THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2025

APRIL



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

SO LITTLE TIME

So little time to say the things

You’d really like to say –

Before you even find the words,

The time just slips away.

So little time to do the things

You feel that you must do.

So treasure, like the purest gold,

The time God’s given you.

So little time to dream your dreams,

For youth has passed its prime,

And all too soon you realize

That there’s…so little time.



PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

 **Carol Ludwig** gave praise that her granddaughter Alyssa and husband Josh Weaver are the proud parents of a baby boy born on February 22, 2025 and weighed 8.6 lbs. He was 20 inches long and was named Ryan Albert Weaver.

 Congratulations to Alyssa and Josh and also to Carol who is officially now a great-grandmother.

And Carol felt blessed that Alyssa had said that her nurse reminded her of Carol.

 **Savannah Kurcina** thanked everyone for all the prayers for her father, Michael Kurcina, during his medical tests.

 **Blanch Markiewicz** is proud of Aundrea Newcomer for passing her drivers test.

 **Greg Check** thanked everyone for their prayers during and after his knee surgery.

 **Bill Hughes** gave praise the Greg Check was back in church after having knee surgery and is doing well.

 **Nancy Evans** was happy that her sister Genny Arnold and her niece Lora Thomas were with us in church.

 **Joyce Hampton** is thankful that God answers prayers.

 **Denise Marker** mentioned how wonderful it is to see the hand of God in the Spring season.

 **Candy Kinnan** thanked everyone for all the prayers.

 **Mamadou Ndiaye** (who is now living in Erie) is thankful and really enjoys being able to watch our sermons every Sunday on Facebook.

 **Bob Peton** gave praise that his friend Lupey Relosky who has been going through cancer treatments – had his final treatment – and was able to ‘ring the bell’ and is now cancer free.

 **Stephanie McCormick** had been taking care of her sister Tarita’s dog and it had gotten out of their yard. She feared that they may not find it but he was found a mile and half away – tracking his way back to his home at Tarita’s.

 **Lori Rosneck** thanked Paul for putting together a wonderful birthday dinner at their house. There was a smorgasbord of food and everyone had their fill. She also thanked everyone for coming.

 To start the Prayer Chain, call our Prayer Captain, Lori Rosneck, with your prayer request at 724-984-7757 or Paul Rosneck at 412-953-7800.

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 or Paul. (These messages include prayers, reminders for church activities, etc.)

BAMA - MARCH

"Food For Falcons" food program is collecting Pop-tarts and ravioli bowls during the months of March and April. 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.

Folks will be packing for the “Food For Falcons” program on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second Street, Brownsville). If you can help, please show up!

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a weekly prayer group. They will meet on Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. Kristen Emrick is the pastor.

Malden Christian Fellowship (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville) is holding a weekly women’s meeting open to all ladies and teens. They will be meeting on Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2025, and discussing issues like depression, anxiety, grief, eating disorders, etc. The meetings are from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the Malden Christian Fellowship Church (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor Roger Diehl of the Allison Nazarene Church. The public is invited! The service may also be viewed on the Brownsville Area Ministerial Association’s Facebook page at the time of the service or shortly thereafter. The service will be cancelled if the Brownsville Area School District is closed or closes early that day due to inclement weather.

On Sunday, April 6 and 20, 2025, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Allison Christian Church (452 East Ave., Allison) is holding a youth group meeting. All youth from any denomination are welcome and you do NOT have to be a member of Allison Christian Church to participate. Families/kids of all school ages are welcome. There will be Bible lessons, games, a monthly baking contest, crafts, food, and snacks. Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025, 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.

\*\*\*\*The BAMA meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Allison Christian Church (452 East Ave., Allison). Mrs. Stephanie McCormick will be the hostess and Rev. Laura Blank will share the devotions.

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the BROWNSVILLE First Christian Church (512 Second Street, Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor Keith Almond past president of BAMA. The public is invited! The service may also be viewed on the Brownsville Area Ministerial Association’s Facebook page at the time of the service or shortly thereafter. The service will be cancelled if the Brownsville Area School District is closed or closes early that day due to inclement weather.

Sunday, April 13 is Palm Sunday. Join a local congregation for a nice start of Holy Week.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 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.

Thursday, April 17, 2025, is Maundy Thursday. Please see the BAMA Facebook page to find a local church who will be holding this special service.

Friday, April 18, 2025, is Good Friday. There will be a BAMA supported “Cross Walk” that will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church (215 Church Street, Brownsville) and end at the Cast Iron Amphitheater downtown. The public is invited to this solemn walk. Rev. Kristen Emrick will be the leader.

Food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be crafts, an egg hunt, the Easter story, and refreshments! Please bring a basket to collect eggs. Children from ages 1-10 are welcome. Please call the church office to register 724-785-3080.

Easter Egg Hunt at Malden Christian Fellowship (343 Old National Pike, Brownsville) on Saturday, April 19 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The public is invited for food, fellowship, and fun!

Easter Sunday, April 20. Please join a local church in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord!

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the St. Peter’s Church Parish Center (118 Church Street, Brownsville) which is adjacent to the parish office of the Historic Church of St. Peter and St. Cecilia. Appointments can be scheduled at 1-800-733-2767.

The food bank at The First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

The National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 1, 2025. The service will be held at the Cast Iron Amphitheater (downtown Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited. Please bring a lawn chair! The rain location is Fort Burd Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville). If the weather is iffy, watch the BAMA page on Facebook for the location.

Love in Christ, Missy

**APRIL*****… Birthdays***

 5: Philip Scabis

 6: Mallory Rosneck

 8: Tyler Felio

13: Penny roebuck

15: Kaitlin Scabis

18: Alexander Scabis

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**Bible verses for Birthdays**

Include a Bible verse in a birthday card or birthday text to a friend to show your gratitude for God placing them in your life. If it’s your own birthday, turn to these prayers as you celebrate another year of the gift of life from Him.

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**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.



April 18: Chuck & Stephanie McCormick

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

**With Sympathy**

**Deanna Rouse**

February 6, 2025

**Jeff Eperjesi**

February 21, 2025

**Dylan Bowman**

February 26, 2025

**Genevieve Capatosti**

February 28, 2025

**Mary Fordyce**

March 20, 2025

A vision of heaven

One of Jesus’ closest followers, John, had a vision of heaven, which he describes as a place where sadness, pain and death itself end once and for all. He wrote about the vision in the last book of the Bible called Revelation.

Revelation is the Bible’s most mysterious book using deeply poetic picture language to depict what might be thought of as indescribable. John uses extravagant images of cities, weddings and a fruitful garden city to share his vision of heaven as a place of peace, happiness, justice and enjoyment of God’s presence.

Beyond that, the Bible gives only hints of what humans will experience beyond death. However, the hints are sufficient to thrill us that humans should anticipate an exhilarating and beautiful experience in the magnificent presence of God

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, Society, Government, Israel, Jerusalem, Missionaries, Pastors/Evangelists, World Leaders, Military, Rise of Evil, Christians being persecuted

Mrs. Brenda Coleman (depression)

Tarita Burle (nursing home issues)

Lana Konopka (job searching)

Kevin Smith (hospice)

Meghen (in need of prayer)

Jim Shwallen (lung cancer complications)

Anjuli Swords (liver cancer)

Mark Kinnan (test on his spleen)

Debbie Gola (cancer treatments)

Nick (open heart surgery)

Jeremy Sanner (heart surgery recovery)

Jessie Vance (in hospital)

Lauren (brain infection/possible surgery)

Candy Kinnan (recovering from surgery)

Michael Kurcina (results from stress test/needs to see cardiologist)

Joyce Hampton (not feeling well)

Lori (stomach surgery)

Sharon Hunter (skin cancer)

Tracy Glidden (waiting for test results)

Nevin Konopka (great job opportunity)

UNSPOKEN: Savannah Kurcina Carol Ludwig

 Nancy Evans Sue Combs

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.

**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.

 **APRIL Prayer Families:**

 6: Adam, Brittany, Everly & Enzley Rosneck

13: Our Youth Group

20: Mamadou Ndiaye and Family

27: Susan Toth

**Praying with the Spirit -- Romans 8:18–30**

Paul mentions this mysterious ministry of prayer in the context of a larger discussion about the Spirit’s work in our lives. All those who have the Holy Spirit living in them “are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit” (v. 9). The apostle makes it clear in this same verse that everyone who belongs to Christ also has the Holy Spirit. The Spirit’s presence obligates us to live “according to the Spirit” (v. 12). We do this by living in the power of the Spirit. God’s Spirit enables us to resist the impulses of the sinful nature (v. 13).

 This does not mean that those who possess the Spirit never struggle. In verse 18 Paul acknowledges that Christians suffer. The struggle may be so intense that even we who “have the firstfruits of the Spirit” often “groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies” (v. 23). The Holy Spirit groans along with us but His groans are prayers. The Spirit “intercedes for us” (v. 26), and “he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God” (v. 27).

No wonder Paul can say that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (v. 28). What the Holy Spirit prays always agrees with God’s will. His requests for us are never refused.

While you may sometimes be at a loss for words, the Holy Spirit never is.

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness” (v. 26). He knows just how to pray for you.

APRIL 2025

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5Road clean up 9:00 |
| 6Bucks in a basket | 7 | 8Board Meeting 7:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12Road clean up rain date |
| 13Palm Sunday | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 | 18Good Friday | 19 |
| 20Easter | 21 | 22Evangelism Visitation 6:30 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27Order forms - see below | 28 | 29Bible Study 7:00 | 30VBS planning meeting 6:30 |  |  |  |
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**Sunday 13th** – Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary’s in Uniontown. See Bill Hughes for details.

**Thursday 17th** – PRAYER VIGIL begins after the Maundy Thursday service and will continue till 7:00 pm on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet has been provided for you to write your name down in a specified time slot.

**Sunday 27th** – Pepperoni Order Forms need to be handed in to Jean Arnold on this day. The delivery date will be on Friday May 2nd (which will be at the church).

By Dr. Kenneth Kuykendall: For some believers the only time they encounter the Lord is through an organized, corporate worship experience. Their spiritual development is confined to a few services a week (if that), and they give no thought or commitment to their faith in Christ unless something goes terribly wrong.

But God has called us to walk with Him every single day. If you are like me, I do not feel (or even act) spiritual all the time, certainly not every day; but our feelings do not change the fact that God longs to be with us. Our relationship with Christ cannot be strong if we only meet with Him for a few minutes a week.

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN APRIL:**

Elders: 6 & 13: Paul Rosneck (B) Rick Marker (C)

20 & 27: Bob Peton (B) Will Chambers (C)

Diaconate: Bill Hughes

Alternate: Dan Seizak

Preparers: Chuck McCormick and Tracy Glidden

Greeter: Dan Seizak and Jerry Kessler

Worship Leader: Bob Peton

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.***

 6 DENISE MARKER

13 TRICIA REPOSKY

20 EASTER

27 TRACY GLIDDEN

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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

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

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Envelopes $10,378.00

Church 364.00

Capital Campaign 552.00

Special: Blanket

 Soup-er Bowl 250.00

 Week of Compassion 549.00 Pentecost .00

 Easter .00

 Reconciliation .00

 Thanksgiving …00

 Christmas 20.00

Christmas Eve Offering .00

Love Gift .00

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Insurance Refund

Voided Check .00

Interest

Retreat Refund

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund .00

Deposit Correction .00

Bucks in a Basket 69.00

Mark Cordero .00

Memorial Fund .00

Compassion Child Bake Sale .00

Hurricane Relief .00

Property Damage Donation .00

Youth Group .00

Rada .70

Fundraisers:

 Jelly .00

 Flowers .00

 Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$12,182.00**

**Total Expenses**  **$10,340.83**

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

**FEBRUARY RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 5,637.00

Church 194.00

Week of Compassion 549.00

Bucks in a Basket .00

Soup-er Bowl 250.00

Capital Campaign 445.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $7,075.00**

**EXPENDITURES $5,953.88**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of January 31, 2025 12,775.18

2/4/2025 Dep Cash 350.00 13,125.18

 (Tithes)

Balance as of February 28, 2025 13,125.18

There is Blessing in the Tithe

I believe that the Lord wants to bless his people through tithing. God does not need our tithe… His purpose will be accomplished either way. However, we have a good father who desires to prosper us! All we have to do is believe and act in faith.

“Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:6–7

“The generous man will be prosperous, And, he who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:25

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10

Tithing has built my faith and continues to keep me in check. It’s a great reminder of who is truly Lord of my life. You can see what is truly important to a person by watching how they spend their money!

 PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Who, though he was in the form of God,

Did not regard equality with God

As something to be exploited.

But emptied himself,

Taking the form of a slave.

Being born in human likeness,

And being found in human form.

He humbled himself and became obedient

to the point of death –

Even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him,

And gave him the name that is above every name.

So, that at the name of Jesus

Every knee should bend,

In heaven and on earth and under the earth.

And every tongue should confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord,

To the glory of God the Father.



JELLY BEAN PRAYER

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Lord, in my basket I see six jelly beans…

What could they mean?

SPECKLED is for the stain of my sin.

RED is for blood, my salvation He’d win.

BLUE is for Baptism when faith I received.

WHITE is for cleansing of sin. I believe!

GREEN is for studying His word so I’ll grow.

And YELLOW is for the promise of heaven.

Where one day I’ll go!

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SPECKLED – stands for our sin

 “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23

RED – stands for the blood of Jesus

 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” - John 3:16

BLUE – stands for Baptism

 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..” - Mark 16:16

WHITE – we are now clean and forgiven

 “…wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” - Psalms 51:7

GREEN – is for growing in the Lord

 ”But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our

Lord..” - 2 “Peter 3:18

YELLOW – stands for the promise of eternal life.

 “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” - John 14:2