



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

- Wed Feb 1 Black History Month Flag Raising Ceremony (St. Pete City Hall) 2 PM
- Sat Feb 11 Parents' Night Out (Allendale) 5 PM
Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/nightout
- Sun Feb 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Mon Feb 13 Get to know our new Bishop Tom Berlin (The Portico Cafe, Tampa) 9 AM
- Sat Feb 25 Memorial Gathering for Winnie Foster (Sanctuary) 1 PM
- Mon Mar 27 FAST Nehemiah Action (Indian Rocks Baptist Church) 7 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S MUSIC LEADER:

MELANIE DeMORE is a three time Grammy nominated singer/composer, choral conductor, music director, and vocal activist who believes in the power of voices raised together. She is a featured presenter of SpeakOut!-The Institute for Social and Cultural Change, the Master Teaching Artist for Music at UC Berkeley/ CalPerformances; works with everyone from Baptists to Buddhists, and was a founding member of the Grammy-nominated ensemble Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. She became Music Director for Obeah Opera by Nicole Brooks as part of the Luminato Festival in 2019. She is a charter member of Kate Munger's Threshold Choirs and conducts song circles with an emphasis on the voice as a vessel for healing. In her own words: *"A song can hold you up when there seems to be no ground beneath you".*

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BOBBIE WINDLE (she/her/hers) 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."

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

JOHN STEWART (he/him/his) is retired from Pinellas County Schools, where he taught English, creative writing, humanities, and Advanced Placement Art History. His passions for social justice include public protest and working with people experiencing homelessness. He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Sheila Stewart and yard cat Ole Oliver Gray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:

Need a night out? We'll take care of your kids (age 10 and under) for free for a few hours on Sat Feb 11 from 5-8 PM so you can have a date night out. We'll have light snacks, arts & crafts, and other activities for your younger children. *You must pre-register at www.allendaleumc.org/nightout.*

SKI TRIP TO SNOWSHOE WEST VIRGINIA:

We will be heading up to Snowshoe West Virginia Mar 11-16, 2023. The cost for the trip is \$600 and includes travel, lodging, meals, ski equipment rentals, and lift tickets. *Put down your \$20 refundable deposit to reserve a spot at: www.allendaleumc.org/ski23.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Debbie Duty: cousin's open heart surgery
Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Bobbie Windle: cancer treatments
Ruth Spangler: recovering from a minor stroke

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Maria Davidson | Jan 29 |
| Kathleen Howard | Jan 29 |
| Megan Lopez | Feb 6 |
| John Stewart | Feb 10 |
| Sheila Stewart | Feb 10 |
| Grey Welsh | Feb 10 |
| Patti Wise | Feb 10 |

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: 88 in-person, 189 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Contact Yadi 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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FLAG RAISING:

In honor of Black History Month, the Woodson flag will be raised at City Hall in downtown St. Petersburg on Feb 1 at 2 PM during a ceremony.

Carter G Woodson worked to preserve the history of black people saying that African-American contributions "were overlooked, ignored, and even suppressed by the writers of history textbooks and the teachers who use them." Woodson accumulated a collection of thousands of artifacts and publications.

Allendale will be participating in this years flag raising ceremony.



We are also using our Allendale sign to share the names of black leaders and waymakers who have changed the course of history championing justice and equity.

In light of Governor Ron DeSantis' decision to ban AP African American Studies, specifically because it includes topics like queer theology, we feel the need to uplift some black queer leaders like Audre Lorde, Marsha P. Johnson, James Baldwin, and Bayard Rustin, just to name a few. So be on the lookout on our Facebook page, facebook.com/allendaleumc as we will post more about these amazing humans in the coming days and weeks...

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Melanie DeMore

Come By Here

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bobbie Windle

SONG Melanie DeMore

Hold Everybody Up

CELEBRATION OF BETH JONES Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

The Journey Isn't Over

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bobbie Windle

SONG Melanie DeMore

I Sit Beside You

POEM Alberita Johnson

Sacred

READING Bobbie Windle

I Corinthians 1:20, 26-28

LESSON John Stewart

SONG Melanie DeMore

Lead With Love

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Bobbie Windle

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



1 CORINTHIANS 1:20, 26-28

“Life will break you.
Nobody can protect you from that,
and living alone won’t either, for solitude
will also break you with its yearning.

You have to love.

You have to feel.

It is the reason you are here on earth.
You are here to risk your heart.
You are here to be swallowed up.
And when it happens that you are
broken, or betrayed, or left, or hurt, or
death brushes near, let yourself sit by an
apple tree and listen to the apples falling
all around you in heaps, wasting their
sweetness. Tell yourself you tasted as
many as you could.”

-Louise Erdrich

*Image from Unsplash
Liturgy from Enfleshed*

Psalm 88 Commentary by Thomas L. McDonald

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Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, Hannah Newton, Erin Giblin,

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 Jan 29

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Jan 30

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Jan 31

6 PM W. Wesley Cooking w/ Friends (Kitchen)

Wed Feb 1

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6 PM Allendale 101 (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Feb 2

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Feb 3

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Feb 4

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

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley Room)

Sun Feb 5

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:

Join us on Wednesday nights in the
Community Center for a meal at 5 PM
followed by classes at 6 PM.

Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.

*Learn more and RSVP at:
www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays*