

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Community Mennonite Fellowship**  
2985 Broadway Road, Milton, PA 17847  
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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 29	Chair Delivery
January 1-2	Office Closed for New Year's Holiday
January 4 & 11	Directory Photos
January 14	Soup Ministry Pick-Up
January 15	Super Seniors Hymn Sing and Potluck
January 20	QPR Training at Buffalo
January 25	Newcomer's Lunch
March 21-28	Healthy Ninos Honduras Mission Trip



## "Involved With the Things of His Father"

Luke 2:41-52

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Do you think we are capable of surprising God?

When was the last time God did something unexpected in your life?

Have you run into situations where your need for proof or rational explanation was overridden by your faith?

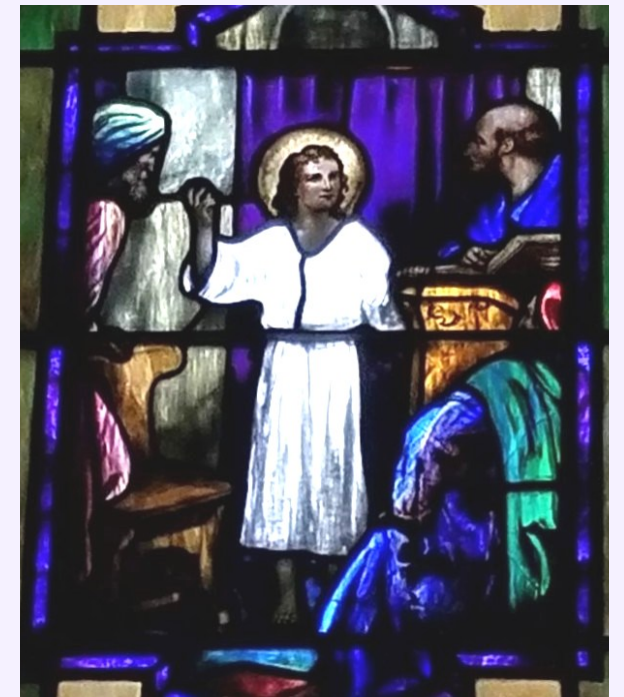
To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 81010:



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



December 28, 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.

**Church offices will be closed 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.

**Help Needed! Tomorrow morning, December 29, at 8:00 AM,** new sanctuary chairs will be arriving at CMF and help is needed to unload them. If you are willing and able, please be at the church at 8:00 AM to help unload. Thank you!

**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 begin taking photos for a new directory today, and on January 4 & 11. 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 more information, please contact the church office.

**Hang out and visit the Youth Room at CMF.** Come join us after church in the Refuge until noon every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Fellowship, hang out, and continue the conversations. Everyone is invited!

**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](mailto:menelmacar3@hotmail.com) or 570-244-5111.

**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, please contact Erin Geiswhite at 570-850-9475. A recommended donation of \$10 is requested.

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**2026 Offering envelopes are available** for your convenience, to keep giving confidential, and to make it easier to track tax receipts. If you want envelopes but have not yet received them, please see Erv Blank before or after church Sunday mornings or contact him at [finance@cmfmilton.org](mailto:finance@cmfmilton.org) or through the church office.

## 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. Please bring a white elephant gift and an appetizer or sweet treat to share.

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

**Passion 2026 is here!** Please pray for the group of 26 Young Adults traveling to Texas, **January 1-4.** Pray for safety and that God will do a great work in the hearts of all those going.



## 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. **Kids can be picked up in their classrooms after the worship service.**

### **Locations for Children's Programs:**

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

**Kid's Nights at CMF are coming soon!** Kids age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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):**

**Wednesday Night Youth:** It's New Years! No Wednesday night youth on 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 **tonight, December 28 until 29** (bowling, pizza, games, gym & movie). Registration required to accommodate reservations. All details online. We cover most of the cost so you only have a small fee (Note: late sign ups cost \$10.)

**Ignite Christmas Event:** Ignite event **January 1** ("David" the movie, pizza, group & games). Registration is required to accommodate reservations. See details online. We cover most of the cost so you only have a small fee (Note: late sign ups cost \$10.)

### **See youth event details at:**

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

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