THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

2025

MAY



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

MOTHER’S DAY

“Why are you crying?” he asked his mom. “Because I’m a woman” she told him. “I don’t understand” he said. His mom just hugged him and said, “And you never will”. Later the little boy asked his father, “Why does mom seem to cry for no reason?” “All women cry for no reason” was all his dad could say……the little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry.

Finally, he put in a call to God; when God got on the phone, the man said, “God, why do women cry so easily?” God said, “When I made women, she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world; yet, gentle enough to give comfort. I gave her an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times comes her way. I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going when everyone else gives up and take care of her family through sickness and fatigue without complaining. I gave her the sensitivity to love her children under any and all circumstances, even when her child has hurt them very badly. This same sensitivity helps her make a child’s boo-boo feel better and share in their teenager’s anxieties and fears. I gave her strength to carry her husband through his faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart. I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife. I gave her a tear to shed. It’s a tear for mankind.

The beauty in a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. The beauty of a woman is not in her looks, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows and the beauty of a woman with passing years - only grows!

Every woman is beautiful.

Happy Mother’s Day – to ALL women – because if you have helped, directed or loved a child at any time throughout your life – you have blessed that child. Thank you and God bless you!

PRAISES & NEWS

*WE ARE Thankful*

 **Rhonda Briggs** had some fun news – that her grandson, Charlie Brashear who is nine years old, ran seven touchdowns in two games.

 **Jennie Peton** gave praise that her granddaughter Delaney Reposky who had a long recovery (rehab) after foot surgery, recently was in a dance performance. She struggled but achieved (2) Platinum’s and a $5,000 Scholarship. Great job Delaney and Congratulations!!!!!!

 **Susan Combs** was proud to announce that she will be a first-time grandma in November.

 **Greg Check** gave praise that he and his wife Dana were able to go and see NOAH at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA.

 **Will Chambers** stated that this is the 180th anniversary for historic church of St. Peter in Brownsville. Will was also happy to say that Norma Yeardie was with us in church after being in the hospital for AFib. We are thankful she was in church with us. And he gave thanks for the really nice Maundy Thursday Service we had.

 **Shelley Williams** gave thanks to the following for helping with the road clean-up: Bob Peton, Bill Hughes, Paul Rosneck, Lana Konopka, Susan Toth and Shelley Williams. There were 19 bags, 5 tires, and numerous other large items.

 **Joyce Hampton** put her house up for sale and is happy that she has accepted an offer and is in the paper process.

 **Rick Marker** stated that the spaghetti dinner fundraiser held for Anjuli Swords was a great success. She has liver cancer. There were 1,300 dinners sold.

 **Stephanie McCormick** gave thanks to all of her sisters and brothers in Christ for all the prayers before, during and after her kidney surgery. She is doing well with almost no pain. She also said that her family had a nice dinner. Her brother Leo, sister Tarita, and nephew Chris and his family were able to attend.

 **Paul Rosneck** said that his granddaughter, Everly had a great time at her first concert. She and her mother went to see Kelsea Ballerini at the PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.

 To start the Prayer Chain, call Paul Rosneck with your prayer request 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 Paul. (These messages include prayers, reminders for church activities, etc.)

BAMA - MAY

"Food For Falcons" food program is collecting peanut butter sandwich crackers and Pop-Tarts (again) during the months of May and June. 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.

Pastor Jason Lamer of the Uniontown Ministerium is inviting BAMA folks to the Fayette County National Day of Prayer program on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Fayette County Courthouse (61 East Main Street, Uniontown). Due to space limitations, this is by invitation only. Please register at info@lovefayette.org.

The BAMA supported National Day of Prayer service will be on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Cast Iron Amphitheater (downtown Brownsville) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited. Please bring a lawn chair! The rain location is Fort Burd Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville). If the weather is iffy, watch the BAMA page on Facebook for the location.

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, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 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 Sunday, May 4 and May 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, a monthly baking contest, crafts, food, and snacks.

Questions: Denise at 724-322-8522 or allisonchristianchurch1@gmail.com

On Monday evenings, May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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, May 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Brownsville First Christian Church (512 Second Street, Brownsville). If you can help, please show up! This will be the last packing day until September.

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church (200 Thornton Road, Brownsville) is holding a weekly prayer group. They meet on Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. Kristen Emrick is their pastor.

NOTE DATE: Help is needed with unloading the food bank truck at the First Christian Church (512 Second St., Brownsville) on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The food bank is on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. NOTE DATE!!!!!!

There will be a food bank at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church (533 Royal Road, Smock) on Saturday, May, 17, 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, May 20, 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul-sponsored food bank will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Love in Christ, Missy

**MAY*****… Birthdays***

 1: DJ Hixenbaugh

 Roebuck

 9: Robert Winwood

20: Kurt Boiselle

29: Paul Rosneck

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**Jeremiah 29:11**

**For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.**

**Psalm 23 – A Psalm of David**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

 **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

**he leads me beside still waters;**

 **he restores my soul.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

 **all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**

 **my whole life long.**



May 2: Cory and Allie Brashear

May 16: Alan and Kathy Scabis

May 29: JD and Krista Felio

May 31: Bill and Joyce Hughes

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

**With Sympathy**

**Levi Crawford**

March 25, 2025

**Christian confidence**

**Christians look forward to heaven as place where people will find complete healing and everything about their identity enhanced to its full potential. In that context they will enjoy the love of God and of each other forever.**

**As a result, Christians face their deaths with two confident beliefs.**

**Firstly, God is just. It is absolutely inconceivable that someone will suffer a fate that they do not deserve.**

**Secondly, God is endlessly loving. The Bible says that nothing in either life or death can separate people from the love of God.**



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, All Wars, Missionaries, Pastors/Evangelists, World Leaders, Military, Rise of Evil

Etta Montgomery (congestive heart failure)

Gary Lee (healing for his marriage and his back)

Tarita Burle (post-surgery one leg/broke other leg)

Lana Konopka (job search)

Bill (prostate cancer/)

Carl Lee (kidney cancer surgery)

J.D. Scerba (spots on his lung)

Michael Brashear (deployed to Kuwait for 6 months/safety)

Chip (recovering from heart surgery/Candy Kinnan’s brother)

Nancy Peton (healing of her health/has been sick)

Michael Kurcina (medical tests)

Roger Rittenhouse (medical tests)

Rachel Combs (needs prayer)

Norma Yeardie (heart issues/A Fib)

Susan Toth, Ron Rosiek & Carl Williams (not feeling well)

Jeremy Sanners (another heart surgery)

Dana Check (pray for her family)

Adam and Brittany Rosneck (traveling to California)

Lisa (breast cancer)

UNSPOKEN: Jean Arnold Susan 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.

 **MAY Prayer Families:**

  4: Ron, Rebecca & Anna Rosiek

11: Rick and Denise Marker

18: Those who are unchurched in our community

25: Will Chambers

**Leaning into Hope Romans 8:21–25**

Emily Dickinson called hope “the thing with feathers.” Hope, said the poet, is like a tiny bird that sings despite the storm. In Romans 8, Paul described the groaning of creation. It is not a cry of despair but an expression of longing for transformation. This painful groaning is not just evidence that the world is broken, it is a promise of the liberation that is to come. Jesus told His disciples that while others faint with terror and grow apprehensive about “what is coming on the world,” their response should be different. In Christ, we have hope (Luke 21:26–28).

Troubles remind us to lean into the hope of Christ’s return. Like creation, we “groan,” eagerly awaiting the transformation He will bring (v. 23). The fact that the world seems to be falling apart does not erode our hope. Even when our circumstances appear dismal, we keep going because “hope that is seen is no hope at all” (v. 24). We should not expect life to be any different this side of the new creation. Likewise, we should not be surprised when we sometimes struggle with the collateral damage of sin in ourselves even after we have placed our faith in Christ. The final stage of our salvation experience will be “the redemption of our bodies” (v. 23).

Advent speaks of arrival, but until Christ comes again, we are in a season of waiting. This should not make us sad because waiting is a sign of hope. The apostle observes in verse 24: “Who hopes for what they already have?” Even though waiting is not comfortable, it is a manner of hope. Only those who hope to receive something are willing to wait. Hope warrants patience. The certainty of the Lord’s promise gives wings to our hope.

Pray with Us

Father, give us better understanding of the connection between waiting and hope in today’s reading. Teach us to wait patiently for Christ’s return and to lean into this hope. May our hope truly have wings! For in this hope we were saved. Romans 8:24

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  |  |  | 1BAMA see below | 2See below | 3 |
| 4Michael Brashear | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11Mother’s Day | 12 | 13Board Mtg. 7:00 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18Bucks in a Basket | 19Bible Study 7:00 | 20Evangelism6:30 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26Memorial Day | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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**Thursday 1st**  – BAMA’S NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be held at the Cast Iron Amphitheater in downtown Brownsville a 7:00.

**Friday 2nd** – Pepperoni Rolls will be delivered to the church this day.

**Sunday 4th** – Michael Brashear will bring us special music and a message.

Start and End each day with God in Prayer.

This must be a priority as we face each day. Have a time and a place, and then make an appointment with God each day. A believer will never be stronger than his prayers. Consider the statement by E.M. Bounds, “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.”

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN MAY:**

Elders: 4 & 11: Carol Ludwig (B) Stephanie McCormick

18 & 25: Rick Marker (B) Paul Rosneck (C)

Diaconate: Susan Combs

Alternate: Lori Rosneck

Preparers: Susie Combs and Nancy Evans

Greeter: Savannah Kurcina and Jean Arnold

Worship Leader: Stephanie McCormick

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.***

 4 Denise Marker

11 Bill Hughes

18 Bob Peton

25 Susan Combs

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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 MARCH**

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Envelopes $16,098.80

Church 553.00

Capital Campaign 802.00

Special: Blanket

 Soup-er Bowl 250.00

 Week of Compassion 549.00 Pentecost .00

 Easter .00

 Reconciliation .00

 Thanksgiving …00

 Christmas 20.00

Christmas Eve Offering .00

Love Gift .00

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Insurance Refund

Voided Check .00

Interest

Retreat Refund

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund .00

Deposit Correction .00

Bucks in a Basket 149.00

Mark Cordero .00

Memorial Fund .00

Compassion Child Bake Sale .00

Hurricane Relief .00

Wildfire Red Cross Donation 162.00

Youth Group .00

RADA 10.00

Fundraisers:

 Jelly .00

 Flowers .00

 Pepperoni Rolls .00

**Total Receipts** **$18,593.80**

**Total Expenses**  **$15,732.19**

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

**MARCH RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 5,720.80

Church 189.00

Wildfire Red Cross Donation 162.00

Bucks in a Basket 80.00

RADA 10.00

Capital Campaign 250.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $6,411.80**

**EXPENDITURES $5,391.36**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of February 28, 2025 13,125.18

NO ACTIVITY IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Balance as of March 31, 2025 13,125.18

Christian tithing, giving 10% of one's income to God, is important because it reflects a heart that trusts in God's provision and prioritizes His kingdom. It also serves as a reminder that all blessings come from God, and we are stewards of His resources. Tithing can foster financial stability, generosity, and a stronger relationship with God and the church community.

The Bible says The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives (Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB). Tithing is a reminder that God is the supplier of everything we have. It is also God's personal invitation to an outpouring of his blessing in your life.

We started tithing in the Fall of 2011. After months of looking for a new job, I got a couple of leads and had two interviews set up on the same day. The first interview went well, I was offered the job but waited to accept until after the next interview. I remember sitting out in my car before the second job interview and praying, “God please make it completely obvious if I am supposed to have this job”.

The second interview was amazing, I mean it blew my socks off. I left thinking…”Wow God….I got the message..This is it”! About one week later, I got the call… I was offered the job which would give me a 50% raise! Talk about a financial blessing… out of 50+ applicants, many of whom were more qualified, I was chosen! Four and a half years later I am still at that great job God blessed me with.

In January 2013, I had some medical issues come up that required an MRI test. This was a totally unexpected expense that we were not prepared for. We had been making a lot of headway paying down our credit cards, but this threw a wrench in things. After insurance, we put around $600 out of pocket expenses on our card. I was really upset but it had to been done. The next day, after getting home from work, Steve checked the mail. We had gotten a check for nearly the exact amount we paid for the medical test. I burst into tears because I knew that it was God. He knew the outcome all along!

In 2015 we had the opportunity to take Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, which I highly recommend! I believe it is a great resource no matter your financial situation. This program answered some questions we had and gave us an awesome biblical perspective. We continue to see God’s favor in our marriage, family, friendships and finances!

With that being said, I want to clarify that tithing is not about receiving a blessing and there is no formula for how God works. Tithing is all about the condition of your heart. God wants our hearts to be inclined towards Him and wants us to give from a place of willingness, not reluctantly or out of obligation (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Please hear me when I say, there is no condemnation here. I simply want to share my own experience as I am still learning how to be a good steward and honor God with my finances. I pray this is an encouragement to you!



Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is one of the federal holidays in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." "Four things support the world: the learning of the wise, the justice of the great, the prayers of the good, and the valor of the brave."

