



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 Aug 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/join
- Thu Aug 18 Meet-up at the Pesky Pelican brew pub 6:30PM - Music with Judy Haines
- Fri Aug 19 Saint Creaturesburg Mixed Media Open Mic hosted by Melissa Nicholas 8 PM
- Sun Aug 21 Roll to the Polls event at Williams Park 1-5 PM
- Wed Aug 14 Choir Rehearsals Begin (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/choir

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LASHLEY 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 BAND:

drums - Brandon Wise
bass - Matthew Blaine
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Michelle Taylor

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz
Lynn Fruit

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Aug 14 at 10:30 AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS JALEN'S LAST SUNDAY:

We are grateful for our Summer Intern Jalen who is headed back to Texas this week. She did a fantastic job at our Pride events in June, as our Lay Liturgist in July, and as part of the Vacation Bible School and Youth Summer Bash events in August. This summer, Jalen also took some steps within the United Methodist Church to explore her call to ministry.

Thanks Jalen, we'll miss you!

If you would like Jalen's contact information, please reach out to the church office.

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, 161 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

RENT CONTROL ACTION:

St. Pete residents gathered to ask City
Council to put rent control on the ballot.
Here's Nick Carey's appeal to city council:

"Since last year, we've been asking you to
give us the chance to vote on rent control. I
know of at least ten people who have been
within days of eviction. My mentor no longer
lives in St Petersburg.

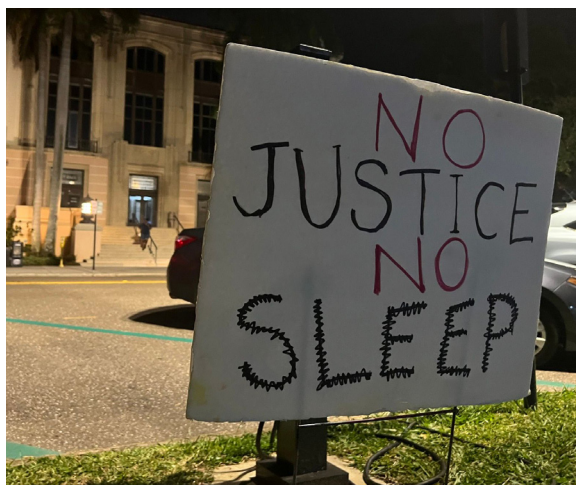
We had 25 of us sleep outside of City Hall all
night last night (in protest) because we just
want a chance to decide for ourselves.

So often we talk about the values of
democracy. We don't get to practice it fully.

Residents of this city are having to make
decisions every day about what bills they
pay and what they don't. They're having to
make decisions that impact their ability to
stay in their home.

We are more than qualified to make
decisions about the risks and benefits of
rent control.

We know it's legally possible and we respect
the city attorney's opinion, but we just
want to point out that there are respected
legal minds across the state and across the
country that have differing views. There
are good faith Arguments for how we could
defend it and we need y'all to have the
courage to let us choose what is best for
ourselves. Thank you."



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band
Love is My Religion | Marley|

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SONG Allendale Band
All Creatures of Our God Now Sing | Draper|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lashley Marks

SONG Allendale Band
God, We Spend A Lifetime Growing | Gillette|

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERTORY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION Allendale Band
O To Be Like Thee | Chisholm|

SONG Allendale Band
What Does the Lord Require of You? | Burgess & Howard|

SCRIPTURE Lashley Marks
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Communion | Macaulay|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Lashley Marks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Love is My Religion | Marley|



ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

When we look at today's passage of scripture, it's easy to view God as angry because the harshness, as many of us were taught, could be directed to us! Those who fear these words read themselves as the oppressors they're directed towards.

But what happens when we read this passage from Isaiah, and imagine God not as a *parent* with the power to punish, but as the collective voice of all those who have been disenfranchised by the concentration of power among the elite—in Isaiah's context, "the oppressed, the fatherless, the widow" and "the stranger?" What if we hear this, in our context, as the disgust and anger of Black and Indigenous people, migrants, queer and trans people, people who can get pregnant, people with disabilities, poor and working class people, the very old and the very young?

Read this way, the words the prophet puts in the mouth of God are not threats or disregard, but warnings about the weakness that results for entire nations when the needs of the most vulnerable are ignored.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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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 Aug 7

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Aug 8

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Aug 9

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

Wed Aug 10

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Aug 11

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Aug 12

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Aug 13

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

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Community Center)

Sun Aug 14

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

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