

**May 5, 2024**

**Communion Meditation: Matthew 26:1-15**

1. An Act of Remembrance.

2. An Act of Love.

3. An Act of Dedication.

4. An Act of Identification.

**If We Believe That: Matthew 26:1-15**

1. What do we remember.

2. How do we show love.

3. Defining dedication.

4. Steps of identification.

**THIS WEEK: MAY 5 - 12**

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM room 207	5/5
Sunday School for all ages <i>nursery room 110</i>	5/5
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	5/5
<b>Communion/Benevolent/Children's Sermon 10:30 AM</b>	5/5
Facebook Live Church 10:45 AM	5/5
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	5/5
Sunday Family Nights Good News Club, Youth, Adults 6 pm	5/5
Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM room 103	5/7
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM	5/8
Board of Ministries 7 PM	5/9
<b>Koins for Kids/Missions/Children's Church 10:30 AM</b>	5/12
No Sunday Night groups	5/12

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Ladies' Bible Study & Potluck Luncheon	5/14
Elder Board 7 PM	5/14
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM	5/15
<b>Ladies' Breakfast 9 AM at Gimmicks</b>	5/16
Red Cross Blood Drive 10 AM to 3 PM in the gym	5/16
Mahaffey Camp Young Adult Retreat	May 17-18
Last night for Sunday night groups 6:00 PM	5/19
<b>Last Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM room135</b>	5/21
Rainbow Express Preschool Graduation in the gym 5:30 pm	5/21
50th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor & Pat in the gym	5/25
Youth Yard Sale Collection/Donation Days	May 25, 27, 28, and 29
Youth Yard Sale	May 30, 31, and June 1

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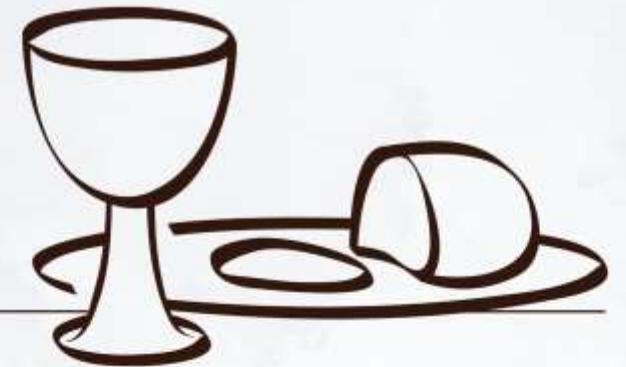
**ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS**

- ⇒ Scan the QR code to set up one-time or recurring giving.
- ⇒ Text "Give" to 814-200-1939
- ⇒ Visit [www.pcmachurch.org/giving](http://www.pcmachurch.org/giving)



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AMAZING LOVE  
HOW CAN IT BE  
THAT THOU MY GOD  
SHOULDST DIE FOR ME



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# Growing Together

at Punxsutawney Alliance Church

Christ-Centered Acts 1:8 Family<sup>©</sup>

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Welcome and Announcements

John 14:21 NKJV

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

### Acknowledgement of God's Presence

Meet and Greet

Communion Devotional

**"From the Inside Out"**

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"**

**"Resurrecting"**

**Children's Sermon**

Our Worship in Giving & Benevolent Offering

**Message: "If We Believe That"**

**"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**

Celebration of Baptism - Chloe Warren

**"Happy Day"**

Parting Prayer

## WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8— We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches.

We sincerely WELCOME you today! If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

## SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT

**Good News Club** (age 3—K & grades 1-6)

**Youth Group** (grades 7-12)

**Adult Ladies** - "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund

**Adult Men** - "The Pursuit of Holiness" by Jerry Bridges

No groups on May 12. Last day for Sunday Night Groups is May 19. *SUMMER FAMILY NIGHTS info coming soon!*

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY AND POTLUCK

All ladies are welcome to attend Bible Study at 9:30am followed by a potluck lunch on Tuesday, May 14. The study will conclude on May 21 and will resume again in the fall. *See Judy Anthony with any questions.*

## YOUTH GROUP MISSIONS TRIP

The planned Youth Missions Trip for July 26—August 2 has openings if any adult would like to join in. You can come as a chaperone or come as just part of the team. Scholarships are available. Sign up in the narthex or contact Kyle Beatty for more information.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Save the date! You are invited to celebrate Pastor and Pat's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 25, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Family Life and Outreach Center. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to come. *Please no presents, just your presence.*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive here in the gym on Thursday, May 16, from 10 AM—3 PM. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

## 6TH ANNUAL CEF GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, June 8 - Beechwoods Golf Course, Falls Creek, PA  
8 AM Registration 9 AM Shotgun Start  
Sponsorship opportunities available  
*Flyers available in the narthex*  
*(814) 938-9206 or [ceffec.org](http://ceffec.org)*

## UPGRADE COMING...

Our current projector has bit the dust. To replace it is about \$7,000. We would rather place TV monitors on our front walls. The Elders have approved presenting this upgrade to our Congregation. The upgrade will cost more, but close to the same amount and we will get more. It means we will no longer have to use the center screen. Please mark your envelopes UPGRADE. Thank you.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are gathering decorations for VBS and are looking for any road signs or construction-related items. See Kyle Beatty with any questions. Save the date! VBS is June 24-28 from 9:30 am—11:30 am.

## YOUTH GROUP HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

The youth are selling Marianna's hoagies to raise funds for their missions trip. An order form is on the narthex table. The deadline to order is Sunday, May 19.

Attendance Last Week		2024 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	129	4/7/24	\$6,434.62	\$4,258.75
Facebook	22	4/14//24	\$6,434.62	\$6,288.33
Online	6	4/21/24	\$6,434.62	\$4,587.52
Total	157	4/28/24	\$6,434.62	\$5,717.83

YOUTH CAMPS SCHOLARSHIPS

\$2,619 / \$4,000

# CALL TO PRAYER

MAY 2024



## BRINGING HOPE TO A HARD PLACE

Our host country in West Africa is in its eighth year of fighting radical terrorism. Already struggling with food scarcity and political instability, our adopted homeland is now becoming a warzone. Many defenseless villages have been attacked, with scores brutally killed. Millions of others have been displaced, including believers and friends in over 130 of our churches. Having fled their homes, these internally displaced peoples are squatting in the better-protected towns and cities, draining them of precious resources.

Ever mindful of the terrorist threat, people have been using a new expression—"only one ear sleeps." If a truck backfires, a plate drops, or a child screams, everyone braces for the worst. Tempers flare up quickly when living with such uneasiness. On a walk one day, my husband and I tried to calm a man who was screaming at a saleswoman. Many are distrustful and less apt to help someone in need.

But the gospel continues to be a source of hope, especially for the displaced. Recently, we enrolled a displaced young woman in our sewing school. After the

devotional time, she said, "I like this Jesus. Whenever I learn about Him, I always feel more hopeful." At one of my Bible studies, another displaced woman shared, "I didn't think anyone cared about me. But now I know Jesus is preparing a home for me in heaven. I may have lost my home here on earth, but I can never lose my eternal home."

In our desire to bring hope and peace, we can feel so helpless. But we share the good news of the One who said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). As we pray, we are encouraged to look ahead with faith to the day when suffering and wars will be no more.

In these difficult times, we feel privileged to partner with our church here in sharing the hope we have in Jesus, especially with those who have never heard. Pray that we will be a source of encouragement to everyone we encounter.

by Esther, an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in West Africa

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT [CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY](http://cmalliance.org/pray).

## "FIND THE JESUS PEOPLE!"

At the beginning of February, a 63-year-old widow in Cambodia was suffering from various illnesses and had recently had a stroke. In her time of need, she cried out to an unknown god and asked for help. One night, she had a dream of a man dressed in white who kept urging her to "Go and look for the Jesus people. You will find your answers there." When she awoke, she pleaded with her family to find them. Alliance international worker Syna Lao and some of her students were summoned to visit the sick woman.

After a brief meeting and sharing about salvation, without any hesitation, the woman prayed to receive Jesus as her Lord and Savior! Since this encounter, with the help of kind neighbors who picked her up for church, she has been faithfully attending the Firm Foundation Alliance church in Toul Prich village. Upon her first meeting, the woman was too weak to even sit up, but now she is walking, radiant and full of joy! She continues to trust God despite battling ongoing sickness. During a weekly small-group Bible study, everyone was amazed at her boldness as she presented her requests to God. Continue to pray for her full healing.

## STUDENTS IN ASIA FIND A NEW HOME

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the students and teachers of Silver Lining Missions, a partner organization of The Alliance's marketplace ministries. Late this past January, a Silver Lining Missions student center in Southeast Asia was evacuated because of regional violence. Since then, the students and teachers from this center have found a new home in a safer area of the city.

In a recent Zoom call from their new building, the children performed "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" for Alliance National Office staff as a testimony to the adversity they have overcome through God's sustaining love and the steadfast prayers of the worldwide Alliance family. The youth center plays a vital role in the spiritual development of the children. Through Silver Lining Missions and its partnership with The Alliance, students grow in their understanding of God's Word during devotionals, worship sessions, and Bible studies. They also deepen their connection with God and one another through group prayer and fellowship.

Please pray for the continued protection and spiritual growth of these students. Pray for peace to be restored in this volatile region of Asia.



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Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel. To receive the Call to Prayer and weekly prayer requests via email, subscribe at [cmalliance.org/pray](http://cmalliance.org/pray). Alliance ministries are supported by gifts to the Great Commission Fund and CAMA.

# YOUTH YARD SALE

## SET UP NEEDS

- SATURDAY, MAY 25 - 4:30 PM - 8 PM  
EVERYONE to help set up | Trucks to haul bigger items
- MONDAY, MAY 27 - 8 AM - NOON  
ANYONE willing to come set up, sort, organize
- TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 & 29  
2-5 PM - ANYONE willing to come early  
5-7 PM - EVERYONE to help set up

## SALE NEEDS

- THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MAY 30, 31  
8 AM-2 PM & 5-7 PM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 1  
8 AM-NOON

*Adults & Teens are needed to work the sale  
Sign up in the foyer | See Brenda Troutman for more info*



*Come out and support our youth group! All proceeds are used to send students to LIFE or provide scholarship assistance to our youth attending Mahaffey Youth Camps.*

**NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 30, 31 OR JUNE 1**