



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

- Sat Dec 31 Judy Haines playing at FUSION Resort's New Years Eve Party 9 PM
Get tickets before they sell out: www.allendaleumc.org/goodbye2022
- Sun Jan 1 New Years Day Epiphany Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- 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 WORSHIP BAND:

piano - Tru Mizzell
drums - Brandon Wise
vocals - Michelle Taylor
organist - Bill Lee

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

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Jan 8 at 10:30 AM

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

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:

Allendale's new Community Building Team is working to find new ways to promote connecting with others at Allendale. Our next gathering is Sun Jan 8 at 9 AM in the Wesley room. All are welcome! Come with ideas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE NEED BUS DRIVERS/COORDINATORS:

With more people coming back to church, and many relying on others for rides, we are looking for someone to help us coordinate transportation to get people to and from church on Sundays using our church bus. If you are interested in either driving the bus occasionally on Sunday mornings or coordinating pick-ups and drop-offs, *reach out to the church office: office@allendaleumc.org*

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:

Miguel Iturralde	Dec 25
Gunnar Foster	Dec 29
Courtney Ross	Dec 29
Laura Hutton	Dec 30
Jacqueline Reyes	Jan 1
Kain Arenz	Jan 2
Justin Miller	Jan 10
Lynn Fruit	Jan 12
Glenda Morgan	Jan 14

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

Previous Sunday: 82 in-person, 192 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

EVERYWHERE AND ALWAYS:

Right here.

That's where God is.

In the sun that turns our bedroom gold,
in the creaks of this old house,
and in birthday candles on the cake;

in clean sheets, sock feet, and porch-sitting;

in pancakes for breakfast
and pancakes for dinner;

in the swell of a lit candle,
in fireplace conversations;

in your grandmother's carrot cake,
and the smell of evergreen.

God is in the seed-starters on the porch,
and the space between my bones;

in garlic butter, early mornings,
and twinkle lights.

Certainly in dancing and laughing,
in cups of coffee,

in the art hung on the fridge,
snail mail, long phone calls,

and oh how I love you.
God is right here.

God pulled up a seat.
God has traveled all the way to the heart.

Tell the next generation.

*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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CHRISTMASTIDE

God dwells with us

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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CAROL Allendale Band

O Come All Ye Faithful (vv. 1, 6) |Wade|

CALL TO WORSHIP Hannah Newton

CAROL Allendale Band

Joy to the World |Watts, Handel, Mason|

CELEBRATING THE FULLY LIT ADVENT WREATH Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION Hannah Newton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Congregation

OFFERING Allendale Band

*Angels We Have Heard on High (vv. 1, 4) |Trad. French Carol|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give*

POEM Theresa Frost

Everywhere and Always |by Rev. Sarah Speed|sanctifiedart.org|

CAROL Allendale Band

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (vv. 1, 3) |Wesley|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Hannah Newton

POETIC READING OF SCRIPTURE Hannah Newton & Theresa Frost

John 1

HOMILY Rev. David Franks

SONG Allendale Band

Love Came Down at Christmas |Rossetti|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Hannah Newton

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

JOHN 1:1-14

It is through Christ that all things came into being, and it is through Christ that we experience the abounding saturation of God, who chose to dwell among us.



by Hannah Garrity

LUKE 2:15-21

One of the treasures Mary pondered was the hope brought forth for the world to return to again and again—and to pass on, like a ripple, one person at a time.

*"From Generation to Generation"
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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:
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Sun Dec 25

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

Mon Dec 26

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Dec 27

Wed Dec 28

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Dec 29

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)
7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Dec 30

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Dec 31

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)
6 PM Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Sun Jan 1

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

Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar:
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