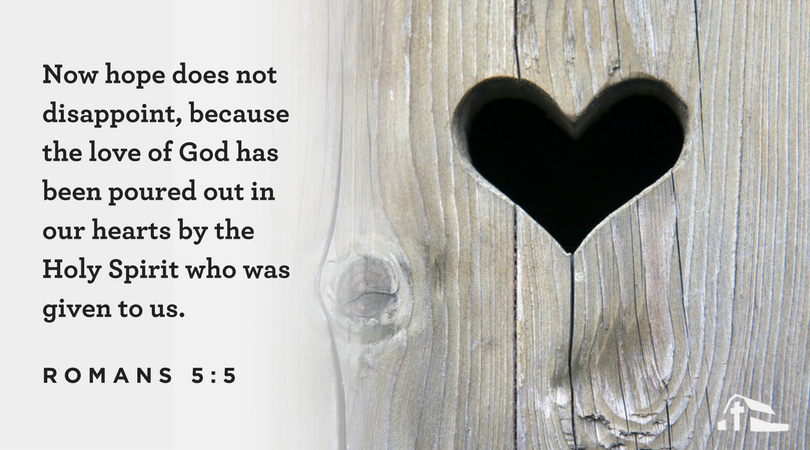
THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2025

FEBRUARY



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**



Messages of love are being conveyed this month via Valentine’s Day cards, letters, chocolates and flowers. Many of those messages are genuine expressions of love that are confirmed in lives of unselfish devotion and caring. Others, however, are flippant, whimsical and soon forgotten.

When certain people express their love for us, don’t we sometimes feel tempted to say, “If you really love me, show it”? The problem is to determine whether the declaration is more than just words.

The Bible abounds in declarations of God’s love for us. Indeed, the word love is probably one of the most used words in scripture. In what has come to be known as “the golden text of the Bible,” we encounter these memorable words: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16)

But words can be cheap. In light of the easy and trite expressions of love around us, we may understandably be tempted to wonder whether those statements about God’s love are in the same category.

The Bible itself constantly points to calvary, where Jesus Christ sacrificed himself to pay for our sins as the concrete, irrefutable demonstration of divine love for us. “We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us”.

The apostle Paul affirmed that the believer experiences daily from the time of conversion was related to Jesus’ death for him: “So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20)

God’s love for you is not uncertain – it is everlasting. It’s an abiding, unchanging love. “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can’t keep God’s love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

That’s an affirmation of love that you can take at face value.

God’s eternal message of love to you is the gift of salvation. But it’s yours only when you accept it by admitting your sin and need of forgiveness and trusting Jesus Christ and his power to save.

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

**Shelley Williams** was happy to announce that she and Carl are great grandparents of baby Sophia who was born on January 2nd..

**Joyce Hampton** gave praise that although her smoke alarm went off on Christmas Eve (and she wasn’t able to come to the church service) she thanked God that she was still home when her furnace was pouring out smoke. And she was able to get someone there to fix it..

with an electrophysiologist had gone better than expected.

**Bob Peton** gave thanks that his daughter Jodi and family were with then. It was nice to see Jodi in church.

**Dana Check** was very happy to say that her mother is doing better after having influenza A. And also, she is now officially retired. Congratulations Dana!!

**Lana Konopka** was so happy to be able to visit with her son, Nevin, in South Dakota before he was deployed.

 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.)

How to spread God's love

Spreading God's love means:

Be kind:

Consider others' needs - do things that make their lives better.

Forgive others:

Your willingness to forgive others is a sign of your spiritual health.

Love others:

Love others as God loves you.

Be patient:

God is patient, so love should be patient too.

BAMA - FEBRUARY

The BAMA Christian Unity service will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Cecilia Parish Church (1571 Grindstone Road, Grindstone). The snow date will be Thursday, February 6, 2025 at the same time and location. Father Efren Ambre is the host. Honored will be the volunteers of the blood bank at the Brownsville First Christian Church.

The Brownsville Area Ministerial Association’s "Food for Falcons" food program is collecting fruit snacks/Roll-ups, Chapsticks, or macaroni and cheese cups during the month of February. 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, February 2 and February 16, 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, monthly baking contest, crafts, food, and snacks. Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 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.

Folks will be packing for the “Food for Falcons” program on Tuesday, February 4, 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 meet on Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. Kristen Emrick is their 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, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a monthly contemporary worship service on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

There will be a food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 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.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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.

The food bank at The First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Love in Christ,

Missy

Have a Good Day and a Nice Forever

**FEBRUARY*****… Birthdays***

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5: Savannah Kurcina

8: Becca Hixenbaugh

Roebuck

11: Susie Combs

12: Nolan Konopka

16: Everly Rosneck

22: Tricia Reposky

25: Tracy Glidden

**Celebrating birthdays**

The birthdays of our loved ones offer us a special day to show love and gratitude to those people in our lives. On our own birthdays, we pause for reflection on the previous year, celebrate our journey thus far, and look forward to what the future holds.



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

**With Sympathy**

**Lisa Swiantek**

Friday, December 27, 2024

**David Kovachick**

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

**Joe**

**Heaven**

*Jesus frequently talked about the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Jesus frequently referred to the ‘kingdom of heaven’. Heaven is regularly referenced in the Bible, the collection of books and letters, which Christians recognise as inspired by God.

Jesus used parables – simple stories - to describe heaven, often implying that we can catch a glimpse of heaven as we draw close to him. Talking about his ‘heavenly Father,’ he told his followers that when he left them he was going to his ‘Father’s house’ to prepare a place for them. The Bible explains that Jesus was ‘taken up into heaven’ after he was raised from the dead and had appeared alive to many people, eating meals with some of them, showing that he was not a ghost or an apparition but a living, breathing, physical body.

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

Jennifer Martin (in need of prayer)

Tyler Felio (hurt his hand/needs x-ray)

Denise Marker (hurt her shoulder/torn rotator cuff)

Nick Barak (taken by ambulance)

Norma Yeardie (not feeling well)

Meghan (health issues)

Nevin Konopka and military crew (deployment)

Residents in nursing home (not well)

Dan Lucy (knee surgery recovery)

Grandfather of student at day care center (had a stroke)

Victims of California Wildfires

Bob Shaw (palliative care)

Ted Dobransky (cancer)

Debbie Pompei (her dog passed away)

Grandma Mary (in need of prayer)

Madylin Hess (broke her hip)

UNSPOKEN: Brandon Watson Lana Konopka Susie Combs

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.

**FEBRUARY Prayer Families:**

2: James Cramer, Gloris, Roger & Derek Lighthall

9: Joyce Hampton, Jenna Sanner and Eric Krofcheck

16: Blanch Markiewicz

23: Lana, Nevin and Nolan Konopka

**Why should we pray for others?**

We pray for others for comfort, for salvation, for healing, for safety – for any number of reasons. God uses prayer to align our hearts to His will. We can pray that someone comes to know God, or that God will allow their lost dog to return home – we can pray for any reason at all.

James 5:14 “Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

Colossians 4:3-4 “And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”

FEBRUARY 2025

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9  Bucks in a Basket | 10 | 11  Board Mtg  7:00 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18  Evangelism  6:30 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |  |
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Make Note of What is Important and What is Not.

There are some things we shouldn’t worry over; there are some things we shouldn’t waste our time on; there are some things we need to rid from our lives. With the hectic schedules of life, we can lose place for God if not careful. Take inventory of every hour during the week; and summarize what you have really done for the Lord. Dismiss those things that are not beneficial to your walk.



SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN FEBRUARY:**

Elders: 2: Bob Peton (B) Will Chambers (C)

9 & 16: Carol Ludwig (B) Stephanie McCorrnick

23: Rick Marker (B) Paul Rosneck (C)

Diaconate: Savannah Kurcina

Alternate: Lana Konopka

Preparers: Rick Marker

Greeter: Tracy Glidden

Worship Leader: Denise MarkerThe 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.***

2 DENISE MARKER

9 BILL HUGHES

16 BOB PETON

23 SUSIE

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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 DECEMBER**

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Envelopes $62,265.21

Church 2,267.00

Capital Campaign 1,869.00

Special: Blanket

Soup-er Bowl 116.00

Week of Compassion 413.74

Pentecost 222.00

Easter 170.00

Reconciliation 100.00

Thanksgiving .120.00

Christmas 185.00

Christmas Eve Offering 340.00

Refund Check Concordia Supply 394.90

Love Gift 150.00

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Insurance Refund

Voided Check #6686 & 6773 375.00

Voided Check 60.00

Void Checks #6978 & 6979 150.00

Interest

Retreat Refund

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund 500.00

Deposit Correction 60.00

Bucks in a Basket 761.00

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 1,434.70

Fundraisers:

Jelly .00

Flowers 521.00

Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$74,568.55**

**Total Expenses**  **$65,399.43**

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

**DECEMBER RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 6,533.00

Church 322.00

Christmas 185.00

Christmas Eve Service 340.00

Voided Checks 6978 & 6979 150.00

Bucks in a Basket 85.00

RADA 41.20

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund 500.00

Capital Campaign 132.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $8,288.20**

**EXPENDITURES $7,400.57**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of November 30, 2024 13,288.18

12/4/2024 Ck #612 Denise Marker 229.00 13,059.18

(youth kickoff/crafts/Halloween)

12/16/2024 Ck #615 Tracy Glidden 130.00 12,929.18

(cash/youth Christmas gifts)

12/24/2024 Ck #614 Rhonda Briggs 15.90 12,913.28

(surprise bags)

Balance as of December 31, 2024 13,288.18

God is the Source & Provider

He created all the money in the world, all wealth and power comes from Him. I sure am glad that we have a gracious father who wants his children to prosper. The creator of the world sacrificed so that we could increase!

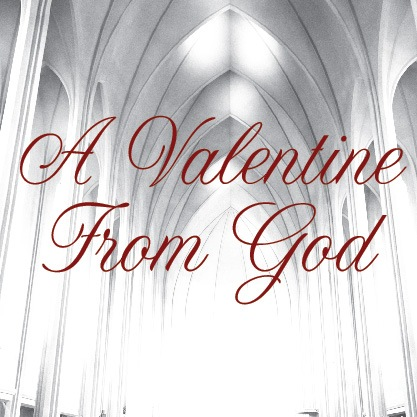
“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.” Colossians 1:16

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9

“But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” Deuteronomy 8:18

“The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” Haggai 2:8

LOVE IS…



Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,

but have not love,

I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails….

The love described in 1 Corinthians 13 is the most important ingredient in life. For this love can transform life, bringing hope in time of trouble, comfort in time of sadness, and compassion in time of need. This is God-love—and active love that God showed the world through His Son Jesus Christ.

During the 33 years that Jesus lived on earth, God revealed the full force of His love. As Jesus walked among men, He showed us that God’s love is no short-lived sensation or shallow sentimentality. He proved that this love is the most powerful force on earth, overcoming prejudice, hatred hypocrisy, and selfishness.

But the supreme expression of God’s love was Christ’s death on the cross for our sins. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, God demonstrated His unlimited love for us, even to the extent of sacrificing His Son so that you and I might have new life, eternal life.

Today the risen Christ brings a new life of love, joy, and peace to those who receive Him. The love produced by God’s Spirit is the only way to meaningful existence, human understanding, genuine community, and complete healing. It is the door to God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

When you receive the risen Christ as Lord and Savior, you can never go beyond the reach of His loving Hand. His love can lead you daily through illness, depression, uncertainty, pain, hardship, fear, and perplexity. You can stand up to anything because He is always with you. His love never fails.

