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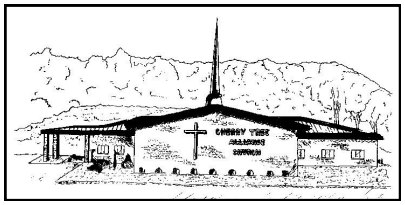

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GIVING
Operating Fund Giving for April: $20,940
(Amount needed monthly: $21,455)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: $376

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
10:00 AM Worship Service: 178
10:00 AM Children's Classes: 31
Total 10:00 AM Attendance: 209

SPRING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY ACTIVITIES
5:50 PM Moms in Prayer
(RSVP to Teresa Berenbrok for meeting location)

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
6:30 PM AWANA Clubs
Women's Small Group
Youth Group

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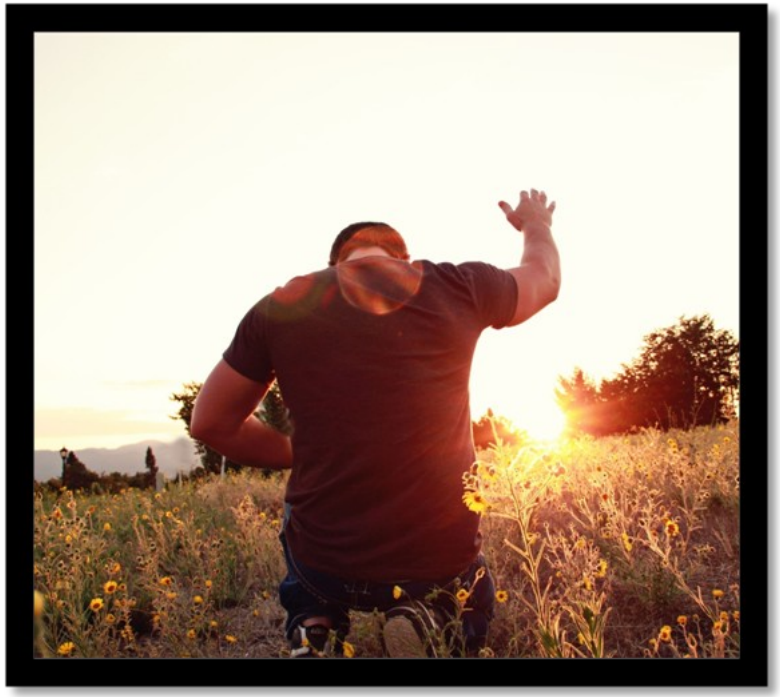
April 29, 2018 • 10:00 AM



SERIES: I AM WITH YOU

Today's Message -

He Takes...He Gives

A Message from Job 1.21
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

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MANN TRACHT UN GOTT LACHT

An old Yiddish proverb says,
Man Plans and God Laughs.

Our best-laid plans are upended
by unexpected changes,
which can be either
disappointing or exhilarating.
Personal or other setbacks,
losses of loved ones,
illnesses or accidents,
broken hearts or tortured souls
are not uncommon occurrences.

We often find ourselves thinking,
This is not what I planned.
But I'm not in charge.
What I call a reversal
might just be a
divine change of direction.

When plans are frustrated
…so are we!
Often it takes years,
but eventually we see
God's handiwork in our
detours and misadventures.
Paul said it so well:
Hard-pressed…not crushed;
Perplexed…not in despair;
Persecuted…not abandoned,
Struck down…not destroyed.
How is this possible?
This all-surpassing power
is from God and not from us.
[See II Corinthians 4.1-9]
Yes, he laughs at our plans,
and also at our calamity,
knowing it is nothing
compared to his power.
We're safe in his hands!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.
LOVING GOD,
LOVING YOU!

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
April 29, 2018

Call to Worship

Better Is One Day
Everlasting God
Lead Me to the Cross

Tithes & Offerings
I Am Not My Own

Recognition of Volunteers

Friendship Greeting
(Kids are dismissed to Children's Church)

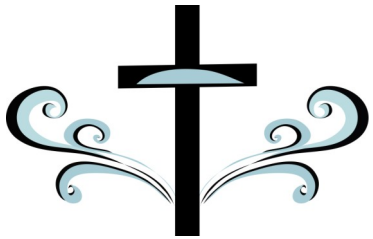
Announcements

Praise & Petition

Message
He Takes...He Gives

What A Friend
We Have In Jesus

Benediction



Prayer of the Day

Please take a moment this morning to pray for the Lord's leading in our Annual Congregational Meeting. May His will for our church leadership & future ministry be made evident throughout our 2018-2019 church calendar year. We thank each one of you who so faithfully supports Cherry Tree Alliance by praying for our various programs, our staff & leadership, and our church family's prayer requests.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
Mon.	5:50 PM Moms in Prayer Meeting (RSVP to Teresa Berenbrok)
Wed.	6:30 PM Youth Group
Thurs.	National Day of Prayer
	7:30 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast at CTAC hosted by the Uniontown Area Clergy Association

COMING EVENTS

May 6	6:00 PM Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
May 7	5:50 PM Moms in Prayer Meeting (RSVP to Teresa Berenbrok)
May 8	9:30 AM Seniors' Breakfast at Eat'n Park
May 9	6:30 PM Youth Group
May 10	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
May 11	7:00 PM Piano Recital, students of Joy Hertlein & Bethany Ruth
May 12	7:00 PM Comedy Night

International Worker of the Week

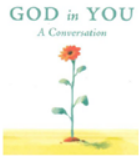
Please pray for our international workers of the week, Brad & Tina Reynolds who are serving in France. They ask for prayer in the following areas:
"Our daughter will have her final session of 12 rounds of chemo next Tuesday. (Will you join us in prayer that this will be her last chemo ever?) Six weeks will follow without treatment before she has her first liver surgery on June 5. Until then, we wait, trust, and give ourselves to what God has given us to do. / The first French College of Prayer module will happen on May 18 and 19, Pentecost weekend. Fred Hartley and Steve Phillips will come to lead us into a deeper understanding of prayer and the manifest presence of God. We have been inviting pastors and leaders, over 100 have been contacted. Our prayer is that the 120 chairs that we have in our worship facility will be filled but most importantly that the glory of God will fill the room. Our team is working on the various details. We are getting excited about what God is going to do. / On Monday, we will be joining our C&MA team members in a city near the Mediterranean for a 5 day prayer retreat. Our speaker will be Jesse Reddoch, pastor from First Alliance Orlando, FL, who along with his wife Nancy, provides pastoral care for our field. A team from Grove City (PA) Alliance will be coming to lead worship and offer a children's program."

Events in Our Area

Grove City Alliance Church is planning a **parenting seminar** on Saturday, **May 19th** from 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM. Cost is $10 per person or $15 per couple, childcare $5 for family. Check out the flyers on the info table in the foyer for more info.

The Alliance will be hosting a ***Send Me Now* conference** on Saturday, **May 19th** from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Allegheny Center Alliance Church in Pittsburgh. Come meet others called-to-serve in full-time ministry, be challenged to live out your calling, and learn how to prepare to do so. Cost is $10 per person. If interested, check out the flyers on the information table in the foyer. Registration deadline is May 6th.

Save the Date for Our 2018 Vacation Bible School!
August 6th-10th, 6:00-8:30 PM
Theme: Shipwrecked for Jesus
Please see Jen Genovese or Christy Wolfe with any questions. More info coming soon!



Please check out John Stumbo's book, ***GOD in YOU: A Conversation*** available in our foyer (suggested donation $5 per book). This book was written to be used as a unique evangelistic tool. We encourage you to purchase a book from the church and give it to a family member or friend to start a conversation about faith in Jesus Christ. All your donations for these books go directly to the Great Commission Fund.

Online Giving

Visit our website at www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly. With this program, you may choose the fund you would like your donation to go towards & set up a one-time or reoccurring gift from the comfort of your home computer or mobile device. It is fast, easy, & secure. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

HE TAKES…HE GIVES

SERIES: I AM WITH YOU

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised.
Job 1.21 (NIV)

Abstract: God has sovereign authority to give and to take. We should praise him even when we endure grievous loss. However, our praise increases when we awaken to this truth: His taking away is often the portal to his giving. His "blessed subtraction" results in multiplied benefits…beyond our imagining! Amazing!

Your notes and comments:

God takes. God can.
His way, His will, are not my plan.
Be still and wait—soon I will see
He takes…to give His best to me.
"God Takes. God Can."

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **TODAY** following the worship service. **Members and non-members are invited to attend**. Reports will be received. Members will vote to fill open leadership positions. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the meeting to hear about our *Operation: Best Foot Forward* initiative, and to receive a catalog of suggested projects.

Are you a visitor this morning to our church?
If so, we'd love to connect with you & answer any questions you may have! Please text @iamnewhere to 81010 to get started. We look forward to talking with you!

We invite you to join in the National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 3rd.

Please see the double-sided insert in today's bulletin for suggestions on ways to pray for our nation. Included is a section on *How to Pray for Unity in America* (the theme of this year's National Day of Prayer) as well as *How to Pray for the Seven Centers of Influence in America*. We encourage you to utilize these prayer guides for this special day focusing on prayer, as well as throughout the year. May we be a people who continually lift up our great country in prayer!

We are also passing a clipboard this morning to ask for 24 volunteers to pray this Thursday, one person covering each hour of the day. As the clipboard is passed, please sign up during the time slot you would like to claim. If anyone has a night shift and would be willing to take a few minutes to pray during the early morning hours, that would be fantastic! **Note that we are not asking you to pray for the whole hour; please pray at some point during your time slot for as long as you feel led.** Thank you so much for joining us in covering our nation in prayer!

The Uniontown Area Clergy Association will be sponsoring a breakfast here at Cherry Tree Alliance Church on Thursday, **May 3rd** to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. Breakfast is at 7:30 AM and there is no charge to attend. Fayette County Commissioner David Lohr will be the featured speaker.

Sunday Evening Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies

The Sunday evening Ladies' & Men's small groups will next meet Sunday, **May 6th** at 6:00 PM.

Men, we will be doing a study entitled *Quiet Strength*, based on the book by Tony Dungy. Contact Don Smith at **contact church office** for more information.

Ladies, we will be studying *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Books & a meal will be provided. Contact Bethany Ruth at **contact church office** or Diane Smith at **contact church office** for more info.

Graduation Banquet

Please join us on Sunday, **May 20th** at 11:30 AM for a special banquet in honor of our 2018 Graduates.

High School Seniors:
Jubilee Gilliland
David Nedley
Kallyer Shoaf
Emily Wyda

College Graduates:
Ashley Davies
Pedro Tavarez
Allison Thomas
Caitlyn Williams

The suggested donation is $7 per person (graduates and their parents will receive complimentary meals). Payments can be made through the offering; please use an offering envelope from the pew and label it "Grad Banquet." Please sign up on the church office bulletin board **TODAY** if you plan to attend. Come join with us in celebrating the accomplishments of our graduating students!

Can you help with the cost of our Short-Term Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic this summer? If so, stop by the church bulletin board and pick up a donation envelope based on the amount you are willing to donate. Envelopes range from $1 through $100 donation. We appreciate each one who has already given!