



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

- Wed Feb 22 Drive By Ashes by the Church Sign (Parking Lot) 9:30 - 10:30 AM
- Wed Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Feb 23 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- Sat Feb 25 Memorial Gathering for Winnie Foster (Sanctuary) 1 PM
- Mon Feb 27 Faith & Action for Strength Together Rally (1900 Gandy Blvd N) 7 PM
- Mar 11-16 Spring Break Ski Trip (Snowshoe, WV)
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/ski23
- Sun Mar 19 Author Saket Soni - "The Great Escape" (Temple Beth-El) 4:30 PM
The Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture Series
- Sat Mar 25 Meet-up at FUSION Resort to see Judy Haines (290 107th Ave) 6 PM
- Mon Mar 27 FAST Nehemiah Action (Indian Rocks Baptist Church) 7 PM
- April 2-9 Family Promise at Allendale
- Sun Apr 9 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LOIS JABLONSKI (she/her/hers) was born in Pensacola, Fl. She and her husband, Frank, have been married for 34 years and have 2 children. Their son, Alex, lives in Chicago, and daughter, Lois Marie, lives in Tempe, Arizona. They also have two wonderful rescue dogs, Duke and Annie, and a cheeky bunny named Pebbles. Lois has been a teacher for 24 years. She currently teaches first grade, and works after school tutoring children who have dyslexia.

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik
organist - Bill Lee

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

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Apr 9 at 10:30 AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Hear author Saket Soni in a social justice lecture at Temple Beth-El in St. Pete on Sunday, March 19 at 4:30 PM. Soni wrote *The Great Escape*, acclaimed by the New York Times as a "must read"

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Governor DeSantis recently signed a death warrant for Donald David Dillbeck. We oppose the death penalty and will join other organizations across the state by holding a vigil in protest near the Pinellas county jail and courthouse at 49th St N and Ulmerton Rd on February 23 from 5-6 PM, the time of the execution.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

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
Nina Dauzet: Jimmy's cancer treatments (friend)
Nina Dauzet: Jeannie's health concerns (friend)
Nina Dauzet: Ted's health concerns (son)

BIRTHDAYS:

Debbie Bennett	Feb 19
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26
Adrienne Mitenius	Feb 28
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Donna Baxla	Mar 7
Epiphany Summers	Mar 8

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: 131 in-person, 315 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

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY:



Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) was an abolitionist and social activist. To share her story, here's an excerpt from the children's book "Before She Was Harriet" written by Lesa Cline-Ransome. This book is banned in some Florida schools, which we think is ridiculous. We read the book during Time With Children in church last Sunday.

"Remember her days as a suffragist, as a general, as a spy, as a nurse, as Aunt Harriet, as Moses, as a conductor, as Minty, as Araminta, who dreamed of living long enough, to one day be old, stiff and achy, tired and worn and wrinkled, and free."



Bayard Rustin (1912 - 1987) is one of the most pivotal figures in the Black Civil Rights movement but was kept out of the public spotlight because he was a gay man.

In 2013, Rustin was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. "Bayard Rustin was an unyielding activist for civil rights, dignity, and equality for all. An advisor to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he promoted nonviolent resistance, participated in one of the first Freedom Rides, organized the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and fought tirelessly for marginalized communities at home and abroad. As an openly gay African American, Mr. Rustin stood at the intersection of several of the fights for equal rights."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

Show Us How To Love | Miller |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Give Us Love | Reagan, Washington |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

Be Still My Soul | Von Schlegel, Borthwick |

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Franks

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

What A Wonderful World | Armstrong |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

If It's Magic | Wonder |

SCRIPTURE Lois Jablonski

Luke 9:28b-36

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Keep Me In The Moment | Camp |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lois Jablonski

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



LUKE 9:28B-36

Some conspiracy theorists like to reinterpret classic extraordinary Bible stories as some sort of psychoactive drug-induced hallucination. I don't know if anyone was influenced by ancient hallucinogens in the Bible, and I typically find that oversimplified explanation to be very naive. However, if any story could be reinterpreted that way, then the Transfiguration is a top contender.

Oftentimes these mountaintop experiences can knock us into new ways of perceiving the world, which is something we desperately need if we want to change it. And we don't necessarily need drugs to stretch our imaginations this far. Oftentimes, we just need to be present, and listen.

Just listen.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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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 Feb 19

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

Mon Feb 20

Church office closed for Presidents Day

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

Tue Feb 21

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

Wed Feb 22

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)
6 PM Ash Wednesday Service
6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Feb 23

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)
5 PM Anti-Death Penalty Vigil
7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Feb 24

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

Sat Feb 25

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)
1 PM Memorial Service for Winnie Foster

Sun Feb 26

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*