



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 31, 2022

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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

- Aug 1-5 Wild Wonder - Vacation Bible School
Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/vbs
- Aug 1-7 Youth End of Summer Bash
Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/bash
- Sat Aug 6 Community Time at FUSION Resort on Treasure Island w/ Judy Haines 6 PM
- Sun Aug 7 Blessing of the Backpacks during worship 10:30 AM
- Sun Aug 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/join
- Fri Aug 19 Saint Creaturesburg Mixed Media Open Mic hosted by Melissa Nicholas 8 PM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JALEN ELIZABETH GARZA (she/her)

TODAY'S PREACHER:

REV. DAVID FRANKS (he/him) is Minister of Pastoral Support. A graduate of Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, Rev. Franks held a number of pastorates in Northern California parishes before moving to St. Petersburg in 2003. He joined the Allendale UMC team after retiring from positions he held with Empath Partners in Care (EPIC), a subsidiary of Empath Health, providing supportive services to people living with HIV. Committed to being of support to people facing transitional times in their lives, Rev. Franks can be reached at david@allendaleumc.org or by making an appointment by calling the church office at (727) 527-6694.

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

bass - Matthew Blaine
piano/vocals - Judy Haines

*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir*

TODAY'S LITURGY WRITER:

Carol Henderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Aug 14 at 10:30 AM

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pinellas county schools start back Aug 10, 2022, so on Sunday Aug 7, 2022, we will hold a special time in our service for students of all ages and school staff to bring up their backpacks, briefcase, or any school tote to be prayed over for this school year. We value the hard work and ministry of our teachers and administrators, and want to provide a time for those in our congregation to be recognized as well.

SAINT CREATURESBURG MIXED MEDIA OPEN MIC at ALLENDALE

Hosted by Comedian Melissa Nicholas
Join us in the Sanctuary on Fri Aug 19.
Doors Open 8PM & Show Starts 8:30PM.

We'll have musicians, comedians and spoken word acts of all forms, and anyone interested in performing is welcome to take a slot. Saint Creaturesburg is here to show you a good time! What kind of creatures will you find?

"Public space should be intentional.
It should be obvious that you belong"
- Janet Echeman

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Ruth Spangler: recovering from a fall
Tom Simpson: recovering from fractured femur
Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Bobbie Windle: cancer treatments
Keith Glasscock: loss of Mary (mother)
Kate Pravera: hip replacement surgery
Mark Frederick: Jenny's surgery recovery
Colleen Crawford: loss of George (father)

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Lee	Aug 7
Nicole Slaughter-Graham	Aug 15
Will Redlow	Aug 19
Christine Roberts	Aug 21
Todd Spear	Aug 27
Ricardo Gordillo	Aug 28
Charlie Radigan	Aug 28

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CARE AND SUPPORT

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support
Office hours Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7
make an appointment by calling the church
office at 727-527-6694

Licensed Therapists and Counselors are
available at Allendale's Counseling Center
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/therapy

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 70 in-person, 126 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:

Contact Beth to set up online giving. 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.



*Give Online now by scanning this
code with your phone's camera*

WITNESS

WHEN A CALL TO FORGIVENESS IS USED AS A WEAPON

A poem by enfleshed.com

Forgiveness can be a holy, righteous, healing
thing. But so many dominant theologies have
mucked it up for us. Gotten in our heads and our
hearts and turned it into something that hurts.

A weapon that upholds power in families. In
communities. In culture and government. The
forgiveness-talk that many of us have inherited
says there's no such thing as structural power.

That it does not threaten nor silence. That it does
not weave everything intimate and personal into
a larger story of us. That it does not play-out over
and over again through patterns and practices
predictable.

At that table of reconciliation, the facts about
legacies of violence, structures of inequality,
ongoing norms that harm and destroy are not
even welcome in the room.

Whether it's sexual harassment or anti-Black
violence, anti-queer, anti-trans, or other white
supremacist harm, inaccessibility or colonialism
still unfolding, before we even round the corner
of honesty about what happened and why, our
conversations are stopped in their tracks, turned
around on us, until somehow the conditions that
enabled the harm in the first place are declared
a fresh start, a new beginning, even though we
have been there a million times.

This story of forgiveness is a lie that has stolen
something beautiful.

Unless patterns and norms are disrupted...
Unless amends are practiced materially...
Unless the truth is given space in its fullness...
Unless power is redistributed... Unless there are
protections put in place to prevent further harm...

It's too soon for talk of forgiveness or
reconciliation. And using God to suggest
otherwise, to manipulate or control, to guilt or
to gaslight, to keep real healing, real hope, real
possibilities from emerging through the hard,
hard work of change that restores is spiritual
violence, theological malpractice, a tool of the
state in the arms of the church.

Whatever forgiveness is, it's not that.
It's never that.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band
Hope | Bedingfield |

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SONG Allendale Band
Child of God | Miller |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Jalen Garza

SONG Allendale Band
Put Down What You Are Carrying | Hall |

CONNECTING & OFFERING Jalen Garza
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

SONG Allendale Band
God of All Peoples | Gillette |

WORDS OF INSPIRATION & SCRIPTURE Jalen Garza
Matthew 18:21-22

SERMON Rev. David Franks
When We Learn to Forgive

SONG Allendale Band
Forgiveness | West |

BENEDICTION Jalen Garza

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Hope | Bedingfield |



MATTHEW 18:21-22

²¹ Peter came up and asked Jesus, “When a sister or brother wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?”

²² “No,” Jesus replied, “not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven.

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, Hannah Newton,

Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

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

Sun, Jul 31

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon, Aug 1

9 AM VBS

1 PM Youth Bash - Aquarium

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue, Aug 2

9 AM VBS

2 PM Youth Bash - SkyZone

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

6 PM Staff Parrish (Zoom)

7 PM Trustees (Zoom)

7 PM Depression & BiPolar Support (CC)

Wed, Aug 3

9 AM VBS

2 PM Youth Bash - Bob Ross Painting

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu, Aug 4

9 AM VBS

2 PM Youth Bash - Go Carts

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6 PM Finance (Zoom)

7 PM Church Council (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri, Aug 5

9 AM VBS

2 PM Youth Bash - Pool Party

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat, Aug 6

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

Sun, Aug 7

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

*Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar:
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