

Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you sense God's presence and enjoy your time of worship with us today. We have a staffed nursery and Children's Church, for ages 3 through 5th grade, which will be dismissed during the worship service. Sunday school will not meet during renovations. If this is your first time visiting with us, please stop by a Welcome Table in the lobby. We would love to connect with you! Also, please take time to sign in on the red attendance register in your pew.

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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 5	Parents' Night Out for Christmas
December 10	Soup Ministry
December 12	Christmas Caroling
December 13	Women's Breakfast
December 14	Christmas Giving Tree Gifts Due
December 16	Men's Christmas Night Out
December 18	Super Seniors, <i>Joy Through the Grove</i>
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 24-26	Office Closed for Christmas Holiday



Ron Mertz "Life In Balance"

Ephesians 4:15 & James 2:13

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Questions to consider, regarding Balance in my life:

Is there an area of my life at this time, that Jesus would say to me in love, "That is out of balance?"
1 Corinthians 6:12 — Has something "mastered me," that is "not beneficial" — I can't stop it?
What action could I take, to start getting it back in balance?

Can I identify specific words or actions by others that "trigger" ME to react in a way that causes hurt and division? What is a way I could try to 'catch the trigger' when it occurs ("There it is!") and try a Pre-planned Different reaction?

Are there some specific Words or Looks that I use in communicating with those close to me, that "trigger" THEM to react, resulting in division? What could I do to avoid that?
Maybe just not say them (keep quiet and 'let it go'), or find alternate words to use, that do not trigger a negative dynamic?



To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 81010:



Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"
Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"
Adults: text "@cmfremind"

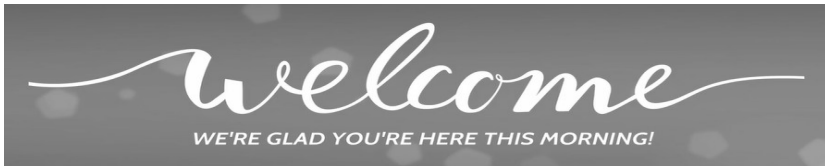


November 30, 2025



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





Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent devotionals are available in the lobby to help prepare our hearts for Christmas. Please help yourself. Our Children's Ministry will use the Advent Blocks we've used the past few years. For more information about this resource, contact Amy Goodwin or the church office.

Pastor Tim and Dawn are on vacation. If you have a pastoral emergency while they are away, please contact Pastoral Care: Pamela Jablonski or Reba Yoder; or a CMF elder: Ken Bergey, Jim Hostetter, Rod Yoder or Chris Long.

Prayer and anointing: 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.

Ballots for the 2026 CMF Budget are due today. Ballots were distributed after the congregational meeting on November 16. If you are a member and did not receive one, ballots can be obtained from Cheryl Wyble or Jan Seibert. If you are not a member but would like to share your thoughts on the budget, a comment card is also available.

Parents Night Out for Christmas: Parents, drop your kids off at the CMF Gym (use west gym entrance) **THIS Friday, December 5, from 6:00-8:00 PM**, so you can shop for your family. We'll watch the kids and teach them why Jesus is the reason for the season! **Please sign up in the lobby today.** For more information, reach out to Pastor Nigel or Amy Goodwin.

CMF Soup Ministry: Our next free monthly soup pick-up at Community Mennonite Fellowship, 2985 Broadway Road, Milton, will be on **Wednesday, December 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**. Pickup will be at the main (east) entrance. The free soup is available to the community and church attendees. Contact Sally Biddinger for any questions.

Christmas Caroling: Join us for a night of Christmas caroling on **Friday, December 12. Meet in the CMF east parking lot at 6:00 PM**. We will travel together in the church vans to visit our brothers and sisters who may not be able to get out to celebrate this Christmas season and others in the Milton community. If you can sing with us, *please sign up in the lobby.*

Women's Breakfast: Ladies, join us for breakfast and fellowship at Perkins, in Lewisburg on **Saturday, December 13, at 8:30 AM**. Pay your own way. Bring a friend! *Please sign up in the lobby.*



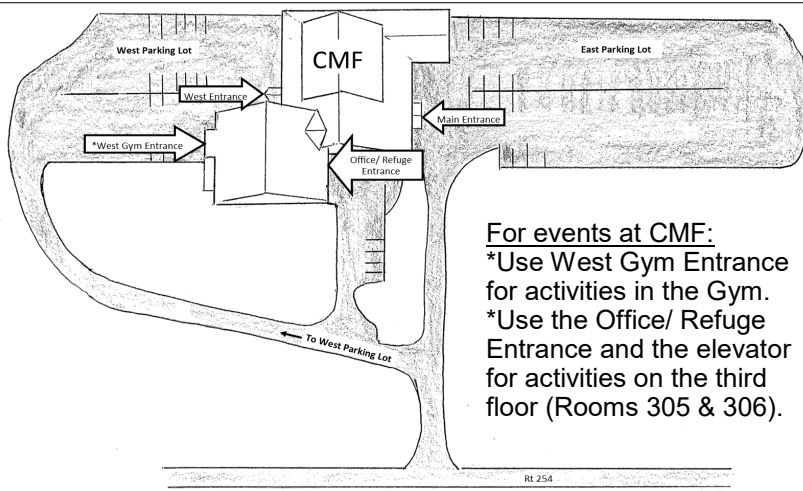
Check out our Christmas Giving Tree by the back staircase to see how you can help kids in the Milton Area School District by providing Christmas gifts. Choose one tag (or more!) from the display, then sign up by the corresponding name. Each tag lists a child's name and specific gift suggestions. Please place presents in GIFT BAGS (don't wrap), labeled with your child's tag, and place at the display table **by Sunday, December 14**. Contact Amy Goodwin with any questions. Thanks so much for blessing these families!

Men's Christmas Night Out: Men, join us on **Tuesday, December 16, at 6:00 PM** for a night out at Buffalo Wild Wings, 249 Market-place Blvd, Selinsgrove, and then to the mall after dinner to shop for Christmas presents for our families. *Sign up in the lobby!*

Super Seniors, Joy Through the Grove: If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join our *Super Seniors* as we drive through Knoebels' Amusement Park on **Thursday, December 18**, to enjoy two miles of Christmas lights. We will meet in the **CMF parking lot at 5:00 PM** and travel together in the church vans. *Please sign up in the lobby.* For questions, contact Reba Yoder, at 570-713-7508.

Ministerium Volleyball League: CMF has a team in the Milton Ministerium Volleyball League. Come cheer us on as we go up against Revival Tabernacle, Narrow Way Church, and Freedom Life Church, Tuesday nights at Revival Tabernacle from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Healthy Niños Mission Trip: Lindsay Hoy is planning a mission trip to Honduras with Healthy Niños from **March 21-28, 2026**, and would like to invite others, as well. For more details, contact Lindsay at menelmacar3@hotmail.com or 570-244-5111.



For events at CMF:
*Use West Gym Entrance for activities in the Gym.
*Use the Office/ Refuge Entrance and the elevator for activities on the third floor (Rooms 305 & 306).



Last Week's Offering: \$6,971.07
Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 237
(210 in person, 27 online)

Children's Ministry

Children's Church and CC BOOM: Children will be dismissed after the offering. They will exit from the left side of the sanctuary and use the back staircase. Helpers will be available to help them to their rooms, but feel free to walk along and drop them off until they are familiar with the building. **Kids can be picked up in their classrooms after the worship service.**

Locations for Children's Programs:

- **Nursery** is located upstairs.
- **Preschool-2nd grade Children's Church** is combined upstairs.
- **CC BOOM (3rd-5th grade)** will meet in the basement

Parent's Night Out: Kids are invited to join us **in the gym from 6:00-8:00 PM THIS Friday, December 5**, for fun Christmas activities to remind them that Jesus is the reason for the season. **PLEASE RSVP TODAY at the sign-up table in the lobby**, or message Amy so we can be sure to have enough volunteers and supplies.

Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"

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

Wednesday Night Youth: Lots of variety for Wednesday Youth in December! Grad Panel, Small Group, Christmas worship, Christmas parties, and more! Watch for the many opportunities for fun and spiritual growth in the weeks ahead. This week, Youth will have normal times: **Ignite 6:00-7:30 PM, C4 7:00-8:45 PM**. We will look at promises fulfilled in Jesus!

Sunday Morning Youth: Youth Sunday school is paused during the CMF remodel. Keep studying the Word.

Christmas Lock-In Events: C4 overnighter during Christmas break! How does **December 28th until 29th** work? Ignite, we will also have a Christmas break event for you. Stay tuned for details.

Young Adults



Wednesday Small Group: Connect with others on **Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM**. See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.



Passion 2026 is just around the corner! At this point, you should have your event ticket and travel plans worked out. Remember, Pastor Jim secured funding to help cover some of your flight costs. Give him a copy of your receipt to receive reimbursement. Pray that God will do a great work in the hearts of all those going!