

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.

Contact Us

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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

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
January 1	Office Closed for New Year's Holiday
January 4, 11, 18	Photo Sundays for Directory Photos
January 14	Soup Ministry Pick-Up
January 15	Super Seniors Hymn Sing and Potluck
January 25	Newcomer's Lunch



"Let the Poor Say, 'I Am Rich'"

Luke 2:1-7

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How do the fulfillments of prophecies in Jesus' birth, life, and death inform your faith?

What currently has the power to obscure your view of God's blessings in your life?

What are the most profound riches in your life? How are they related to God's activity in your life?



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



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



December 21, 2025



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





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.

After church today, hang out and visit in the Youth Room at CMF. Come join us after church in the Refuge until noon. Plan to join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Fellowship, hang out, and continue the conversations. Everyone is invited!

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at Trinity this Wednesday, **December 24, at 6:30 PM.** Invite family, friends, and loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Savior with us. We will sing Christmas carols, light candles, and remember the reason for the season!

Church offices will be closed December 24-26, and January 1-2. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact an elder: Ken Bergey, Chris Long, or Rod Yoder; or Pastoral Care Directors: Pamela Jablonski or Reba Yoder.

A fishing rod building class will begin in the New Year. If interested, **see Larry Seibert today** so supplies and components can be ordered in time to start in January.

CMF Soup Ministry: Our next free monthly soup pick-up at Community Mennonite Fellowship, 2985 Broadway Road, Milton, will be **on Wednesday, January 14, 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.

Super Seniors Hymn Sing and Potluck Lunch: If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join us for a Potluck Lunch in the Youth Room at CMF on **Thursday, January 15, at noon.** Please bring a dish to share, as well as a food bank donation. Please sign up in the lobby.

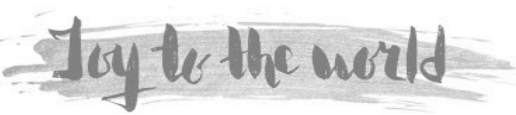
2026 CMF Directory Photos: We will be taking photos for a new directory on January 4, 11 & 18. The new directory will be available through an app that can be accessed on your phone or computer. If you would prefer your contact information not be visible (to the congregation only) or for any questions or more information, please contact the church office.

QPR Training—Question, Persuade, and Refer—steps to learn to help save a life from suicide. This training is offered to anyone wanting to learn how to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors. The seminar from QPR Institute helps train people to be aware of signs of suicide, how to offer hope, when to refer someone to resources, and more. Unhindered Steps is hosting this training on **January 20, at 6:00 PM, at Buffalo Community Church.** For more information, contact Erin Geiswhite at 570-850-9475. A recommended donation of \$10 is requested.

Have you considered a short-term 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.

Christmas Giving Tree: A big thank you to all who provided gifts for families in the Milton Area School District through our Giving Tree! You were a blessing to these families at this very special time of year!

“Thank you, carolers, for your visit, goodies, and singing. It was my delight to see you!” ~Charlotte Sarkany



Young Adults

Young Adult Christmas Party: **December 29, at 7:00 PM**, in the Refuge. Connect with friends, as many people are back in the area for the holidays.

Wednesday Small Group: Connect with others on **Wednesdays, at 6:45 PM.** (NONE on Dec 24 & Dec 31). See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

Passion 2026: 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, January 1-4.

Tithes and Offering

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

Last Week's Offering: \$11,390

Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 223 (184 in person, 39 online)

Children's Ministry

Kids will stay in church today so families can worship together and our teachers can be in church too, on this special Sunday before Christmas. There is still Nursery for kids up to and including age two. The nursery is located upstairs. Special thanks to our nursery volunteers who are helping with the little ones today!

Kid's Nights at CMF are Coming Soon! Kids age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us for some devotions and fun time in the gym on **Wednesday nights, January 7 and 21, from 6:00-7:30 PM.** More details are on their way! Please RSVP to Amy by texting or through Remind.

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text "@cmfkidmin" to 81010.

Youth Ministry

“Embrace and Pursue Christ”
Ignite* (Grades 6-8) and C4* (Grades 9-12):

Wednesday Night Youth: It's Christmas! **No Wednesday night youth on December 24 and December 31.** See you at the C4 Lock-In and/or Ignite Lock-In over break.

C4 Summer Mission Trip: Serving others, road trips, bunk beds, evening speakers/ worship, building friendships new and old...it's the makings of an epic summer trip! Philly Project 2026 from **July 12-18.** All details available online. Sign up by end of December for the best price.

C4 Christmas Lock-In: C4 overnighter during Christmas break, **December 28 until 29** (bowling, pizza, games, gym, and movie). Registration required to accommodate reservations. See details online. We cover most of the costs so you only have a small fee. **Register by December 21** for the best price. Note: Late sign-ups cost more.

Ignite Christmas Event: Ignite event **January 1** ("David," the movie, pizza, group, and games). Registration is required to accommodate reservations. See details online. We cover most of the costs so you only have a small fee. **Register by December 26** for the best price. Note: Late sign-ups cost more.

“Our Online Newsletter has more info about events but contact me with questions anytime, at 570-238-2250 or jim@cmfmilton.org.”
~Jim Hostetter, Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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

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