



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu, 9 AM to 3 PM

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today! To learn more about the life of the church, if you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact Beth in the office at 727.527.6694, office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's correct pronoun is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity. When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can do harm.

Childcare/Nursery: Located in the courtyard, the first room to the right as you leave the sanctuary building. Children are welcomed and encouraged to stay in worship, even if they are noisy! The nursery is available beginning at 10 AM for children younger than kindergarten

Children's activity sheets and fidget bags are available in the narthex.

Changing table is available in the Nursery.

Unisex/family restrooms are accessible from the narthex, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

The balcony is open for those wishing to have more social distancing.

Holy Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Masks are required while on campus at Allendale to protect the most vulnerable.

Zoom links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at www.allendaleumc.org/online

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun May 8 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/join
- May 20-22 United Women in Faith (UMW) National Assembly (Orlando)
Register at www.assembly2022.org
- Jun 19-24 Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, NC
Learn more at www.musicartsweek.org
- Jul 11-16 Summer Camp at Warren Willis Camp (Fruitland Park)
Learn more at www.wwumccc.org/programs/classic-camps
- Aug 1-5 Wild Wonder - Vacation Bible School
Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/vbs

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGIST:

Lashley Feaster Marks (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

The Allendale Easter Choir is singing this morning.

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join.

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?:

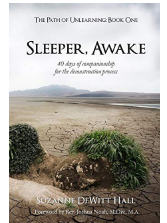
The next opportunity:

Sun May 8 at 10:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: Suzanne DeWitt Hall, the author of "Sleeper, Awake 40 days of companionship for the deconstruction process" will be giving the sermon at Allendale on Sun Apr 24. Don't miss it!



TEMPLE BETH-EL SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENT: Register for this special Lecture by Pulitzer-prize winning political cartoonist Mark Fiore at Temple Beth-El on Apr 24 at 4:30 PM. Lite supper to follow. A bus will leave from Allendale at 3:30 PM. *Register at: www.templebeth-el.com/leifnissen*

COOKING CLASSES: Better health starts with cooking. Make delicious and easy meals with Registered Dietitian, Wendy Wesley during the spring cooking series. Starting Apr 19 at 6:30 PM in the Allendale UMC Kitchen. \$25 per class or \$80 for all four classes.

- Apr 19 - Spring Italian White Bean Bisque
- April 26 - Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes
- May 2 - Fresh Thai Noodle Bowls
- May 10 - Chocolate Avocado Truffles

Register online at: wendywesleynutrition.com/cooking-lessons

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Ruth Spangler: recovering from a fall
David Franks: surgery recovery/healing
Becky Stoops: cataract surgery recovery
Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Anthony Lenzo: Aunt Judy (IN) recovery

BIRTHDAYS

Patty Rust	Apr 24
Sugar-pi Wiedeburg	Apr 28
Jane Caldwell	Apr 29
Jordan L Smoak	May 8
Joshua M Smoak	May 8
Carole Brophy	May 13

Birthday missing? Please contact the office.

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 80 in-person, 221 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808
Amazon Smile: Allendale United Methodist

SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Signing up is easy. Our goal for 2022 is to have every pledged giver signed up. Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation. Contact Beth to set up online giving or go to our website www.allendaleumc.org/give.

Give Online



WITNESS

At the end of this liturgical season of Lent and at the beginning of this season of Easter, consider what you may be holding onto, and what you must let go of so that you may recognize the risen Christ anew. Feel it on your skin. Clench your muscles and let go. Open up your grasp to what's to come.

During the second year of this pandemic, we are very familiar with needing to avoid physical touch as Mary Magdalene does in this story. And it's been heartbreaking for a lot of us over the last couple years.

Like Mary, we have been forced to seek new ways of remaining intimate with one another. But we've avoided touching one another when we need to because we move toward one another, not because we desire to move away from one another. Jesus has to tell Mary not to hold on, because they are moving toward one another and desire to be even closer.

We say "Do not touch. Do not hold on. But please, let's seek another way, because I still desire your touch." I imagine Jesus having similar feelings here. He wants Mary's touch, but now she must seek another way, because the old way has been interrupted.

Many of us desire a post-pandemic world where we could return "back to normal," but we've slowly learned that returning to how things used to be is impossible. We cannot hold on to what was. Reality of old is dead and gone. Jesus calls us to let go and go forth in search of something new.

Jesus' instruction to not hold onto him is a call for creativity, to imagine new ways of engaging with Christ in Christ's new spiritual form beyond the individual Jesus. We now seek to touch the risen Christ through each other, through nature, and through life itself. On Easter, we are all asked by the risen Christ "Who are you looking for?" and we're instructed, "Do not hold on to me. Go to my siblings. Look for me there."

-Damon Garcia (he/him)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here

PRELUDE Bill Lee

Open the Gates of the Temple |Knapp|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Choir

Christ the Lord is Risen Today & Joyful Joyful|Davidica, Wesley, & Beethoven|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lashley Marks

SONG Allendale Choir

Canticle of Praise |Estes|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERTORY Allendale Choir

Up from the Grave He Arose |Lowry|

RESURRECTION SUNDAY MEDITATION Phuc Luu

SONG Allendale Choir

Agnus Dei (How Great Thou Art) |Smith & Hine|

SCRIPTURE Lashley Marks

John 20:1-18

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Choir

My Soul is Awakened |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lashley Marks

POSTLUDE Allendale Choir

Acclamation for Easter |Page|



JOHN 20:1-18

The Resurrection reveals to us a steadfast Love that brings change and life anew. Our

God of portals to new worlds, anointed curls, and healing for all the oppressed-

Our God with whom we can organize a union against death because She is a destroyer of every ruler, authority, and power.

Our witness isn't that of the bystander, but that of stand-ins. Our testimony is a divine reenactment.

By drawing near to one another, we praise the Living One who draws near to us.

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Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Bill Lee | Organist

Kaitlyn Grainger, Madison Redington, &

Adrienne Mitenius | Nursery Attendants

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

Rev. David Franks | Clergy in Residence

THIS WEEK

For a listing of virtual meetings, go to:
www.allendaleumc.org/online.

Sun, Apr 17 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Worship (at Crescent Lake)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon, Apr 18

7 PM St. Pete Band (Community Center)

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue, Apr 19

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

6 PM FAST Post-Action Meeting (Sanctuary)

6 PM Wendy Wesley Cooking Class (Kitchen)

7 PM Depression & BiPolar Support (CC)

Wed, Apr 20

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

7 PM Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu, Apr 21

1 PM Recorder Group (Community Center)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Fri, Apr 22

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat, Apr 23

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)

7 PM Worship Band Meeting/Jam (Sanctuary)

Sun, Apr 24

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth (Wesley, Kitchen & Youth Room)