THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

MAY - 2024



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

PENTECOST

We are getting ready to celebrate a holiday called Pentecost. Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, a big crowd of people gathered in Jerusalem. They came from many different lands, and they spoke many different languages. God’s Spirit came down and helped them all understand the story of Jesus, no matter what language they spoke! Many people accepted Jesus as their savior that day.

There’s one language that almost everyone understands today. It isn’t English; it isn’t Spanish or Japanese. It’s the language of love. When people do something really nice for you, they care for you. We may not speak dog or cat language, but we can show our pets that we love them, and they show us that they love us! That’s the language of love.

We can speak the language of love to people clear around the world. We may never go to Asia or Africa or South America but we can show love to people by helping our church do good things there. When our church receives the Pentecost Special Day Offering, all of us here show other people that we love them and that God loves them. The language of love is a language that we can all speak!



PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

 **Susan Toth** thanked everyone who participated in the Holy Week readings.

 **Shelley Williams** thanked the following people who helped with the road clean up. Bob Peton, Tricia Reposky, Rick Marker, Susan Toth and herself. There were 22 bags, 8 tires and 2 unbaggable items.

 **Stephanie McCormick** gave thanks to Pastor Mike for making her mother laugh when the Evangelism team visited with her.

Stephanie gave praise that the one-year-old who had heart surgery is doing well.

She also said that Riley went for a competition in Harrisburg and got Title. Congratulations Riley!

 **Bob Peton** said that his granddaughter Delaney finally has her boot off and is now using crutches.

 **Jean Arnold** gave praise that our one Compassion child, Shirley, turned sixteen years old. She is a special young lady.

 **Savannah Kurcina** gave praise that she is blessed to have a wonderful friendship with Miss Carol over the last 24 years. And that God had put the two of them together for a reason.

 **Lana Konopka** gave thanks that her son Nolan made it safely back home after visiting with his brother Nevin in South Dakota.

 **Carol Ludwig** stated how we were all blessed to have the families of Martha Lambert, Jean Arnold, Stephanie McCormick and Bob and Jennie Peton with us on Easter Sunday.

Carol also said that her ‘Secret Sister’ has blessed her with ‘special gifts’.

And she was very pleased to say that Tyler Felio, a young man in our congregation, did some yard work for her and she was very pleased. He is a hard worker.

 To start the Prayer Chain, call our Prayer Captain, Lori Rosneck, with your prayer request at 724-984-7757.

Anyone who is not receiving the prayer chain notices within our congregation, or if your phone number has changed, please give your phone number to Lori. (These messages include prayers, reminders for church activities, etc.)

BAMA - May

"Food for Falcons" food program is collecting personal items such as toothpaste/child sized toothbrushes, shampoo, and bar soap during the months of May and June. There will be a donation area in each participating BAMA church and at the end of the collection period the items will be gathered and taken to the Brownsville First Christian Church to be packed and sent home with selected elementary students. Packing will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 3:15 p.m.. If you can help, please show up!

The National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Cast Iron Amphitheater (downtown Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The rain location is Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville). The public is invited. Please bring a lawn chair! If the weather is iffy, watch the BAMA page on Facebook.

Malden Christian Fellowship (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville) is holding a weekly women’s meeting which is open to all ladies and teens. They will be meeting on Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2024, and discussing issues like depression, anxiety, grief, eating disorders, etc. The meetings are from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

 “Spring Bonanza” on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Mary’s Social Hall (118 Church St., Brownsville). Wear your Hawaiian shirts!

“Bag and Bling” on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sons of Italy in Brownsville. Admission is $25 and includes a beverage, lunch, and dessert Bar. The Grand “Door” Prize is $500.00. For more information please call 725-785-7062.

On Monday evenings, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the addiction recovery ministry There is Hope, a Christ-centered 12-step program, will be held at Malden Christian Fellowship (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville). It is open to those in recovery and those struggling with addiction as well as their family members or loved ones. For more information on this meeting or access to the Zoom meeting, please call 724-434-4597 or 724-785-3042.

“Young Adult Bible Study-Young at Heart Bible Study” at Malden Christian Fellowship (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville) on Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Leading the study will be Jadon Ruby. There will be refreshments.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a weekly prayer group. They meet on Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. Kristen Emrick is their pastor.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!! Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a monthly contemporary worship service on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

The BAMA meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville). Rev. Kristen Emrick will be the hostess. Rev. Laura Blank will share the devotions.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the parking lot of the St. Mary’s Social Hall (118 Church St., Brownsville) from 11:00 a.m. through noon. The food will be loaded directly into your car by volunteers and participants are asked to remain in their cars. Families must be registered with Fayette County Community Action Agency in order to receive food. Anyone who is not registered and lives in the Brownsville Area must complete the required paperwork before receiving their food and those who register on the day of the food bank are not guaranteed a box of food at the site and may have to travel to the food distribution warehouse in Republic. Families wishing to sign up on the distribution day will need to bring photo identification, the date of birth of each person in the household, and verification of address.

NOTE EARLY DATE DUE TO HOLIDAY!! The food bank at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Blood drive at the First Christian Church of Brownsville (512 Second Street, Brownsville) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Schedule your appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

**MAY** ***… Birthdays***

 1: D.J. Hixenbaugh Roebuck

 9: Robert Winwood

20: Kurt Boiselle

29: Paul Rosneck

1 Corinthians 1:3-7

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MAY*****… Anniversaries***

May 2: Cory and Allie Brashear

May 16: Alan and Kathy Scabis

May 29: J.D. and Krista Felio

May 31: Bill and Joyce Hughes

You bring so many wonderful and interesting people our way, God. No two are alike, and we enjoy the uniqueness of each one. Today we want to celebrate the relationships you have brought to our lives and to ask that you bring about your good purposes in and through them. Lead us in the process of discovering the beauty in each one, and show us how to give and receive the love and respect that must exist to make our relationships into celebrations.

To the family and friends of the following loved ones who went to be with our Lord.

**With Sympathy**

**Kaitlyn Whoolery**

November 23, 2023

**Georgette Baker**

Wednesday, April, 10, 2024

 **William ‘Tom’ Watson**

 Thursday, April 4, 2024

 **Gregory Wiland**

Monday, April 8, 2024

In Times of Sorrow

May you see God's light on the path ahead

When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness

Never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember

when the shadows fall,

You do not walk alone.

- Author Unknown

PRAYER LIST – *THE BIBLE SAYS*

 *- PRAY WITHOUT CEASING –*

We must always be ready to pray, because more can be done by prayer than anything else. There are many in our congregation and community in need of prayer. There are also those with unspoken needs that only our Father in heaven is aware of. Please ask God’s healing touch and loving presence to strengthen, encourage and sustain them.

**We have many people** on our prayer list who are in need of your continued prayer. Please look at the list of names below. We are a church that strongly believes in the power of prayer – so thank you for speaking to God on each person’s behalf.

Our Nation, Government, Israel War, Jerusalem, Missionaries, Pastors, Evangelists, World Leaders, Military, Russia/Ukraine, Rise of Evil

Debbie Pompei (having a rough time)

Jeremy Sanner (cancer/chemo treatments)

Joyce Smith (dialysis/having difficult time)

Carla Krofcheck (lymphoma/chemo)

Jeff Eperjesi (brain tumor)

Loretta Sepesy (lymphoma)

Candy Cupperman (spinal cancer/perforated bowel surgery)

Grandchildren of Candy Cupperman (please keep in prayer also)

Bob Shaw (diabetic/bad foot)

Bob Haley (skin cancer)

Allison I & II Communities (souls to come to Jesus/and youth)

Nancy Peton (healing/congestion)

2024 Presidential Election (return to God in America)

Disciples of Christ churches (grow in membership/spiritual growth)

Our school teachings/and children who are not able to attend Christian schools

Those who believe but have fallen away from attending church – place a yearning in them that they cannot ignore

Cindy Eadie (not feeling well)

Lois Scabis (LaFayette Manor/Rehab)

Michael Yingling’s children

Michael Kurcina (please keep in your prayers)

Paul Rosneck (blood pressure high)

Lana Konopka (vertigo)

Ron Krofcheck (ICU/heart attack)

Michelle (widow in need of a job)

Pastor Mike (work related stress/applied for a job)

Toni (passed out/waiting for test results)

Jeremy Angelo (burns on legs)

Bobbie Jo Hastings (cancer came back)

Nina Martinelli (fiancé died from COVID)

Jean’s Neighbor (recovering from surgery)

Nevin Konopka (complications after wisdom teeth were removed)

A Young Woman (crones/surgery)

Janice Carderelli (cancer pills damaged her heart)

Our Youth Group

Meghan (bad ankle sprain)

Nancy Evans (not feeling well)

Chuck (cancer)

UNSPOKEN: Nancy Evans Carol Ludwig Susie Combs

 Savannah Kurcina

TRAVELING: Dana and Greg Check

If there are any names from the previous month’s list that need to be placed back on our list, please inform the church office.

If You Meet God in the Morning,

He’ll Go with You through the Day

Each day at dawning I lift my heart high

And raise up my eyes to the infinite sky.

I watch the night vanish as a new day is born,

And I hear the birds sing on the wings of the morn.

I see the dew glisten in crystal-like splendor

While God, with a touch that is gentle and tender,

Wraps up the night and softly tucks it away

And hangs out the sun to herald a new day…

And so, I give thanks and my heart kneels to pray

“God, keep me and guide me and go with me today.”

**PRAYER FAMILIES** *And this is the boldness we have in God’s presence: That if we ask God for anything that agrees with what He wants, He hears us.*

Each month families are selected from the congregation to be lifted up in prayer. So please add the following to your daily prayers, and ask God to give them wisdom and guidance, and to pour out many blessings upon them, as they continue their walk with the living Lord.

 **MAY Prayer Families:**

 5: Ron, Rebecca & Anna Rosiek

12: Rick and Denise Marker

19: Lois Scabis

26: Will Chambers

**“Pray for others before praying for yourself.”**

**“It is not only our duty to pray for others, but also to desire the prayers of others for ourselves.”**

**– William Gurnall**

**“When you pray for others God listens to you and blessed them.**

**So, when you are safe and happy remember that someone is praying for you.”**

MAY 2024

Mother’s day - wear pink

Pentecost Sunday - wear red

Bake sale is for our compassion children

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12Mother’s Day | 13 | 14Board Meeting7:00 PM | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19PentecostBake Sale  | 20Bible Study7:00 | 21Evangelism 6:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27Memorial Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |
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All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.

You feed them from the abundance of your own house,

Letting them drink from your river of delights.

PSALM 36:7-8

** **Year to Date Income – As of MARCH**

Envelopes $15,956.95

Church 486.00

Capital Campaign 420.00

Special: Blanket

 Soup-er Bowl 116.00

 Week of Compassion 413.74

 Pentecost .00

 Easter 160.00

 Reconciliation .00

 Thanksgiving .00

 Christmas .00

Christmas Eve Offering .00

Card Order Deposit .00

Love Gift 150.00

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Hall Rent

Insurance Refund

Voided Check #6685 .00

Deposit Correction

Interest

Retreat Refund

X-Factor Tithe

Sale of Electric Piano .00

Bucks in a Basket 164.00

Mark Cordero .00

Memorial Fund .00

Compassion Child Bake Sale

Shipping Christmas Boxes .00

Praise Fest .00

Youth Group .00

Rada .00

Fundraisers:

 Jelly .00

 Flowers 521.00

 Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$18,387.69**

**Total Expenses**  **$15,359.97**

**ALLISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH – TREASURER’S REPORT**

**MARCH RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 5,975.04

Church 255.00

Week of Compassion 10.00

Bucks I a Basket 92.00

Easter Flowers 521.00

Easter Offering 160.00

Capital Campaign 225.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $7,238.04**

**EXPENDITURES $5,404.76**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of February 29, 2024 12,978.15

NO ACTIVITY IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Balance as of March 31, 2024 12,978.15

**I know it isn’t close to the Christmas holiday –**

**but it is never to early to start thinking of ways to give to others.**

**Birthday presents for Jesus at Christmas**

Every Christmas, my family would read the Bible story about Jesus’ birth before our children got to open their Christmas presents. We would always remind them it was Jesus’ birthday we were celebrating. But last year, we realized if it's Jesus’ birthday we're celebrating, why aren’t we giving any gifts to Jesus? The Bible says when you give to the least of these, you're giving to the LORD. So, this past Christmas, we gave each of our children a specific amount of money, which was worth far more than the Christmas presents they'd be opening in a few minutes. We then gave them a list of needy people and missionaries. Each of them had to then choose and tell everyone how they were going to give the money they had as a Christmas present to Jesus. Afterwards, we opened our gifts.

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN MAY:**

Elders: 5 & 12: Stephanie McCormick (B) Carol Ludwig (C)

19 & 26: Bob Peton (B) Nicholas Rosneck (C)

Diaconate: Susie Combs

Alternate: Lori Rosneck

Preparers: Susie Combs and Nancy Evans

Greeter: Savannah Kurcina and Jean Arnold

Worship Leader: Stephanie McCormick

The bread and the cup are signs of God’s everlasting covenant, God’s promise to be present with us always. Sometimes when life is difficult, we are tempted to forget that. It may seem that darkness and evil have the upper hand. But at the Lord’s Table, we are reminded that through Jesus Christ, God has overcome the darkness. When you come to the table, Christ invites you to lay your cares on the altar and receive the promise of God’s abundant love and presence.

**JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE**

***\*If you are not able to serve that Sunday,***

***please call Rick Marker at - 724-322-7254.***

 5 TRACY GLIDDEN

12 DENISE MARKER

19 BILL HUGHES

26 SUSIE COMBS

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**SUNDAY**

**SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Under the direction of:

Pre K – Kindergarten –

1st – 3rd Grade - Susan Toth

4th - 12th Grade - Bob Peton

Adults - Rick Marker

TWELVE RULES OF RAISING CHILDREN

1. Remember that a child is a gift from God, the richest of all blessings. Do not attempt to mold him in the image of yourself, your father, your brother or your neighbor. Each child is an individual and should be permitted to be himself.
2. Don’t crush a child’s spirit when he fails. And never compare him with others who have outshone him.
3. Remember that anger and hostility are natural emotions. Help your child to find socially acceptable outlets for these normal feelings or they may be turned inward and erupt in the form of physical or mental illness.
4. Discipline your child with firmness and reason. Don’t let YOUR anger throw you off balance. If he knows you are fair, you will not lose his respect or his love. And make sure the punishment fits the crime. Even the youngest child has a keen sense of justice.
5. Remember that each child needs TWO parents. Present a united front. Never join with your child (as well as in yourself) emotional conflicts. It can also create feelings of guilt, confusion and insecurity.
6. Do not hand your child everything his little heart desires. Permit him to know the thrill of earning and the joy of achieving. Grant him the greatest of all satisfactions, the pleasure that comes with personal accomplishment.
7. Do not set yourself up as the epitome of perfection. This is a difficult role to play 24 hours a day. You will find it easier to communicate with your child if you let him know that Mom and Dad can err, too.
8. Don’t make threats in anger or impossible promises when you are in a generous mood. Threaten or promise only that which you can live up to. To a child, a parent’s word means everything. The child who has lost faith in his parents has difficulty believing in anything.
9. Do not smother your child with superficial manifestations of “love.” The purest and healthiest love expresses itself in day-in, day-out training which breeds self-confidence and independence.
10. Teach your child there is dignity in hard work, whether it is performed with callused hands that shovel coal or skilled fingers that manipulate surgical instruments. Let him know a useful life is a blessed one and a life of ease and pleasure-seeking is empty and meaningless.
11. Do not try to protect your child against every small blow and disappointment. Adversity strengthens character and makes us compassionate. Trouble is the great equalizer. Let him learn it.
12. Teach your child to love God and to love his fellow men. Don’t SEND your child to a place of worship, TAKE him there. Children learn from example. Telling him something is not teaching him. If you give your child a deep and abiding faith in God, it can be his strength and his light when all else fails.