# May 11, 2025 A Mother's Lesson for All of Us Luke 1:38-55

1. Willingness.

#### 2. Say yes.

3. For me.

4. Listen.

# **THIS WEEK: MAY 11 - 18**

Sunday Morning Prayer 8:30 am room 207	5/11
Sunday School for all ages nursery room 110	5/11
Coffee Fellowship Time 10 AM in the Fireside Room	5/11
Koins for Kids/Missions Moment/Mother's Day 10:30 AM	5/11
Facebook Live Church 10:30 AM	5/11
Online Church 10:30 AM, Noon, 6 PM	5/11
Elders 7 PM	5/13
Wednesday Prayer room 105 7 PM	5/14
Morning Worship/Great Commission Day offering 10:30 AM	5/18

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Baby Bottle Project	May 11—June 1
Rainbow Express Preschool Graduation 6 PM	5/20
Wednesday Prayer room 105 7 PM	5/21
CMA Council	May 26-30
Missions Emphasis	June 4-8
Alliance Women's Retreat	June 6-7
Graduation Sunday	6/8
Summer Family Night at the pavilion 6 PM	6/8
Ladies' Lunch at Anchor Inn 11:30 AM	6/17
Youth Yard Sale collection days	June, 21, 23, 24, 25
Youth Yard Sale	June 26, 27, 28

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# **ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS**

- $\Rightarrow$  Scan the QR code to set up one-time or recurring giving.
- $\Rightarrow$  Text "Give" to 814-200-1939
- $\Rightarrow$  Visit www.pcmachurch.org/giving





HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU! 1307 S Main Street, Ext. 15767 (814) 938-8505

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# Growing Together at Punxsutawney Alliance Church

Christ-Centered Acts 1:8 Family®

May 11, 2025

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Verse of the Month: Titus 3:5 NIV He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

#### Acknowledgement of God's Presence

"Turn it Up"

#### Meet and Greet

"Praise"

"No Longer Slaves"

"Holy Forever"

#### Koins for Kids/Missions Moment

Children's Church Dismissal

Our Worship in Giving

#### "Message: "A Mother's Lesson for All of Us"

"How Great Thou Art"

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.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our ladies! Please choose a flower in the narthex to take home with you today. *"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."* Proverbs 31:31

## **GREAT COMMISSION DAY OFFERING**

In our Missions Moment on April 13th (Palm Sunday), we introduced the Great Commission Day Offering. Our date for that offering will be next Sunday, May 18. Set aside a special offering for missions, mark your offering envelope GCDO, and bring it next Sunday, May 18th. Thank you.

### **RAINBOW EXPRESS PRESCHOOL GRADUATION**

Everyone is invited to the Rainbow Express Preschool Graduation on Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 PM, in the gym.

### **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER**

A new adult Sunday school quarter will begin on June 1, and will be a combined class in room 103. Study and discussion is from the book "Disciples Are Made Not Born" by Walter A. Hernichsen. Come join us at 9:00 AM each Sunday from June 1 to August 31!

#### SUMMER FAMILY NIGHT

Summer Family Night will kick off on June 8 with a picnic at the church pavilion. **PROVIDED**: buns, meat trays, and drinks ; **BRING:** a picnic side dish and/or dessert to share, and lawn chairs.

**Sign up to host** a Summer Family Night in the narthex. The remaining available dates are July 13 & 27, and August 24. *See Rich Williams with any questions. Sign up in the narthex.* 

# CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 7th Annual Child Evangelism Fellowship Golf Scramble will take place on Saturday, June 14, at the Beechwoods Golf Course in Falls Creek. You can register and pay online at cefjec.org. Call 814-938-9206 for more information or with any questions. Posters and information are available on the narthex table.

# MARIANNA HOAGIE SALE

Please note the price of each item for the fundraiser Deb Dinger spoke of last week is \$10. You may place your order in the narthex and see Deb Dinger to pay. June 4 is the delivery day.

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

MAY SHOEBOX FOCUS - SCHOOL SUPPLIES Small adhesive tape, zipper pencil case, sharpened pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers, small notebooks, solar-powered calculator, safety scissors, ruler, glue stick, post-it notes, crayons, colored pencils. Thanks!

Attendance L	ast Week	2025 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	128	5/4/25	\$6,770.00	\$5,830.15
Facebook	31	5/11/25	\$6,770.00	
Online	4	5/18/25	\$6,770.00	
Total	163	5/25/25	\$6,770.00	

CALL TO PRAYER

#### MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NEED PRAYER

Continue to pray for victims of the 7.7-magnitude earthquake that shook Southeast Asia March 28. As of April 3, 5,300 people have lost their lives and over 4,500 people have been injured in Myanmar by the earthquake—making it the deadliest natural disaster Myanmar has experienced in years. In neighboring Thailand, at least 20 people were killed.

Due to a four-year civil war in Myanmar that has left countless civilians exposed to continued violence and without health care, food, and shelter, aid is now desperately needed by those who were left even more vulnerable after this disaster. CAMA Services, the relief and development arm of The Alliance, is working with the local Alliance church to provide aid to those in need. CAMA's partners were able to distribute food, bottled water, medicine, and household items, along with solar-powered lamps, soap, sleeping mats, blankets, and more.

While we grieve with those who are suffering or have lost loved ones, we praise God that all U.S. Alliance workers in the region are safe. Mark and Kit, international workers in Thailand, said, "What first felt like dizziness or motion sickness was quickly identified by most as a significant earthquake. We were home while our son was at school. All the kids were safely evacuated, and later the buildings were inspected and deemed unharmed. We are grateful to have so many joining us in prayer and support."

**MAY 2025** 

Intercede for wisdom, discernment, and the Lord's empowerment as CAMA international workers continue to look for ways to get aid into areas that are hard to reach. Pray that people who are left hurting and in need will be able to receive Christ's compassionate care and experience His love in both word and deed. Pray, too, for those have lost loved ones to find comfort and hope in Jesus through the love demonstrated by His people.

If you'd like to come alongside people who are recovering from disasters such as this one, visit camaservices.org to give to CAMA's Disaster Relief Fund. Your partnership will make it possible for CAMA's local partners in Myanmar to empower the local church to continue their work of distributing aid so civilians can experience Christ's love in both word and deed.

based on updates from CAMA services

#### **PREACH TO ME!**

After two hours walking around a busy, local market looking for a specific fabric, I hoped for a reasonably clean taxi and a quiet ride home. The Lord had other plans.

It was immediately apparent that my driver was a talker when he started commenting on the traffic—that it should have slowed down after the recent religious holidays marking the end of the local fast, but it was just as busy as ever. Then he asked if I was fasting during that time. I explained how the Bible teaches that fasting is usually between the person and God, but occasionally, a church or group will fast and pray together for a specific need. At the end of my brief explanation, he remarked with surprise, "Oh, you're a preacher! Preach to me so that I'll be good."

The irony of someone giving me, a woman, this title in a highly patriarchal, traditional society did not escape my notice, and such an opening could not be ignored! With a quick prayer—"Lord, I'm exhausted; give me the words!"—I began to share what God says about how people can become good: only by the redeeming, sanctifying work of Jesus.

When the ride ended, I said, "Since you enjoy listening to preaching, and if you want to hear more about Jesus, may I send you some recordings to listen to as you drive?" He responded, "Yes, please! I am very happy you got into my taxi today! You have preached to me the whole way and given me something valuable to think about!" Pray that C.D. will indeed think about the good news he heard and turn to Jesus for salvation. Pray for more opportunities like this one and that God will continually direct our church-planting team to those seeking truth.

by an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in West Africa

#### LOVING THE OUTCASTS

Last month, International Roma Day was celebrated in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Roma—otherwise known as Gypsies—live in nearly every country in the world. They are often thought of as thieves and beggars, or even worse, in the societies where they live. However, this is a misconception. In many places worldwide, there have been huge movements of Roma to Christ. Our team has seen many receive Him here, and we continue to support local churches and ministries that serve this marginalized population.

Last year, in partnership with the Western PA District, we helped finance a school lunch program for Roma children. We are also involved in mentoring, and our center staff visits Roma villages in the summer to lead kids' and women's activities like craft and cooking classes.

Please consider praying regularly for the Roma people here. Pray for greater gospel access and God's empowerment as we minister to them.

by Petula, an Alliance international worker serving with aXcess in Bosnia-Herzegovina

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. Alliance ministries are supported by gifts to the Great Commission Fund.

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY.

# Baby Bottle Project

for the

We Care

Center

Pregnancy

Punxsutawney

Collection Date: MAY 11 - JUNE 1

#### How you can help:

- Pick up a baby bottle in the narthex.
- Fill it with coin, cash or check
- Return by June 1<sup>st</sup> to the collection bin in the narthex

#### **Other information:**

 All donations go directly to the Punxsutawney We Care Pregnancy Center for those needing the care and assistance they give.
Please see the Missions Committee with any questions.

Thank you!

# MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Number of people



# June 4, 5, 6 & 8 with Sarah D.

Please sign up and place in an offering plate to allow for adequate planning and food preparation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4	6:00 PM Dinner
Provided: Chicken, drinks	7:00 PM Service
Bring: a side dish or dessert	7.00 FW Selvice
Number of people	
THURSDAY DAY, JUNE 5: Lunch	12:00 PM
Provided: Drinks	
Bring: brown bag lunch	
Number of people	
THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 5	6:00 PM Dinner
Provided: Ham, drinks	7:00 PM Service
Bring: a side dish or dessert	
Number of people	
FRIDAY, JUNE 6	6:00 PM Dinner
<b>Provided:</b> Pizza, wings, drinks	7:00 PM Service
Bring: a tossed salad or dessert	
Number of people	
SUNDAY, JUNE 8: Sunday Family Night	6:00 PM Dinner
<b>Pavilion Picnic</b> (in the gym if it rains)	and Service
<b>Provided:</b> meat tray, buns, drinks	
Bring: desserts	



• SATURDAY, JUNE 21 3 PM - 8 PM EVERYONE to help set up | Trucks to haul bigger items Pizza provided, bring drinks or snacks to share

MON - WED, JUNE 23-25 5 PM - 7 PM ANYONE willing to come set up, sort, organize, price

# SALE NEEDS

#### THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 26 & 27

8 AM-2 PM & 5-7 PM Put up signs, straighten tables, work the sale

## • SATURDAY, JUNE 28

8 AM-NOON

work the sale, straighten tables We need EVERYONE at noon to box left over items & tear down

Adults & Teens are needed to work the sale Sign up in the narthex to help with set-up and/or sale See Brenda Troutman for more info You can also sign up to help by using the QR code below



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 DURING THE SALE