also take advantage of these options. Please let Jan Seibert know if you plan to attend, at [janiceseibert@hotmail.com](mailto:janiceseibert@hotmail.com).

**A Lenten Prayer Gathering will be held on Sunday, March 27,** from 6:30-8:00 PM, at CMF, in Room 201. Join us as we spend the evening inviting Jesus to fill the cup of our life, getting rid of clutter, to allow Jesus to fill us anew. See Lois Miller for any questions.

**Join us for a Maundy Thursday service on April 14,** the evening before Good Friday. The event will begin at 6:30 PM, with a meal of soup and bread, followed by communion. Please sign up on the easel in the lobby, to help us know for how many to prepare.

**Enneagram Workshop!** Do you know your Enneagram Personality Number? Yes? Now what? Katie Bomberger, of GuideSpring, will lead a workshop on what's next! This involves awareness about ourselves and within our relationships, how to move from the 'false self' to the 'true self' that Christ has created us to be! Set aside Friday, **April 8**, from 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday, **April 9**, from 9:00 AM-Noon. Light snacks will be served as well as lunch. Watch for more details.

**Interested in facilitating/ teaching Adult Sunday School?** Lead a 6-week or a 12-week session on a topical study or a book of the Bible. Some possible themes of interest: Marriage, Family and Parenting, and Sharing Your Story. Please contact JoAnne Geiger.

**Everence will host a free webinar series, My Financial Story,** this month. The webinars will include questions about Medicare and Medicare supplement insurance, developing a financial plan, charitable giving, and investment management. Visit [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national).

**In case of inclement weather,** check CMF's website: [cmfmilton.org](http://cmfmilton.org) or WGRC's website: [wgrc.com](http://wgrc.com), for possible cancellation of services.

**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship 227 (186 in person, 41 online)  
**Last Week's Tithes & Offerings:** \$5,464 Weekly Need: \$10,160

## Children's Ministry

**Spring Kid's Nights - Ideas Anyone?** We are trying to put together a few theme nights for Wednesday evenings (or other nights) this spring. One specific theme that has been mentioned is a Gym Night. If you have any fun ideas or would like to help out (teens and adults), please contact Amy Goodwin, at 570-490-6217.



## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**"Embrace and Pursue Christ"**

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



**Ignite Event today:** Pizza, Laser Tag, Giant Trampolines, and Arcade — after Sunday school **today!**

**Ignite & C4 Wednesday Youth:** Worship, games, friendship, and food. Ignite, from 6:00-8:00 PM, and C4, from 7:00-9:00 PM. **"WSDM" – gain discernment in an age without.**



**Warrior Run Cinderella Musical:** Many in our youth group are involved in this musical. Show your support this Friday when we attend as a group. Details online.

**30-Hour Famine:** C4 will go hungry for 30 straight hours, **March 11-12**. Youth, sign up online to begin your fundraising for world hunger (funds go to World Vision). Adults, you can sponsor a youth for each hour they fast. An overnight event will be held during the Famine. Get ready for the fun and hunger! We will share a meal together at the end. Details online.

**Youth Baptism:** Each year we look forward to the Youth Baptism (at Yoder's pond) and it's that time again. Youth of any age and young adults, if you love Jesus and have not been baptized, this may be the time to go for it! **See Jim Hostetter this week,** because we plan to start the Baptism Class very soon.

## Young Adults

**Young Adult Baptism:** You are invited to get baptized during this year's annual Youth Baptism service. A 5-week class will **start this month**, during Sunday school, so contact Jim Hostetter this week to discuss your interest.



**Young Adult Sunday Morning Connection:** Talk to Chris Long or Jim Hostetter about upcoming Sunday morning opportunities and how you can join in.

**Interested in connecting with other young adults through the week?** See Mike Yoder or Jim Hostetter about weekly Wednesday gatherings.

Would you like to facilitate, lead, or host a small group this spring?