THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

MAY - 2023



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

Prayer Points for the Month of May

* **Jesus, I acknowledge your work on the cross and I ask to truly understand your sacrifice on another level. I praise you for being with me every step of my journey and I ask for supernatural grace to produce righteousness all the days of my life.**“*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit.*” [John 15:1-8](https://www.bible.com/bible/111/JHN.15.1-8.NIV)
* **Thank you father because you are helping me to bear fruit in every area of my life. I ask that I would be a testimony of your abundant love**. “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*.” Galatians 5:22-23
* **O’ Lord, help me to know when I should repent. As I want to be a healthy tree that bears fruit.**“*Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.*” Matthew 3:8
* **Thanks for choosing me to bear fruit father. I desire to represent you with the richness of my character.** “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you*.” John 15:16
* **O’ Lord, help me to walk in a manner worthy of you, fully pleasing to you, and bearing fruit in every good work as I increase in the knowledge of God.**[**Colossians 1:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1%3A10&version=ESV)

PRAISES & NEWS



**We have many people** on our prayer list who are in need of your continued prayer. Please look at the list of names inside this newsletter. We are a church that strongly believes in the power of prayer – so thank you for speaking to God on each person’s behalf.

Thankful

 **Lori Rosneck** is thankful for family and friends who celebrated her birthday (with family at the Cheesecake Factory in Pittsburgh for dinner!

 **Chuck McCormick** is thankful for his church and church family for all the support he has been given in the passing of his mother, Marge McCormick.

 **Jean Arnold** wishes Mamadou Ndiaye blessings from our church.

 **Shelley Williams** thanked those who helped with the road clean-up. Bob Peton, Rick Marker, George and Tricia Reposky, Susan Toth and Shelley Williams participated collecting 22 bags of garbage, 2 unbaggable items and 5 tires.

**Maundy Thursday –** The Service and Seder Meal was very nice. We had a wonderful turnout with a great message and delicious tastings of the items eaten at a traditional Seder meal. Excellent!

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.)

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To start the Prayer Chain, call our Prayer Captain,

Lori Rosneck,

with your prayer request at 724-984-7757.

**BAMA National Day of Prayer Worship Service**

**Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 (rain date May 5th)**

**Cast Iron Amphitheater, Snowdon Square, Brownsville**

**Public invited – bring a lawn chair**

**CDC pandemic guidelines will be followed**

**The Allison Christian Church has been a sponsored through Children Incorporated for many years.**

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What a blessing to be able to help those who are so desperately in need.

A letter from our sponsored child in Kentucky:

*Dear Sponsor,*

*Thank you so much for helping me with school stuff. Thank you for sending me extra money. I got my Chrome book today from you. I cried when I saw it. I really needed it so bad. I can do my homework now. I have been getting behind because I didn't have any way to do my assignments when I had to miss school. I can't thank you enough for everything you do for me.*

*Thanks - Shirley*

HERE ARE OTHER WAYS OUR MONEY HAS HELPED THROUGH CHILDREN'S INCORPORATED…

 Provided Funds to…

 \* build a protective fence around the Lordes School In Bolivia after it was damaged by a fire.

 \* purchase water filters for the Santo Nino enter in the Philippines.

 \* purchase warm clothing for children at Mullins Elementary School In Kentucky

 \* purchase a month's supply of food for 25 children at the Dandora Center In Kenya

 \* clothes and supplies for a child at Tuba City Boarding School in Arizona who was placed in a foster care home

 \* purchase water filters for families a the Pingapala Center in the Philippines

 \* daily meals for 25 children at the Fortune Center in the Philippines

 \* basic needs for children living in an economic crisis who attend the Armenian Evangelical Secondary School -Anjar in Lebanon

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING SO GENEROUS IN YOUR GIVING!

**(Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)**

Even though Franklin Graham wrote this in 2008 we are still living in a time of great spiritual uncertainty – that the moral foundations of our great nation are being destroyed.

God has blessed this nation richly – but over the last 100 years, we have slowly drifted from our spiritual moorings.

Our culture has gone from being known as a great missionary-sending country to our primary export of Hollywood entertainment focused on sex, violence and drugs.

Some godless lawyers and liberal judges have tried to strip faith from our culture once rooted in God. President Bush was sued when Franklin Graham mentioned the Name of Jesus at his first inauguration.

Children are not being taught to fear God and have no respect for authority. We have become one of the leading consumer nations of alcohol.

Franklin Graham said he is asked, “What can we do?” And his answer is - pray.

Pray urgently

Pray for our nation

Pray for our leaders

Pray for our communities

Pray for our church

Pray for our pastor

Pray for people around you who need to turn to Christ

He also says, as long as men and women are still calling upon the Name of the Lord, confessing their sins, coming to Him in repentance, receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and following Him in obedience, it’s never too late.

*“I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2)*

**Was in the April newsletter – thought maybe someone still needed the list.**

**FAYETTE FRIENDS OF ANIMALS**

 **Is celebrating their SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

 **This year – thanks to everyone who has**

 **helped over the last 25 years.**

**Open Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri 1-5:00 Sat-Sun 12-5:00 724-245-7815**

**They are a non-profit, for purpose, charitable 501c organization that believes in the humane treatment and improved quality of life for animals.**

**Volunteers needed (many opportunities available)**

**And if you can ADOPT…**

 **If you can’t adopt – FOSTER…**

 **If you can’t foster – VOLUNTEER**

 **If you can’t volunteer – EDUCATE.**

**There’s something for everyone!**

**Below is their WISH LIST**

 **Joy or Dawn Liquid Detergent**

 **Paper Towels**

 **Chlorox Bleach**

**Liquid Laundry Detergent**

**Rescue Cleaner**

**Mops and Mop Heads**

**39 Gallon Trash Bags**

**Van Cleaning Supplies**

**Stamps & Envelopes**

**Friskies Canned or Dry Food**

**Fancy Feast Kitten Wet Food**

**Purina One Chicken and Rice or Lamb**

**No Scent Clumping Kitty Litter**

**Walmart Gift Cards**

**Gas Cards**

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

**With Sympathy**

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Debra J. Yeardie Gottfreid

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Martha Jean Baron

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Marge McCormick

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Frank Coppolino

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Peter Bendo

Monday, April 17, 2023

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*For centuries the cardinal has been used to represent a loved one who has passed away and as messengers from Heaven. The red of the cardinal is a reminder of the blood of Christ - Who died so that we can have eternal life.*

*You have sorrow now but I will see you again.*

*--John 16:22*

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN MAY:**

Elders: 7 & 14: Rick Marker (B) Paul Rosneck (C)

21 & 28: Will Chambers (B) Carol Ludwig (C)

Diaconate: Susie Combs

Alternate: Delaney Reposky

Preparers: Susie Combs and Nancy Evans

Greeter: Savannah Kurcina and Jean Arnold

Worship Leader: Denise 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 - 724-785-3780.***

 7 LANA KONOPKA

14 TRACY GLIDDEN

21 DENISE MARKER

28 BOB PETON

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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

**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 the Evangelism Ministry selects families 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.

**MAY Prayer Families:**

 7: Rick and Denise Marker

14: Lois Scabis

21: Will Chambers

28: Paul, Lori and Nicholas Rosneck

*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.*

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.”

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

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

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.”

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 those on our Prayer List.

Our Nation, Israel, World Leaders, Military, Missionaries, Pastors, Economy Evangelists, Jerusalem, Afghanistan, Covid patients, Russia/Ukraine, NATO

Our Society and the rise of evil

Kyle Burle (cancer stage 4/in a lot of pain)

Carol Ludwig (3 situations need resolved)

Mike Reposky (stroke recovery)

Clare ‘Chubby’ Bargerstock (surgery recovery)

Tornado victims (loss of lives and homes/businesses)

Stephane McCormick (cataracts)

Mark Danley (cancer/near the end of life)

Candy and Mark Kinnan (health issues)

Chip (Candy’s brother/will be having heart procedure)

John Yannie (prostate cancer surgery)

Martha Lambert (in hospital/dehydrated)

Mallory Oates (college finals)

Sue Black & son (she has brain cancer-he’s having a hard time)

Carol Ludwig (meeting with surgeon for shoulder replacement surgery)

Lana (Shelley and Carl Williams D-I-L/colon surgery)

Nevin Konopka (traveling)

Francine Bavone (serious health issues)

Bob Shaw (serious health issues)

Genny (recovering from flu/traveling mercies)

UNSPOKEN: Lori Rosneck Lana Konopka

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.

“I tell you the truth today you will be with Me in paradise.”

Luke 23:43

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| MAY 2023  |
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| 7 Bucks in a Basket |  | 8 |  | 9Board Mtg 7:00 |  | 10 |  | 11 |  | 12 |  | 13 |
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| 14Mother’s Day |  | 15 |  | 16 Evang/Visita. 6:30 |  | 17 |  | 18 |  | 19 |  | 20 |
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| 21 4:00 VBSPlanning meeting |  | 22 Bible Study 7:00 |  | 23 |  | 24 |  | 25 |  | 26 |  | 27 |
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| 28 |  | 29Memorial Day |  | 30 |  | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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While Jesus was suffering on the cross, He forgave the man who was being executed alongside Him and promised him a place in heaven. Jesus wants to do the same for you. Just ask Him to forgive your sins and become the Lord of your life. You can have peace with God and the assurance of a new life now --- and forever.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**MAY**

*Birthdays…*



 1: DJ Hixenbaugh

 Roebuck

 9: Robert Winwood

20: Kurt Boiselle

29: Paul Rosneck

*Anniversaries…*

 May 2: Cory and Allie Brashear

 May 16: Alan and Kathy Scabis

 May 29: JD and Krista Felio

 May 31: Bill and Joyce Hughes

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*Loving Father, we bless and thank You from the depth of our hearts, for Your continuing blessing on our marriage union. Today we come to thank You for bringing us to yet another wedding anniversary, and for all that You have been to both of us during our marriage together. Thank You, Father, for the gift of love that has been given to us both, and the deepening love that has blossomed over our years together. Thank You for holding us steady during the difficult times, and for always being with us through the inevitable trials that we have had to face. And thank You for drawing us closer to each other and to You, when circumstances seemed designed to divide us.*

** **Year to Date Income – As of MARCH**

Envelopes $13,322.09

Church 638.00

Capital Campaign 318.00

Special: Blanket

 Soup-er Bowl

 Week of Compassion 409.00

 Penticost

 Easter

 Reconciliation

 Thanksgiving

 Christmas

Christmas Eve Offering

Card Order Deposit

Love Gift

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Hall Rent

Insurance Refund

Voided Check #6685 40.71

Deposit Correction

Interest

Retreat Refund

X-Factor Tithe

CWF Account Closed

Bucks in a Basket 228.00

Mark Cordero 125.00

Memorial Fund

Compassion Child Bake Sale

Shipping Christmas Boxes

Campbell Apts.

Katrina (flooding collection

Rada

Fundraisers:

 Jelly

 Flowers

 Hoagie

 Pepperoni Rolls

**Total Receipts** **$15,080.80**

 **Total Expenses**  **$16,021.12**

**ALLISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**- Treasurer’s Report –**

**MARCH RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 3,746.53

Church 199.00

Bucks in a Basket 74.00

Voided Check #6685 40.71

Capital Campaign 102.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $4,162.24**

**EXPENDITURES $3,944.08**

**YOUTH GROUP - TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of February 28, 2023 13,516.84

3/31/2023 Dep Cash $400.00 (tithes)

3/31/2023 Ck# 604 Denise Marker $75.00 (Easter Hunt Eggs)

Balance as of March 31, 2023 13,841.84

**A businessman’s #1 financial priority**

A number of years ago, while serving at a Christian camp, I met Steve, who was part owner in a family business. Steve was one of the most generous people I'd ever met and he gave many large donations to the camp. The family business went through some problems and Steve moved away to another state to start a new company from scratch. I visited him in his new offices and I knew his young company was struggling. During our meeting, he made a commitment to give another generous gift to the camp and I asked him, “Why?” He told me in his career he'd made a lot of money and lost a lot of money, but the only thing that remained constant was His giving to the LORD. Regardless of the ups and downs of the economy and his business, his No. 1 financial priority was to faithfully give to the LORD’s work.

*A MOTHER’S PRAYER*

Dear Lord,

It’s such a hectic day, with little time to stop and pray,

For life’s been anything but calm, since You called me to be a MOM.

Running errands, matching socks, building dreams with

Wooden blocks, cooking, cleaning, finding shoes, and other

Stuff that children lose, fitting lids on bottled bugs, wiping tears

And giving hugs, a stack of last weeks mail to read, so where’s

The quiet time I need?

Yet, when I steal a moment, Lord, just at the sink or ironing

Board, to ask the blessings of your grace, I see then, in my small

Ones face, that you have blessed me all the while, and I stoop

To kiss that precious smile.

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Proverbs 31:28–29: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

Deuteronomy 6:6–7: "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Psalm 139:13-14: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

 **A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

**(by Rev. Dick Kozelka (ret) Minneapolis MN)**

**Eternal God, Creator of years of centuries, Lord of whatever is beyond time, Maker of all species and master of all history-- How shall we speak to you from our smallness and inconsequence? Except that you have called us to worship you in spirit and in truth; You have dignified us with loves and loyalties; You have lifted us up with your loving kindnesses. Therefore, we are bold to come before you without groveling [though we sometimes feel that low] and without fear [though we are often anxious]. We sing with spirit and pray with courage because you have dignified us; You have redeemed us from the aimlessness of things going meaninglessly well. God, lift the hearts of those for who this holiday is not just diversion, but painful memory and continued deprivation. Bless those whose dear ones have died needlessly, wastefully [as it seems] in accident or misadventure. We remember with compassion those who have died serving their countries in the futility of combat. There is none of us but must come to bereavement and separation, when all the answers we are offered fail the question death asks of each of us. We believe that you will provide for us as others have been provided with the fulfillment of *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”***

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***ANGELS ALWAYS NEAR*** – by Lynn Valentine

“Save me from those things that might distract me…

Oh Lord please give me the strength to watch and work and love and sing and pray.” --Rich Mullins

**ANGEL SHADOWS**

A couple of weeks before Christmas in 1998, I was very excited as I opened my new shop---*Angel Shadows.* The shop was soon busy with people coming to buy angels and candles of every size. Winter turned to spring and my gardens were all being revamped. One of the new additions would be a rather large rock. After looking at it for awhile, I decided that I would keep this for myself.

I had picked out a verse that I wanted carved on the rock from a calendar which my friend had given me. On this calendar was 365 days of wonderful, inspirational sayings as well as the most beautiful pictures of angels that I had ever seen. The verse for my rock would read;

**FROM THE MOMENT OF BIRTH BEYOND THE**

 **LIMITS OF LIFE, ANGELS WATCH OVER US**

 Spring came early and so did my wonderful angel rock, I planted beautiful “Angel Face” roses all around it and made a client patio so that everyone could enjoy my garden. Life was going great for awhile, but that was soon to change.

 My father had been battling what the doctors felt was pheumonia. I called and could tell right away by his breathing that something was terrible wrong. I called my sister and told her we should take Dad to the hospital.

 My father was admitted immediately and although they could see some spots on his lung, it would take many tests to finally conclude that he had a form of lung cancer. A month later we learned at his bedside that it was terminal.

 The first amazing thing happened as my sister talked to my father. Very calmly he said something; I’ve had 70 great years, but I am only a small piece in a very big puzzle – I would like to go home now.” There was no anger in his voice, and no questions. He had come to terms with his own mortality much sooner than we had. So two days later, with oxygen in tow, I picked my father up and took him home. We video taped our last Father’s Day two weeks later.

 The following weekend, I moved back home to help my mother as her coping skills were ebbing. It turned out, that I wouldn’t be staying long. The very next morning, my father said, “I’ve run out of steam.” My father would be readmitted for the last time to the hospital. He became very quiet those last days as he was trying to detach from the family. He was thrilled when my mother and my husband made his funeral arrangeents.

 I stayed with Dad while they carried out his list of wishes and when they returned, he smiled as they gave him all the details. I had called my brother earlier in the morning and told him that if he wanted to see his father alive one more time, he had better start driving He was a two day drive from where we were.

 My father’s health seemed to be failing fast. He was coughing more and eating less. He had been moved to a private room and even the sound of background music was more than he could stand. He was concentrating so hard on staying alive.

 My brother arrived at 5:45 p.m. He was shocked to see just how frail my father had gotten in the past month. My mother gave my father a cup of tea and then, at approximately 7:15 p.m., my father started to take his oxygen off. My mother kept putting it back on, but I knew that he did not wish to live any longer. I said to my father “You don’t want to wear your oxygen, do you Dad?” and he replied “No.”

 We stroked his head and sang to him and his eyes seemed to focus on things we couldn’t see. He started to speak again telling us that he could hear birds. He was in a boat, and the sun was shining. At one point he wanted to climb out of it, and with amazing strength moved to get out of bed. He said he could see the light, and when my sister said “walk toward it Dad,” my father took his last breath in this life.

 I had asked my angles to make his passing peaceful And his passing had been without a doubt, peaceful and surreal. *---Linda Cooper*

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**And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and, behold, and angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise… 1 King 19:5**