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 **3-5**<sup>th</sup> grade, which is dismissed during the worship service, and Sunday school for all ages. If this is your first time at CMF, please stop by a Welcome Table in the lobby. We would love to connect with you! Also, please take time to sign in to 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 M–F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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Looking Ahead

March 19	Soup & the Word, First Presbyterian
March 20	Super Seniors Potluck
March 25	Women's morning Bible Study begins
March 28-29	Women's Retreat at CMF
March 30	Youth Pulled Pork Meal
April 4&5	PA Relief Sale at Farm Show
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
April 20	6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service, at Lapp's
April 20	9:15 AM Easter Service, at CMF
June 23-27	Summer High Point

## "Renew Your Mind" Romans 12:2

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How do you determine on a regular basis whether or not you are engaged in sin?

Devotional books build into our spirit, study builds into our minds. How do you study the Bible in depth?

Renewing our minds is a means to an end. How do you seek God's guidance when faced with a choice?

To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 8lOlO: Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin" Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents" Adults: text "@cmfremind"



March 16, 2025



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





**<u>Prayer and anointing</u>**: After the sermon this morning, we will have a time of anointing with oil and prayer. If you have a prayer request or need, prayer team members will be available to pray with you. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

**Donations for Easter Egg Hunt:** Children's Ministry is in need of wrapped candy, stickers, small toys, etc., to fill Easter eggs. We still have lots of empty eggs to fill from the last hunt, but if you'd prefer to donate pre-filled eggs, that's fine, too! **Please place all donations in the tub by the gym doors by Sunday, March 30**. Thanks!

<u>Soup and the Word Lenten Meals:</u> The free Lenten luncheons will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 47 Walnut Street, Milton, from 12:00-1:00 PM, on Wednesdays, through April 16. Provided by the Milton Ministerium, the meals are followed by a short meditation.

Young Adult Israel Recap: Last year, our young adult leaders traveled to Israel to discover more about who Jesus was and his ministry. Next Sunday, March 23, during the Sunday school hour, come hear them share their experience in the sanctuary.

**Super Seniors Potluck and "Pack a School Bag for MCC!"** This Thursday, **March 20, at noon,** those 55 and over are invited to a Potluck and a fun time of packing school bags for Mennonite Central Committee, in Room 201. Bring one dish (hot, salad, or dessert) and school supplies to fill some bags. Please sign up in the lobby to help us prepare accordingly. A list of school supplies is on the sign-up table.

**Women's Bible Study:** Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings, starting **March 25, from 9:00-11:00 AM,** for a women's Bible Study on Esther. In this study, author Kelly Minter invites us into the daring faith modeled by Esther and Mordecai – a faith rooted in the goodness of God. Although our time is different from Esther's time, God is just as active and faithful. *He has called each of us for such a time as this.* Please sign up in the foyer. Childcare will be provided if prearranged. See Cheryl Wyble with any questions.

**Community Harvest Meal:** Feeling God's call to serve during Lent? Join the effort to provide a free weekly meal at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Milton. Upcoming dates volunteers are needed are: April 7 & 14, June 2, 9, & 30, and July 14. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Nigel.

$\square$	Join us for an Adult Sunday School class today!			
	Sunday School Class:	Teachers:	Room:	
	The Book of Proverbs	**Not meeting this week.** Bruce Wilkins	201/202	
	Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus	Nigel Fulmore-Smith	203	

**Women of Faith Retreat - March 28-29, 2025!** Friday night, join us for a fun night of games, fellowship, and food, starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring snacks and drinks to share. If you plan to stay overnight, bring bedding and PJs! Doors will be locked at 10:30 PM and open for breakfast on Saturday, at 8:00 AM. The program will begin at 9:00 AM, with lunch at noon, and wrap up by 3:00 PM. Pleas sign up in the lobby. See Julie Tyson for any questions.

**My Coins Count Collection:** Our church family will collect coins (and dollars, too!) **through March 30** to help Mennonite Central Committee's *My Coins Count*. Donations will go to MCC's food initiatives to help people around the world. Coins and dollars can be placed in the jugs on the collection table in the lobby. Checks and larger donations can be placed in Erv Blank's mailbox labeled "My Coins Count." Thanks for your help with this important project!

Lenten Prayer Gathering: Join us on April 6, at 6:00 PM for a Lenten Prayer Gathering! We will pray, share and embrace the Cross for our everyday lives. For questions, contact Lois Miller.

<u>CMF Soup Ministry:</u> Our next free soup pick-up will be on Wednesday, April 9, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, from Room 201 (please use that entrance). After a warm-weather break, the soup will be offered again in September. The free soup is available to church attendees and the community, as well. Consider someone you know who could be encouraged by this - perhaps a neighbor, friend, or co-worker. Be the hands and feet of Jesus as we spread His light and love! Contact Sally Biddinger with questions.

<u>Maundy Thursday:</u> On April 17, at 6:30 PM, join us for a Maundy Thursday service. After a simple meal of soup and bread, foot washing, and communion, we will close the evening with a Tenebrae Service—a service of shadows, re-entering the increasing darkness of the time leading up to Jesus' death. It is a reflective service of scripture readings and music. Expect to leave quietly.

**Easter Sunday:** April 20, weather-permitting, a Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 AM at Lapps' farm. Please bring your own chair. Come to celebrate the resurrection and then join us for our Sunday Easter service at the regular time. Dress warm!

**2025 PA Relief Sale**—craft stand volunteers and prayer warriors are needed! It's time to prepare for the 69<sup>th</sup> PA Relief Sale at the Farmshow Building in Harrisburg, Friday and Saturday, **April 4 & 5**. People around the world will be helped by the money raised at the Craft Stand - all given to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to fund their programs. See the poster on the bulletin board in the lobby for details. For questions, contact Janet Runion Patton, at jcpatton99@gmail.com or 717-926-4008.

Last Week's Offering: \$20,220 Last Week's Attendance: 256 (218 in person, 38 online) Sunday school: 87

## Children's Ministry

March Madness Kid's Night: Kids age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, join us from 6:00-7:30 PM, this Wednesday, March 19, to burn off energy in the gym and enjoy some quieter activities in the classrooms. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Amy Goodwin or sign up at the Children's Ministry table by the gym doors today, so we can be prepared.

**Knot Your Blanket Service Project:** Tween girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us in the **WOW Room** this **Saturday**, **March 22, from 9:00-11:00 AM**, to make no-sew fleece blankets to donate to Project Linus. Please RSVP to Becca Parker or Amy Goodwin **today** so we know how many to prepare for.

<u>Save the Date:</u> Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12. Summer High Point will be held the evenings of June 23 through 27.

To receive Children's Ministry Remind messages, text "@cmfkidmin" to 81010.

## Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

<u>Wednesday Night Youth:</u> Christian community is so important. Make Wednesday Night Youth a weekly part of your journey to abide with Jesus.

<u>Youth Sunday and Pulled Pork Meal:</u> We look forward to a special morning of church and a delicious meal together on **March 30**.

See youth event details at: https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142

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



Young Adults

<u>Wednesday Small Group:</u> Connect with others on Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM, in Room 305. See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

**Passion 2026:** Passion 2025 was amazing! Passion 2026 will be in **Texas** this year, so we need to plan ahead. A block of hotel rooms are already booked. We reserved a few extras, and they will be available on a "first come first served basis." Talk to Max Kennel to reserve your spot.