THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2024

DECEMBER



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**



READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you ready for Christmas -

Is your shopping all done?

Got the house clean and sparkling –

Cakes and cookies and some

Of the goodies all made?

Are they packed in the freezer

And your plans are all laid?

But are you ready for Jesus to come?

Do you know what the Christ child’s birth means?

Is your heart clean and sin free?

Is your soul filled with love

For God and your fellowman?

Will you keep the Lord Jesus in your heart all year through?

Will you give Him the glory and praise?

Will you pray and then listen?

His answer accept?

Share His cross for the rest of your days?

If you’re not ready

Your Lord to accept –

Then get down on your knees right away,

And pray to your Father in heaven,

Send the Savior to your life today.

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

**Denise Marker** gave praise that God opened the door to share His love through Trunk or Treat that was held at the Allison Fire Hall.

**Susan Toth** gave remembrance of the 6th anniversary of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting. She also announced the RADA profit of $216.75.

**Carol Ludwig** gave God the Glory for two unspoken prayer requests that has been fulfilled. She also was happy to announce that her granddaughter who turned 26 years old is pregnant with her first child. Congratulations Alyssa.

**Jean Arnold** said how thankful Candy Kinnan is that her daughter’s surgery was successful. And she also sends best wishes to Nevin who traveled from South Dakota to Texas for job training in the Air Force.

**Shelley Williams** gave praise that Carla’s PET scan was clear.

**Pastor Mike Peton** thanked everyone for all the prayers for Frank Angelilli after his accident. Please continue to prayer for family and friends since his passing.

**If there had never been a Christmas or**

**the Holy Christ Child’s birth,**

**Or the angels singing in the sky of promises PEACE on EARTH—**

**What would the world be like today with no ETERNAL GOAL,**

**What would the temporal body be without a living soul—**

**Just what would give us courage to push on when hope is dead**

**Except the Christmas message and the words OUR FATHER said—**

**“In love I send My only Son to live and die for you,**

**And through His resurrection you will gain a new life, too.”**

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

BAMA - DECEMBER

"Food for Falcons" food program is collecting pudding cups or meat sticks/Slim Jims during the month of December. 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.

On Sunday, December 1 and 15, 2024, 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, monthly baking contest, crafts, food, and snacks. Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 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, please call 724-785-3042.

Folks will be packing for the “Food for Falcons” program on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 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 meet on Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, and 31, 2024 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 which is open to all ladies and teens. They will be meeting on Thursdays, December 5, and 12, 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.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a monthly contemporary worship service on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. the Tower Hill Christian Church will host a Christmas Festival in the Main Street parking lot in Republic. There will be vendors, face painting, free hot cocoa and cookies, a coloring contest and more! Music by Josh Richey. The public is invited!

There will be a "Brunch with Santa" at the South Brownsville United Methodist Church (412 Second Street, Brownsville) on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Along with fun activities, there will be free hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and drinks for the children. Santa will be bringing gifts for the children!

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 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.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, December 19, 2024, from noon till 5:00 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.

There will be a food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The food bank at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Many churches are having Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. More information is coming!

Love in Christ,

Missy

**DECEMBER** ***… Birthdays***

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3: Audrey Marker

3: Janessa Lambert

7: Michael Kurcina

12: Chris Burle

20: Joyce Hughes

26: Delaney Reposky

26: Nancy Evans

28: Lana Konopka

28: Barbara Winwood

**DECEMBER*****… Anniversaries***

December 21: Rick and Denise Marker

December 21: Wally and Penny Roebuck



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

**With Sympathy**

**Julius Franks**

Friday, October 18, 2024

**Wilma Franko**

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

**Frak Angelilli**

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

**Gerald Slampak**

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

**Fred Imperiale**

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Lamentations 3:21-24

But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is thy faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,

“therefore I will hope in him.”

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 War, Jerusalem, Missionaries, Pastors/Evangelists, World Leaders, Military, Russia/Ukraine, Rise of Evil

Nancy Evans (not feeling well)

Carl Williams (not well)

Max Miller (surgery on his eyes)

Mary (healing from leg amputation)

Max (child who Savannah’s mom takes to school has COVID)

Sam Abram (Vietnam Veteran/Leukemia)

Angelilli Family (the passing of Frank Angelilli)

Bobbie Tame (Fibromyalgia)

Ashton Reposky (heart and kidney problems/Dr appointments)

Baby Emma (prayers for God to allow them to keep her)

Phil Fordyce’s mom and step father (for deliverance)

Nevin Konopka (in Texas for training)

Nancy Peton (not feeling well)

Stephanie McCormick (waiting for test results)

Enzley and Adam Rosneck (not feeling well)

Gerald (pneumonia)

UNSPOKEN: Jean Arnold Lana Konopka Carol Ludwig

Savannah Kurcina

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.

**DECEMBER Prayer Families:**

1: Michael and Kathy Brashear and Family

8: Clare and Wendy Bargerstock

15: Michael and Helen Yingling

22: Penny Roebuck

29: Greg and Dana Check and Marlene Evans

**God commands us to pray for others.**

Job 42:10 “And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

1 John 5:14 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

Colossians 4:2 “Devote yourselvesto prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

DECEMBER 2024

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10  Board Mtg.  7:00 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  Singing 2:00 |
| 15  Bucks in a  Basket  Christmas  Dinner  4:00 | 16 | 17  Evangelism  6:30 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24  Christmas Eve Service 8:00 | 25  Merry Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31  New Year’s  Eve |  |  |  |  |
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December 14th –

Singing at Uniontown Health and Rehab – 2:00

December 15th –

Christmas Covered Dish Dinner – 4:00

(revealing Secret Sisters)

"May God's richest blessings be yours today and always.

May His grace abound toward you,

may His love cascade over you,

and may the rivers of His goodness flow abundantly through you,

in the name of Jesus. Amen

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN DECEMBER:**

Elders: 1 & 8: Will Chambers (B) Rick Marker (C)

15 & 22: Stephanie McCormick (B) Carol Ludwig (C)

29: Bob Peton (B) Nicholas Rosneck (C)

Diaconate: Tracy Glidden

Alternate: Paul Rosneck

Preparers: Chuck McCormick and Tracy Glidden

Greeter: Nancy Evans

Worship Leader: Rick Marker

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.***

1 LANA KONOPKA

8 NANCY EVANS

15 NICHOLAS ROSNECK

22 CHRISTMAS

29 PAUL ROSNECK

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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 OCTOBER**

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Envelopes $49,964.17

Church 1,743.00

Capital Campaign 1,565.00

Special: Blanket

Soup-er Bowl 116.00

Week of Compassion 413.74

Pentecost 222.00

Easter 170.00

Reconciliation 100.00

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 #6686 & 6773 375.00

Voided Check 60.00

Interest

Retreat Refund

X-Factor Tithe

Deposit Correction 60.00

Bucks in a Basket 591.00

Mark Cordero .00

Memorial Fund 870.00

Compassion Child Bake Sale 319.00

Hurricane Relief 605.00

Property Damage Donation 300.00

Youth Group .00

Rada 810.25

Fundraisers:

Jelly .00

Flowers 521.00

Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$58,955.16**

**Total Expenses**  **$53,541.39**

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

**OCTOBER RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 4,078.05

Church 244.00

Reconciliation 100.00

Fundraiser 810.25

Hurricane Relief 605.00

Memorial Fund 50.00

Capital Campaign 145.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $6,032.30**

**EXPENDITURES $8,148.32**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of September 30, 2024 12,978.15

NO ACTIVITY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Balance as of October 31, 2024 12,978.15

One day a friend asked my opinion on tithing so I decided to share how the Lord has blessed my finances. It was not always rainbows and butterflies…

My husband, Steve, and I were still students at the University of North Texas when we were married in August 2007. And being young and broke college students, we were living on love. And credit cards.

I remember sitting on the bed, in our little one bedroom apartment, crying about not having enough money to buy groceries that week. I believe that sometimes it takes hitting rock bottom to wake us up. Needless to say, we did not starve! God always provided for our needs.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

We realized that we needed to make some changes with our spending habits. Fast forward a couple of years, we move back to East Texas and got plugged into a local church. I started going to a women’s bible study where the topic of tithing came up. I wasn’t very familiar with the subject. So, I started doing research and talking to coworkers and friends about their views on the topic. I borrowed a copy of The Blessed Life, which really helped me understand God’s purpose for my finances and his plan for abundance in our lives.

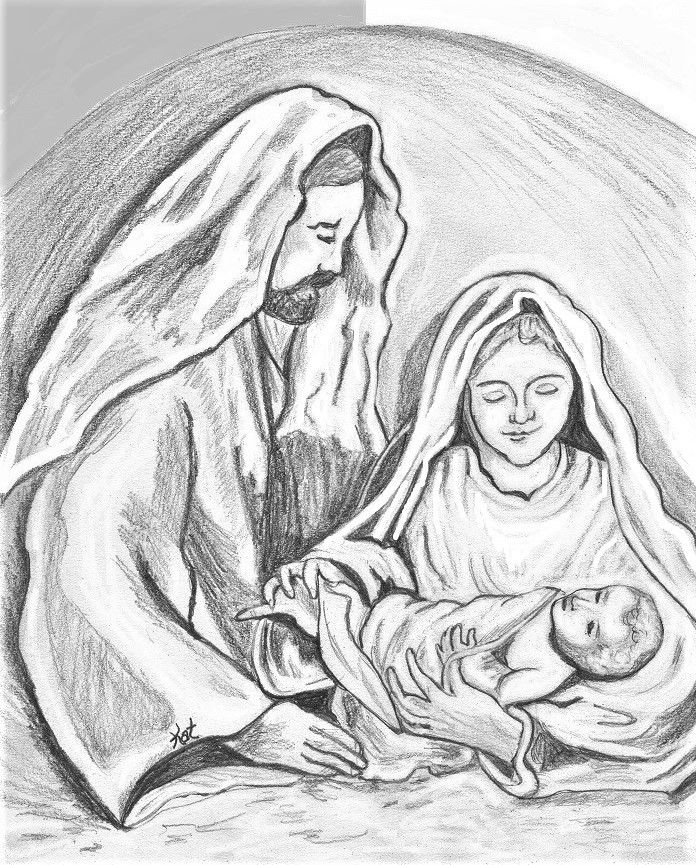
After some thought, we decided that we needed to be obedient to God. So, we began tithing the first 10% of our gross income to our home church. It wasn’t easy and honestly, as a very practical person, it did not make sense to me. I remember thinking… We are trying really hard to pay down our debit and make smart financial choices and now we are going to start giving ten percent of it away!?! Looking back, I can see how God used tithing to grow my faith in Him.

LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER

A long time ago in Germany a mother was busily cleaning for Christmas. The spiders fled upstairs to the attic to escape the broom. When the house became quiet the spiders slowly crept downstairs for a peek. Oh what a beautiful tree! In their excitement they scurried up the trunk and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were through climbing, the tree was completely shrouded in their dusty gray spider web. Then Santa Claus came with the gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled as he saw how happy the spiders were, but knew how heartbroken the mother would be if she saw the tree covered with the dusty webs. So, he turned the webs to silver and gold. The tree sparkled and simmered and was even more beautiful than before. That’s why we have tinsel on our trees and every tree should have a Christmas srpide in it’s branches.



Holy Night



Hush,

The Baby sleeps

In the arms of His loving mother.

The night is still

And the beasts of the stable

Hover near

In soundless adoration.

Hush,

The world’s asleep

In the dreams of this loving Infant,

And our hearts are still

In boundless adoration.

Sleep, Child, sleep

Your sleep of purity.

Sleep, world, sleep

In God’s security.

---Van Varner