THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2025

MARCH



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**



Each year, Ash Wednesday (often called the Day of Ashes) marks the beginning of Lent. In 2025, Ash Wednesday will be on March 5th. Ash Wednesday focuses the Christian’s heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a unique Ash Wednesday service.

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ’s time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ’s life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Who Celebrates Ash Wednesday?

Have you ever noticed how once a year, usually in February or March, there are a lot of people walking around with an ash cross on their foreheads? You probably knew it had something to do with Lent, but you weren’t sure why the ash cross was significant.

Or maybe, you grew up in a Catholic or Protestant church that held Ash Wednesday services each year, so you’re already familiar with the service but aren’t too sure about the history of Ash Wednesday and Lent and what they have to do with the Christian faith. Read on if you want to learn more about this important day in the liturgical calendar and why so many celebrate Ash Wednesday and Lent!

The observance of Ash Wednesday is most common in the Western Christian tradition, including Roman Catholicism, Anglicanism, and some Protestant denominations.

While most commonly observed by Catholics, Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day that carries significant meaning for all Christians as a turning of hearts towards God in repentance and prayer. The symbolism of Ash Wednesday and Lent is remembering our mortality, need for salvation, and the period of temptation and testing that Jesus faced in the desert.

The name "Ash Wednesday" is derived from placing ashes on believers' foreheads in the shape of a cross often accompanied by the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," emphasizing mortality and the need for repentance.

What happens on Ash Wednesday?

During Mass (for Catholics) or worship service (for Protestants), the priest or pastor will usually share a sermon that is penitential (expressing sorrow) and reflective in nature. The mood is solemn - many services will have long periods of silence and worshipers will often leave the service in silence.

Usually, there is a responsive passage of Scripture, usually centered around confession, read aloud about the leader and congregation. Attendees will experience communal confession, as well as moments where they are prompted to silently confess sins and pray.

After all of this, the congregation will be invited to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Usually, as the priest or pastor will dip his finger into the ashes, spread them in a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, “From dust you came and from dust you will return.”

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US

AS WE GATHER ON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

AT 7:00 P.M.

AT - THE ALLISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

452 East Avenue, Allison, Pa

ALL ARE WELCOME

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

**Tricia Reposky** was happy to announce that her husband George has retired after working 30 years, first at SCI Fayette and then the Commonwealth of PA State Probation and Parole. She can now relax knowing that he will come home safe. Amen and Congratulations George.

**Carol Ludwig** gave praise and thanksgiving to the Lord that she was able to be with her sister Betty after the passing of Betty’s husband Fred. Betty lives out of state but God granted Carol traveling mercies and was able to spend several weeks to help her through this emotional time.

And Carol picks up Norma on Sunday mornings prior to our service – but one recent Sunday Norma didn’t come to the door as usual. So, when Carol came to the church, she mentioned this and was so grateful for the people who attend our church. Instantly, two gentlemen went to check on Norma and she was ok. They ended up bringing her to church.

Carol was also thankful that everything turned out good after her granddaughter Alyssa was taken to the hospital with a pregnancy concern. Everything turned out great and Baby and mommy are both doing well. Fun fact: the sonagram showed that the baby has fat toes.

**Stephanie McCormick** was happy that Riley Burle and Emmy were able to be in church with us.

**Dana Check** gave praise that her cataract eye surgery went well.

**Lori Rosneck** gave thanks that God always takes care of and gives her son Adam traveling mercies. He is on the road and in the air a lot with his job. She was also thankful for the very nice birthday party that was held for her granddaughter, Everly who turned six years old. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

**Nancy Evans** gave praise that Dan Lucy’s knee surgery went well. And thanked everyone for all the prayers.

**Lana Konopka** gave praise that her son, Nevin, made it safely to his next destination during his deployment.

 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

FIRST A CORRECTION: \*\*\*\*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.

"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.

On Sunday, March 2 and March 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 contests, crafts, food, and snacks. Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 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, March 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, March 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, March 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.

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at The Historic Church of St. Peter (300 Shaffner Ave, Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Kristen Emrick of the Calvin and Fort Burd United Presbyterian Churches. 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.

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Father Efren Ambre of the St. Peter / St. Cecilia Parishes. 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.

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

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

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the REPUBLIC Christian Church (Route 166, Republic) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Charles House of the Brownsville First Christian 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.

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

There will be a blood drive at the First Christian Church of Brownsville (512 Second Street, Brownsville) on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Schedule your appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

There will be a Lenten Worship Service on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Calvin United Presbyterian Church (307 Spring Street, Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor Heather Wakefield of the Brownsville First United Methodist 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.

Love in Christ, Missy

**MARCH*****… Birthdays***

1: Alan Scabis

2: George Reposky

4: Brandon Hughes

6: Phil Fordyce

8: Jerry Kessler

9: Eric Boiselle

10: Daniel Seizak

11: Kathy Scabis

13: Nancy Peton

13: Wally Roebuck Jr.

14: Michael Peton

17: Rob Briggs

18: Jack Glidden

18: Debbie Pompei

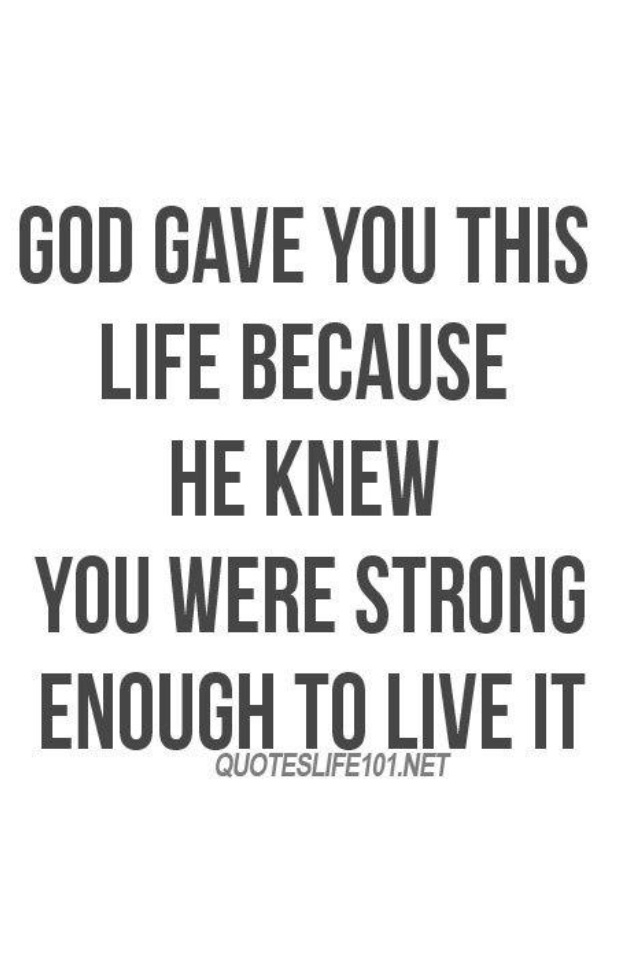
23: Lori Rosneck

24: Stephanie McCormick

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**Celebrating birthdays**

During these days of remembrance and gratitude, we thank God for introducing us to the people who have ventured into our lives and walk alongside us, no matter how young or old they might be. Please pray and ask for blessings in celebrating the unique lives of people that have blessed your own life.



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

**With Sympathy**

**CJ Hackett**

January 2025

**Joseph Kissinger**

Sunday, January 12, 2025

**Carmen Bruschi**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**Hayden Cutright**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**Pastor Paul Sheppard**

Saturday, January 25, 2025

**Mary Cutright**

Thursday, January 30, 2025

**Bob Shaw**

Friday, January 31, 2025

**Heaven**

*Jesus frequently talked about the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Christians believe that Jesus is preparing a heavenly home for his followers and, just as Jesus was physically raised from the dead, death will not be an end but a new beginning of life with God as citizens of his heavenly kingdom.

"It is not possible to know beyond doubt what the future holds, but Christians believe that Jesus came from heaven and returned to heaven."

It is not possible to know beyond doubt what the future holds, but Christians believe that Jesus came from heaven and returned to heaven, where he continues to interact with his followers by his Holy Spirit, so he is best qualified to explain what heaven is like.

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)

Denise Marker (hurt her shoulder/torn rotator cuff/in pain)

Nevin Konopka and military crew (deployment)

Nicholas and Mallory Rosneck (prayer concerns)

Family and Friends of Phil Fordyce (prayer for deliverance)

Jeffrey Regish (health issues)

Jenna Felio (hurt her foot skiing)

Greg Check (recovering from knee replacement surgery)

Joe (lost his job)

Families of those who perished in D.C. plane/helicopter crash

Families of those who died or injured in Philadelphia plane crash

Frank (serious condition)

Denise (pneumonia)

Children involved in car accident in Perryopolis

Lana Konopka (looking for a job that will sustain her financially)

Carolyn Schussler (knee replacement recovery)

Stephanie McCormick (surgery recovery)

Lupey Relosky (cancer)

Tarita Burle (foot surgery/then rehab)

UNSPOKEN: Jean Arnold Lana Konopka 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.

**MARCH Prayer Families:**

2: Nancy Evans and Family

9: Chuck and Stephanie McCormick

16: Alyssa and Josh Weaver

23: Carol Ludwig and Diane Rhoads

30: Bob and Jennie Peton

**How to pray for others?**

We are commanded to pray without ceasing and pray prayers of thanksgiving in all situations. This even applies to how we are to pray for others. We are not commanded to pray mindless repetitions, nor are we told that only superbly eloquent prayers are heard.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

MARCH 2025

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  | Day |  |  |  | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  Ash Wednesday  Service  7:00 | 6 | 7 | 8  Turn your clocks forward tonight |
| 9  Daylight Savings Time | 10 | 11  Board  Meeting  7:00 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16  Bucks in a Basket | 17  St. Patrick’s Day | 18  Evangelism  Visitation  6:30 | 19 | 20  First Day of  SPRING | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24  Bible Study  7:00 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |

Place Spiritual Boundaries in Your Life

Pay close attention to your life and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you. (1 Timothy 4:16)

As a faithful believer in Christ and the grace of His sacrifice, you have salvation through the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, the Bible says the adversary prowls around like a lion (1 Peter 5:8), and you must go above and beyond to protect your spiritual walk by setting definitive boundaries against temptation.

This is something that requires a lot of inner evaluation, self-awareness and prayer. Be honest with yourself about areas in which you’re weaker or give into temptation easier, and set firm parameters on what you allow into your mind and heart and where you allow yourself to go. If something is hindering your walk with God, place a restriction upon that thing and be resolved to abstain.

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN MARCH:**

Elders: 2: Rick Marker (B) Paul Rosneck (C)

9 and 16: Will Chambers (B) Bob Peton (C)

23 and 30: Stephanie McCormick (B) Carol Ludwig (C)

Diaconate: George Reposky

Alternate: Jean Arnold

Preparers: Jennie amd Bob Peton

Greeter: Chuck and Stephanie McCormick

Worship Leader: Carol Ludwig

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.***

2 LANA KONOPKA

9 NANCY EVANS

16 RHONDA BRIGGS

23 PAUL ROSNECK

30 CAROL LUDWIG

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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 December 31, 2024 12,913.28

1/22/2025 Ck #616 Denise Marker 138.10 12,775.18

(Walmart items for Christmas)

Balance as of January 31, 2025 12,775.18

You Show Honor with the Tithe

We honor and worship God with our tithe. I believe He used a percentage so that everyone is able to participate. God only asks for the first ten percent to be given back to Him. That is pretty generous if you ask me. Tithing is a very tangible way to show our faith in God.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce;” Proverbs 3:9

“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.” Deuteronomy 16:17

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

The Lenten journey is a time of prayer and reflection that follows the path of Jesus to the cross.

It's a time to remember Jesus's

fasting, temptations, and teachings.



JESUS’S LENTEN JOURNEY

Jesus spent 40 days and nights fasting in the desert.

The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, throw himself off the temple, and worship him.

Jesus resisted temptation by quoting scripture.

Jesus focused on his Father, not his own desires.

THE LENTEN JOURNEY FOR CHRISTIANS

Lent is a time to pray, fast, and reflect on Jesus's journey.

Lent is a time to deepen awareness of God's love and mercy.

Lent is a time to let go of sin and run towards God.

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Lenten practices prayer, meditation, fasting, remembering, and simplifying.