



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 1, 2022

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WELCOME

Allendale United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation. We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We are building a new Allendale: a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

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:

Mallory Edghill (she/her) grew up in Tampa, FL. During college, she studied abroad in Buenos Aires where she fell in love with Spanish and political activism. She then attended Pitzer College in Claremont, CA. After college, she spent two years in Americorps working for a non-profit tutoring company, then returned to the Tampa Bay area and got her Masters in elementary education. She met her wife, Kenya, and they have a beautiful son, Elijah, with another baby on the way. She is so glad to be a part of the Allendale community.

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

Matthew Blaine - bass

Erica George - vocals

Tru Mizzell - piano

Izzy Stamand - drums

Michelle Taylor - vocals

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org

to join our band or choir

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown

LaDonna Hill

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?:

The next opportunity:

Sun May 8 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATCH SAM IN BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:

Sam Wyness will be playing the role of Maurice in Canterbury School of Florida's production of Beauty and the Beast. See the show Thu May 5 at 7 PM at the Knowlton campus, 990 62nd Ave. NE. Sam will also be in the group ensemble for Friday and Saturday shows on May 6 & 7 at 7 PM.

ST. PETE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT:

Come to Allendale today at 3 PM to hear the St. Pete Community Band perform a concert. The band is made up of local musicians and plays for organizations such as Special Olympics, Bay Pines VA Hospital, Sheriff's Youth Ranch, area churches, and more.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Bring non-perishable items to Allendale for distribution to area food pantries. Collection bins are located in the Kitchen or Narthex.

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
Betsy Drouin: Peter Drouin (Betsy's father)

BIRTHDAYS

Jordan L Smoak	May 8
Joshua M Smoak	May 8
Carole Brophy	May 13
Tom Jackson	May 16
Billy Livsey	May 21
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Mary Sinclair	May 26
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 29

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office.

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 76 in-person, 177 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

A UNITED METHODIST THEOLOGY OF THE SACRAMENTS:

The Greek word used in the early church for sacrament is *mysterion*, usually translated *mystery*. It indicates that through sacraments, God discloses things that are beyond human capacity to know through reason alone. In Latin the word used is *sacramentum*, which means a vow or promise. The sacraments were instituted by Christ and given to the church.

Jesus Christ is himself the ultimate manifestation of a sacrament. In the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, God's nature and purpose were revealed and active through a human body. The Christian church is also sacramental. It was instituted to continue the work of Christ in redeeming the world. The church is Christ's body—the visible, material instrument through which Christ continues to be made known and the divine plan is fulfilled. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion have been chosen and designated by God as special means through which divine grace comes to us.

Holy Communion is the sacrament that sustains and nourishes us in our journey of salvation. In a sacrament, God uses tangible, material things as vehicles or instruments of grace. Wesley defines a sacrament, in accord with his Anglican tradition, as “an outward sign of inward grace, and a means whereby we receive the same.”

Sacraments are sign-acts, which include words, actions, and physical elements. They both express and convey the gracious love of God. They make God's love both visible and effective. We might even say that sacraments are God's “show and tell,” communicating with us in a way that we, in all our brokenness and limitations, can receive and experience God's grace.

Read more at www.allendaleumc.org/communion

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Bill Lee
Morning Prelude |Beebe|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
God, We Spend A Lifetime Growing |Gillette|

CALL TO WORSHIP, PRAYER Mallory Edghill

SONG Allendale Band
The Journey Isn't Over |Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERTORY Allendale Band
Njalo (Always) |Ndebele, Zimbabwe; trans. Matsikenyiri, Damon|

SONG Allendale Band
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) |Tomlin|

SCRIPTURE Mallory Edghill
Acts 9:1-20

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Draw The Circle Wide |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Mallory Edghill

POSTLUDE Bill Lee
Herald of Praise |Hughes|



ACTS 9:1-20

Imperial conventions relying on competition, victors and victims, are reversed. Our speakers are sitting in their loss - The devastating defeat that the empire has handed them - But they're not measuring success according to imperial standards. Victory is not an absence of grief, devastation, tears, and lack.

Rather, victory comes with the presence of a Revolutionary Creator who can compel state violence to lay its weapons down or, in this worst-case scenario, compel the weapons not to prosper. The speakers in these texts have not believed the propagandized report of the throne. They look to the Almighty Mother who has lifted them because they are lowly.

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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, May 1 - Graduation Sunday

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

3 PM Community Band Spring Concert (Sanct.)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon, May 2

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue, May 3

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

6 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Zoom)

6 PM Wendy Wesley Cooking Class (Kitchen)

7 PM Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM Depression & BiPolar Support (CC)

Wed, May 4

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

7 PM Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu, May 5

1 PM Recorder Group (Community Center)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Fri, May 6

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat, May 7

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

11:30 AM Narrative Healing (Wesley)

Sun, May 8

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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