THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2025

JANUARY



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**



Our dear God of love and care,

Another year of our lives has passed.

Please take from our hearts the burden we bear

Of the “luggage” we held so fast.

Resentment, envy, self-pity, and pride,

Help us forget all our fear.

Help us to put away things that abide

To hinder the joys of this year.

May we put behind us all of the old

To make room for the new ahead.

The New Year is filled with days of gold,

If we look for the good instead.

No more of the luggage of the past;

A new year beckons us on.

Please help us to make it a better one

Than the old year that is gone.

We pray for Your guidance and care

In all that we undertake.

Please help us to follow You everywhere

Through this bright New Year,

For Christ’s sake.

--Lucile Clahoun Stewart

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

**Stephanie McCormick** was thankful that there were 10 people who were able to come to Thanksgiving dinner. And her brother Leo was able to be there also. Leo is a trucker and has traveled all over states, which means he hasn’t spent much time at home, but was able to make it home for the Christmas holiday.

**Rhonda Briggs** gave praise that two of her grandchildren (Charlie and Claire Brashear) were both baptized.

**Rick Marker** said that they celebrated (Audrey Marker) his mother’s 90th birthday. He also said the members of the congregation had a great time singing carols and telling the Christmas story at the Uniontown Health and Rehab Center. We were able to visit with Shirley Jones who is a member of our church.

**Susan Toth** said congratulations on the birth of baby girl Bryton.

**Pastor Mike Peton** congratulated George, Tricia and Ashton when Ashton graduated from Slippery Rock University (in 3 ½ years). Job well done!

**Tricia Reposky** gave thanks that Ashton’s doctor appointment with an electrophysiologist had gone better than expected.

**Krista Felio** gave praise that her uncle, who was diagnosed with cancer and was supposed to start his chemotherapy, didn’t have to because when they took his CAT scan it showed no cancer.

**Denise Marker** said that she and Rick celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! And that her brother, niece and nephews were visiting over the Christmas holiday.

**Dana Check** was very happy to say that her mother is doing great. And also, she was excited to say that she has only six days left of work and will be retiring. Congratulations Dana!!

**Lana Konopka** is very excited to be able to visit with her son, Nevin, in South Dakota over the holiday.

 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.)

Each new year brings a time for new beginnings…

make love the heart of your resolutions.

BAMA - JANUARY

"Food for Falcons" food program is collecting fruit snacks/Roll-ups, Chapsticks, or macaroni and cheese cups during the month of January and 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.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a monthly contemporary worship service on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

On Sunday, January 4 and January 18, 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

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a weekly prayer group. They meet on Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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, January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 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.

On Monday evenings, January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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, please call 724-785-3042.

Folks will be packing for the “Food for Falcons” program on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second Street, Brownsville). If you can help, please show up!

The BAMA meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock). Rev. Laura Blank will be the hostess and share the devotions.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 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.

There will be a food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a blood drive at the First Christian Church of Brownsville (512 Second Street, Brownsville) on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Schedule your appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. CHECKED WITH CALENDAR AND OK

The food bank at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

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 banks—the one at the Brownsville First Christin Church and the one at St. Mary’s Hall.

Love in Christ,

Missy

**JANUARY** ***… Birthdays***

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2: John Sepesy

12: Tristan Brashear

14: Cory Brashear

15: Anna Rosiek

15: Mamadou Ndiaye

18: Allie Brashear

22: Tarita Burle

26: Jodi Sepesy

27: Bill Hughes

28: Cathy Zaiglin

29: Carol Ludwig

29: Dana Check

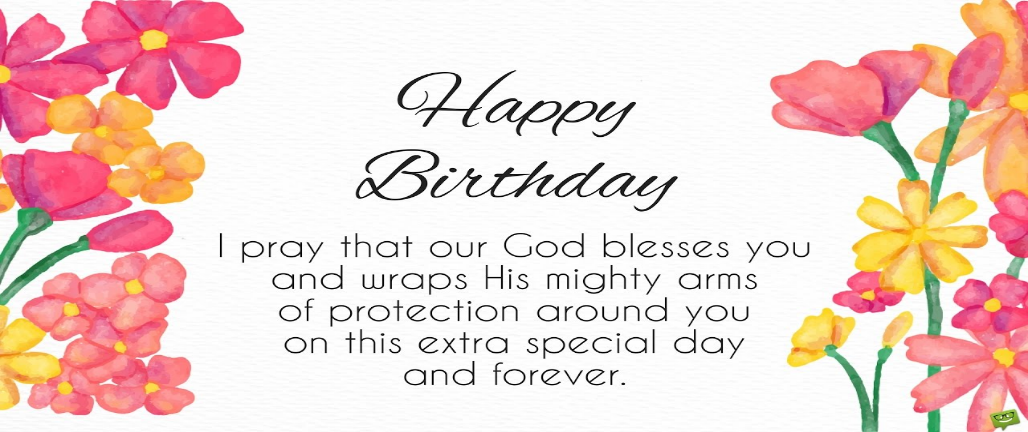
Prayer of gratitude

Dear Lord,

Thank you for placing each of the persons above into our lives and for their many gifts.

May you be with them on their special day and continue to bless them in the years ahead.

Amen.



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

**With Sympathy**

**Vince Palo**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

**Nancy Springer**

Friday, December 6, 2024

The Beatitudes

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- The Gospel of Matthew 5:1-11

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 War, Rise of Evil

Ashton Reposky (high heart rate due to natural low blood pressure)

Debbie Pompei (asthma difficulties)

All those who lost loved ones – for comfort and peace over the holidays

April (upcoming surgeries)

Jennifer Martin (going through rough time)

Tarita Burle (diabetes/feet issues)

Bob Haley (skin cancer and other health issues)

Mrs. Coleman (going through the holiday after the loss of her husband Donnie)

UNSPOKEN: Lori Rosneck Susie 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.

**JANUARY Prayer Families:**

5: Pastor Mike, Nancy and Jessica Peton

12: Tracy and Jack Glidden

19: Savannah Kurcina and Family

26: Jean Arnold and Family

**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.

5. 2 Corinthians 1:11 “You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.”

6. Psalm 17:6 “I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.”

7. Psalm 102:17 “He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.”

JANUARY 2025

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  |  | 1  Happy  New Year | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14  Board Mtg.  7:00 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Bucks in a Basket  Congrega-tional meeting | 20 | 21 Evangelism  6:30 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |
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December 19th

Yearly Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary following the morning service.

Start and End Every Day With God in Prayer

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

A believer can never be stronger than their prayers. Author, attorney and clergyman E.M. Bounds once said, “The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day.”

Making prayer your first priority at the start of every morning and end of every night establishes a time and a place to have a daily personal appointment with God.

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN JANUARY:**

Elders: 5: Bob Peton (B) Nicholas Rosneck (C)

12 & 19: Paul Rosneck (B) Rick Marker (C)

26: Bob Peton (B) Will Chambers (C)

Diaconate: (will post in bulletin)

Alternate: (will post in bulletin)

Preparers: Paul Rosneck

Greeter: Paul Rosneck

Worship Leader: Paul Rosneck

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.***

*The schedule*

*will be posted*

*in the church bulletin*

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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 NOVEMBER**

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Envelopes $55,732.21

Church 1,945.00

Capital Campaign 1,737.00

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 .00

Christmas Eve Offering .00

Refund Check Concordia Supply 394.90

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 676.00

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 1,393.50

Fundraisers:

Jelly .00

Flowers 521.00

Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$66,280.35**

**Total Expenses**  **$57,998.86**

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

**NOVEMBER RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 5,768.04

Church 202.00

Thanksgiving 120.00

Refund Check Concordia Supply 394.90

Bucks in a Basket 85.00

RADA 583.25

Capital Campaign 172.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $7,325.19**

**EXPENDITURES $4,457.47**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of October 31, 2024 12,978.15

11/25/2024 Dep Cash 560.00 13,538.15

(offerings)

11/25/2024 Ck #613 Lori Rosneck 249.97

(printer)

Balance as of November 30, 2024 13,288.18

I took a huge leap of faith and started my own business 1 year ago.

It took our entire savings account to start it up.

However, I knew the Lord would take care of us. I always was amazed at the wonderful tithing success stories on the “700 Club” television show and I wanted to start the business off right, so I began to tithe all income 10% beginning before my shop opened. For the first 3 months, we tithed all the shop sales and my husband’s sales. I prayed that the business would grow quickly as we needed the income. I prayed it would take off in 3 months. Miraculously, the third month open, the newspaper gave us a FREE front page article!! God made it happen, no doubt in my mind, the huge photo and write-up was supposed to have gone out in a magazine, but due to something with the photo, it didn’t work for the magazine—so they put us on the front page of our small-town paper!! Sales and consignors poured in to our shop that month. Sales were a record high. However, the next month I stopped tithing, I was worried other bills would not get paid. Then, sales dropped back down to neutral—we paid the rent and bills and made very little profits for the next 8 months. I considered closing the business. After much stress and many tears. I know the answer to this problem! Get that tithe going and don’t ever stop again! Today we went to our neighbor’s church and I wrote that check fast as I could. I cannot wait to see the blessings God is working on now! I know in my heart that as long as I stay obedient with tithing, the Lord will do amazing things in our lives. And the more you give, the more you will receive–always.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things we should despise and forget. Perhaps some man we helped has proved ungrateful, some woman we believe to be a friend has spoken ill of us, some regard we thought we deserved has been denied us. We feel such disappointments so strongly that we can no longer work or sleep. But isn’t that absurd? Here we are on this earth, with only a few more decades to live, and we lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that in a year’s time will be forgotten by us and by everybody else. No, let us devote life to worthwhile actions and feeling, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings.

For life is too short to be little.

NEW YEAR

And I said to the man,

Who stood at the gate of the year,

“Give me a light that I may

Tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness,

And put your hand into

The hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light,

And safer than the known way.”

LET’S TAKE INVENTORY

1. Is there anyone I need to forgive?
2. Is there anyone who would not be pleased to see me?
3. Do I find the advice and command of others trying?
4. Is self-discipline difficult or a delight?
5. Am I ever impatient in the routine of my duties?
6. Am I tolerant of the imperfections of others or slowness of someone?
7. How do I treat those who are unkind and unreasonable?
8. Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?
9. What am I like at home?
10. Am I regarded by others as being reliable?
11. Am I given to faultfinding?
12. Am I trustworthy – never breaking confidence? Can I keep a secret?
13. What am I like at work, in relation to my associates?
14. If I once give my word, is it my bond?
15. Am I faithful to Bible study and to prayer?
16. Am I faithful to the services of my church?
17. Do I make good use of leasure time?
18. Am I going the second mile in my duties, in service and in love?
19. Do I object to interruptions or meet them graciously?
20. Have I been pure?
21. Am I painstaking and conscientious?
22. Do I love to be alone with God and do I practice this?
23. Do I have firm and unwavering convictions? Do I walk in the light?
24. How do I take unpleasant remarks about myself?
25. Do I have a bridled tongue?
26. Am I argumentative? Do I insist on my own way?
27. Am I sympathetic? Do I hurt when others hurt?
28. Am I appreciative? Do I show it to my loved ones?
29. Am I quick to acknowledge my faults and ask for forgivenss?
30. Do I tend to remember little grudges against people?
31. Do I waste time? My own or others?
32. Am I quick to welcome new suggestions or corrections?
33. Is my imagination under the control of the Holy Spirit?
34. If I undertake something, do I persevere and see it through?
35. Is there anything in my life that I would not be willing to give up?
36. Does my life manifest His love, as described in 1 Cor. 13:4-8?
37. Am I a test or a trial to people along any line?
38. Am I truthful in spite of temptation to the contrary?