## 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.

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ALLENDALE

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Fri Jan 6 St. Creaturesburg Open Mic Night (Sanctuary) 8:30 PM

Sun Jan 8 Building Community at Allendale (Wesley) 9 AM

Sun Jan 8 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/join

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

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**BARBARA WINDLE** (she/her/hers) "Bobbie" is a native of Massachusetts. She, her husband, Don, and their little dog, Dollie", are now full time Florida residents. An artist by profession and avocation, she was educated at East Carolina College and through a lifetime of study with various artists. Her special interests are the arts, the environment and the welfare of all "critters." She comes from a long family heritage of service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

## **TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:**

**REV. RACHEL HUGHES** grew up in East Tennessee, moving to Clearwater in 1981. She joined the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and retired in 2009. In 1995, Rachel joined the United States Army Reserves where she served in three wars, retiring in 2015 after serving 22 years. In 2015 Rachel became a Local Pastor, and currently serves Curlew UMC. Rachel enjoys going to antique car shows as she has a 1973 Dodge Charger to show. Rachel is involved in martial arts, and has her own school in Safety Harbor, Florida. She is here today with her fiancé Mandy and they plan to get married at Allendale!

## TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

piano - Tru Mizzell vocals - Erica George organist - Bill Lee

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

#### **COMMUNION PREPARERS:**

Jane Mann Brown Lynn Fruit

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ALLENDALE 101 WORKSHOP:

Explore Allendale United Methodist Church through study and lively discussion of who we are and what sustains us. Learn ways to become more involved and connect with others. This course is open to all and meets Jan 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1, from 6 - 7:30 PM

Sign up for the course at: www.allendaleumc.org/101

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ALLENDALE:**

We are brainstorming ideas of new ways to connect with each other. Our next gathering is Sun Jan 8 at 9 AM in the Wesley room. All are welcome!

#### GET TO KNOW OUR NEW BISHOP:

Meet our new Bishop Tom Berlin at a welcome event at The Portico in Tampa. Mon Feb 13 from 9 - 11 AM.

#### **COOKING WITH FRIENDS:**

Wendy Wesley is a registered and licensed dietitian/nutritionist who works to improve the health of the community. Wendy will be holding hands-on cooking classes at Allendale every Tuesday night in January and February. Classes are \$39 each or choose multiple classes for a discount. We eat what we cook! *Sign up at: www.allendaleumc.org/cooking* 

Jan 3 - Winter White Bean and Arugula Bisque Jan 10 - Jumbo Crab and Shrimp Cakes Jan 17 - Fresh Thai Noodle Bowls Jan 24 - Greek Salad and Homemade Vinaigrette Jan 31 - Black Bean Tacos with Pico de Gallo Feb 7 - Cast Iron Cooking and Honey-Seared Brussels Sprouts Feb 14 - Chocolate Hummus and Strawberries with Edible Flowers Feb 21 - Black Bean Cakes with Green Goddess Tahini Feb 28 - Mediterranean Dips and Spreads (Hummus, labneh, tabbouleh)

# **STEWARDSHIP**

## PRAYERS

Debbie Duty: cousin's open heart surgery Tom Simpson: recovering from fractured femur Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments Dan Leeper: cancer treatments Bobbie Windle: cancer treatments Jonna Hunt: loss of husband, Keith Glasscock Ruth Spangler: recovering from a minor stroke

#### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

Jacqueline Reyes	Jan 1
Kain Arenz	Jan 2
Justin Miller	Jan 10
Lynn Fruit	Jan 12
Glenda Morgan	Jan 14
Nova Redlow	Jan 17
Nicole DeVore	Jan 22
Tom Dunn	Jan 22
DeDe Trapp	Jan 22
Jonna Hunt	Jan 23

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:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center Visit: www.allendaleumc.org/therapy

## PRESENCE

Sunday 12/18: 82 in-person, 192 online Longest Night: 31 in-person, 86 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. 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

#### A BLESSING FOR THE SEEKERS:

Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky, who open your arms to feel the wind, who notice all the things that we should notice.

Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder and familiar with awe.

Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams, who have not lost hope, who swear the glass is still half-full.

Blessed are you who plant trees and sing the harmony, who tell the children how this world can be magic.

Blessed are you who walk and seek and turn over every stone, pointing out all the corners and colors that God lives in.

Blessed are you.

Amen.

A Poetry Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed (she/her) A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. You can find her daily poems on Instagram and Facebook:

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## **EPIPHANY**

We keep seeking

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PRELUDE
Bill Lee

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by Carmelle Beauge

Often the community we begin a journey with is not the same community that supports us throughout our journey's length.



by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittmar MATTHEW 2:13-23

Joseph is advised to move in direct opposition to the way his ancestors moved... toward Egypt instead of away. It takes great courage to consider the ingrained patterns of your history and blaze a new trail.

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# THIS WEEK

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

**Sun Jan 1** 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

#### Mon Jan 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 Jan 3** 6 PM W. Wesley Cooking w/ Friends (Kitchen)

**Wed Jan 4** 6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom) 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

**Thu Jan 5** 9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom) 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

#### Fri Jan 6

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.) 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin) 8:30 PM St. Creaturesburg open mic (Sanct.)

#### Sat Jan 7

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.) 12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley)

#### **Sun Jan 8** 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/calendar.

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE? The next opportunity: Sun Jan 8 at 10:30 AM Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join