THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2024

OCTOBER



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

Is it a Sin to Celebrate Halloween?

For followers of Christ, our actions and behaviors are judged according to our obedience to Christ. Within the context of celebrating Halloween, this truth remains. We are defined by our actions and how closely our heart is aligned with God’s desires.

Whether it is a sin for Christians to celebrate Halloween depends on how exactly you plan to celebrate. For some families, this might require more intentionality in discussing how you plan to celebrate Halloween. For other families, these discussions might lead to a change in your plans. And that is a perfectly acceptable response.

It’s true, the Bible contains no direct references to Halloween by name. However, Scripture carefully instructs Christians against participation in pagan practices directly involving witchcraft, the occult, and the worship of other deities.

In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul writes, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Our obedience to God requires a careful understanding of how much God cares about our choices. In deciding whether to participate in Halloween, you and your family can consider how your actions might align with God.

Dressing up in a costume and handing out candy on October 31 is not a sin. Just as it wouldn’t be a sin to do the same thing on April 1. However, how you represent Christ matters, especially on polarizing days such as Halloween. Remember how you portray Jesus in your behaviors, how you interact with people and even your costume choices.

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

**Rhonda Briggs** gave praise that her daughter-in-law Allie, got a job in a B&B at the front desk of the Echo Mountain Inn.

**Bob Peton** said that he had a glorious weekend golfing with his brother (our Pastor – Mike Peton) at Deep Creek. And that the sunsets were beautiful. He was also thankful for Jennie’s family picnic. He felt such peace and really enjoyed the day.

**Jean Arnold** gave praise that Candy Kinnan recovered from a severe virus.

**Lana Konopka** was very thankful for all the prayers for her son, Nolan who had been in the hospital. She also gave praise that her son Nevin made Staff Sargeant – he is in the Air Force.

**Rob Briggs** was thankful that he and Rhonda got to get away and see their grandkids – and that ‘Charlie’ made a 50 yard touchdown.

**Pastor Mike Peton** thanked Chuck McCormick for standing in for Stephanie at the BAMA meeting while she was on vacation.

**Stephanie McCormick** was happy that she was able to travel with her Sisters-in-Christ. She was also thankful that when her husband Chuck, who hit a deer with his truck, was not hurt.

**Phil Fordyce** was happy to announce the birth of baby Zaden to Brandon and Payton.

**The Congregation** loved singing Happy Birthday to Jean Arnold who turned a young 85 years old. And also, to Shirley Jones who turned 89 years old.

**Denise Marker** had good news that Calib Umbel no longer needed brain surgery to have the cyst removed.

**Greg Check** said that his wife Dana is recovering from being sick and they should be able to go on a weekend vacation.

**Paul Rosneck** was thankful for the friends and family who helped with the pouring of 6 ½ yards of concrete.

**Susan Combs** thanked everyone – she is feeling better after having COVID.

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

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 - OCTOBER

The "Food for Falcons" food program is collecting socks and gloves (to fit elementary students) during the month of October. 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.

NOTE TIME: Packing for the “Food for Falcons” program on Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2024 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 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, October 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited.

On Sunday, October 6 and 20, 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, etc. Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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 or access to the Zoom meeting, please call

724-434-4597 or 724-785-3042.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 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 on Thursday, October 17, 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, October 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The food bank at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) is on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

There will be a BAMA supported fall hymn sing at the Fort Burd United Presbyterian (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Kristen Emrick and Rev. Laura Blank will be co-chairs. The public is invited.

Love in Christ,

Missy

**OCTOBER** ***… Birthdays***

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2: Jacob Sepesy

2: Brittany Rosneck

3: Adam Rosneck

9: Jenna Felio

14: Norma Yeardie

17: Carl Williams

21: Nevin Konopka

30: Leroy Marker

30: Susan Danley

**OCTOBER*****… Anniversaries***

October 4: Michael and Helena Peton

October 6: Robert and Barbara Winwood

October 23: Ron and Rebecca Rosiek



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

**With Sympathy**

**Johnetta Cermak**

Sunday, August 18, 2024

**Dave Kushnar**

Monday, August 26, 2024

**Tony Olesko**

Monday, August 26, 2024

**Justin Stephenson**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

**Al Owens**

Thursday, August 29, 2024

**Donald Coleman**

Friday, August 30, 2024



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

Mark Cardero (church needs roof)

Azi Cardero (dental needs)

Chris & Jordan Burle (they would like to adopt ‘Baby E’)

Talon Patterson (psoriatic arthritis)

Sandy Vesneskey (in Ruby Hospital)

Clay Perkins (medical issues)

Ken & Marge Martin (the loss of their 14-mo. old grandson)

Glenn Smith (recovering from surgery/broke both feet)

Loretta Sepesy (cancer)

Jeff Eperjesi (tumor)

Marlene Evans (cataract surgery/seeing specialist)

Bobbie Jo Hastings (in hospital/not doing well)

Mrs. Voytek (health issues)

Debbie Pompie (asthma)

Dom & Kristi DeCarlo (loss of their infant daughter-Paige)

Calib Umbel (brain tumor/Nicole Umbel)

George Wardell (stage 3 cancer)

Joyce Hampton (MRI)

Kayla Peton (kidney issues)

2 Disables children (in need of prayer)

Susan Combs (COVID)

Roger Rittenhouse (car accident)

Chuck McCormick (car accident na)

Mary (possible lower leg amputation)

Tammy (coma)

Bill (cancer/Lana Konopka)

UNSPOKEN: Lana Konopka Greg Check Carol Ludwig

Savannah Kurcina Brandon Watson Lori Rosneck

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.

**OCTOBER Prayer Families:**

6: Norma Yeardie

13: Ryan, Karly and Willow Wooldridge

20: Brandon Watson

27: Rhonda and Rob Briggs and Family

**“If you develop a habit of praying to God for others,**

**You will never need to pray for your own self.”**

**“The greatest gifts we can give to each other,**

**Is to pray for one another.”**

**“Every great movement of God**

**can be traced to a kneeling figure.”**

* **D.L. Moody**

OCTOBER 2024

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 World Communion Sunday | 7 | 8  Board Mtg.  7:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12  Church Retreat |
| 13  $ and pepperoni roll order forms due | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  Rolls delivered today | 19 |
| 20  Bucks in a Basket | 21 Bible Study  7:00 | 22  Evangelism  6:15 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27  Michael Brashear special guest  Stewardship kickoff | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  |
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What is the Bible verse for blessing each day?

“May the Lord bless you and keep you;

may He smile on you and be gracious to you;

may He look your way and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26, author's paraphrase)

“May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.” (Psalm 20:4, NIV)

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN OCTOBER:**

Elders: 6 & 13: Carol Ludwig (B) Will Chambers (C)

20 & 27: Carol Ludwig (B) Stephanie McCormick (C)

Diaconate: Chuck McCormick

Alternate: Bob Peton

Preparers: Jennie and Bob Peton

Greeter: Nancy Evans

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.***

OCTOBER 6: Rick Marker

OCTOBER 13: Tricia Reposky

OCTOBER 20: Tracy Glidden

OCTOBER 27: Denise Marker

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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 AUGUST**

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Envelopes $39,377.12

Church 1,289.00

Capital Campaign 1,305.00

Special: Blanket

Soup-er Bowl 116.00

Week of Compassion 413.74

Pentecost 222.00

Easter 170.00

Reconciliation .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 524.00

Mark Cordero .00

Memorial Fund 720.00

Compassion Child Bake Sale 319.00

Shipping Christmas Boxes .00

Property Damage Donation 300.00

Youth Group .00

Rada .00

Fundraisers:

Jelly .00

Flowers 521.00

Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$45,921.86**

**Total Expenses**  **$36,649.02**

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

**AUGUST RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 4,420.00

Church 130.00

Bucks in a Basket 82.00

Capital Campaign 165.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $4,797.00**

**EXPENDITURES $4,264.15**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of JULY 31, 2024 12,978.15

NO ACTIVITY IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Balance as of AUGUST 31, 2024 12,978.15

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Many people fall into the world’s trap, following its self-indulgent goals, driven by self-centered motives. It can happen to us all. For believers in Christ, when we make it our goal to live according to His way, He does bring blessing not only to us, but also to others we serve.

Blessings come from following Jesus. Every other way promises what it cannot deliver—and delivers exactly the opposite of what it promises. This may not seem apparent at the time, but the Lord leads those who look for His guidance. Some of the most miserable people have been highly successful in the eyes of the world, but deep down inside they are restless and spiritually empty.

God knows better what is good for us than we know ourselves. God’s will for us is not to be successful, but to be faithful.

FOLLOWING EXAMPLES

DEALING WITH PRIDE

Sin comes in many shapes and sizes, but deep down, every sin sprouts from the same seed: pride. Beneath every moral failure is a desire for me, my, mine. No one is immune from this brokenness Even people who have witnessed miraculous signs and experienced God’s intervention in their lives still succumb to the lure of pride. This is Paul’s warning to the Corinthians—and us. He points us back to the people of Israel, whom God rescued out of Egypt. Although they witnessed God’s power firsthand, they yielded to temptation over and over again. As a result, most of them died in the wilderness—never to step foot in the Promised Land.

The surest way to fall into temptation and sin is to place our confidence in ourselves. That’s what the Israelites did. They even believed they were somehow entitled to the good gifts God had given them. As believers, we must learn from their mistakes and deal with our own pride and entitlement by confessing them, repenting of them, and placing them at the feet of Jesus. Only when we give our pride to Christ can we fully trust God. Only when we set our eyes on Christ can we have victory over temptation.

Pride makes us trust in ourselves so that we feel invincible. But the Truth is we are fallible, so we need to heed Paul’s warning when we are feeling puffed up: ‘If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!’ (1 Corinthians 10:12)

“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.”

* 1 Corinthians 10:6

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

HAS A FREE DOWNLOAD

SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS

PRINTABLE CARDS

TO BE HANDED OUT

DURING THE ‘HARVEST’ SEASON

<https://www.adventuresinodyssey.com/wp-content/uploads/fall-handout.pdf>

After you print the sheet – cut out the cards…

Hand them out to those visiting your house for Halloween…

…or at school

…church festivals

…trunk or treat

…youth group

…family

…friends

…OR JUST BECAUSE…

because it’s for the whole family to enjoy.