



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

- Mon Feb 27 Faith & Action for Strength Together Rally (1900 Gandy Blvd N) 7 PM
- Sun Mar 5 Ski Trip Packing Meeting (Wesley) 4 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
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/promise
- 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:

HILLARY VAN DYKE (she/her/hers) was born in South Florida and moved to Indiana at age 11. Her parents and two of her three siblings still live in Indiana. She got her undergraduate degree at Purdue University, her masters at University of South Florida, and is working on her doctorate there at the moment. She is the Executive Director of the Green Book of Tampa Bay. She has a chihuahua/yorkie/schnauzer mix named Stitch who doesn't let his five pounds stop him!

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

drums - Brandon Wise
piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

*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

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:

Booklets are available at the table in the back of the Sanctuary or online at:
www.allendaleumc.org/lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUEER THEOLOGY CLASS:

On Wed Mar 1, Rev. David Franks and Erica George will begin "Liberation for a Troubling time. An Inquiry into Queer Theology." Through lecture and discussion, you are invited to develop and ground yourself in a theology that helps give you greater understanding and commitment to the actions you take in liberating not only the lives of those relegated to the margins in our society, in our churches, but to your own life and understanding of the deepest shared values we hold in together, which in truth makes us all queer.

FAMILY PROMISE:

Volunteer as Allendale hosts families without homes the week of Apr 2-9. We will need help with laundry, overnight hosts, cooking meals, and more. Volunteers will take an online training course.
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/promise

NURSERY WORKERS:

Our nursery has been busy on Sunday mornings! With many families with young children utilizing the nursery, we are looking to add more nursery workers or volunteers to our team to meet our growing need. Join us! *Contact theresa@allendaleumc.org.*

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:

Erica George	Feb 26
Adrienne Mitenius	Feb 28
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Donna Baxla	Mar 7
Epiphany Summers	Mar 8
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Judy Collins	Mar 15
Nick Carey	Mar 16

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: 89 in-person, 200 online
Ash Wednesday: 52 in-person, 32 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:

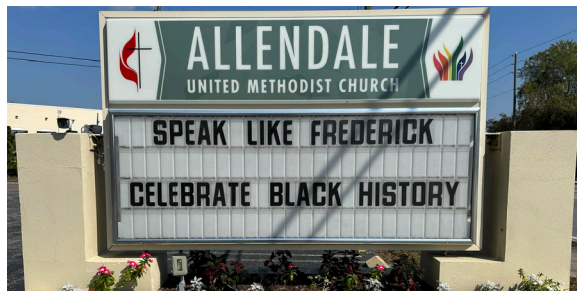
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WITNESS

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY:



Frederick Douglass (1818 – 1895) was a formerly enslaved man who became a prominent activist, author, and public speaker. After escaping slavery, he became a leader in the abolitionist movement, which sought to end the practice of slavery before and during the Civil War.

Even after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Douglass continued to push for equality and human rights. He also advocated for women's rights, specifically the right of women to vote.



Carter G. Woodson (1875 – 1950) was a scholar known as the “father of Black history.” His dedication to celebrating the historical contributions of Black people and popularizing the field of Black Studies in schools and colleges across the United States led to the establishment of Black History Month.

In his writings, he argued that American schools and how they taught the country's history were harming Black Americans:

“The same educational process which inspires and stimulates the oppressor with the thought that he is everything and has accomplished everything worthwhile depresses and crushes at the same time the spark of genius in the Negro by making him feel that his race does not amount to much and never will measure up to the standards of other peoples.”

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

seeking: *Who will you listen to?*

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

PRELUDE Spencer Lajoie

Show Us How To Love |Miller|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Land of the Seeking |Lajoie|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hillary Van Dyke

SONG Allendale Band

Not in a Hurry |Reagan|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Hillary Van Dyke

For Everyone Born |Murray|

OFFERING Congregation

Study War No More |Black Spiritual|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Campbell Horn

SONG Allendale Band

Who Will You Listen To? |Strickland|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Hillary Van Dyke

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON Michelle Taylor

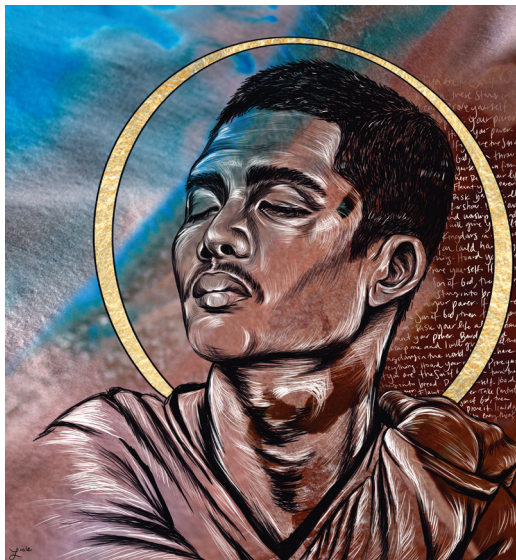
SONG Allendale Band

Total Praise |Smallwood|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Hillary Van Dyke

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



"Tune In" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

MATTHEW 4:1-11

The backdrop of this art piece resembles the dust of the desert. Like sand washing along a beach, the sediment shifts into water in the top left, hinting at what bolsters Jesus in his ministry: his belonging to God. His belovedness washes over him, giving him the courage to defy the deception of the Tempter and tune into his inner wisdom. In this way, he is given a new song to carry with him, a lullaby from God that goes, "You, my child, in you, I am well-pleased."

What are the voices that linger with you like a ringing in your ears? What are the messages that try to deceive or devour you? Let those voices buzz and fade into the background. Close your eyes, tune in, and embrace yourself. From your belovedness, what song will you sing?"

SEEKING Theme, Liturgy, and Images from The Sanctified Art

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Bill Lee | Organist
Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator
Madison Redington, 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 26

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon Feb 27

7 PM FAST Rally (1900 Gandy Blvd N)
7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Feb 28

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

Wed Mar 1

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

Thu Mar 2

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

Fri Mar 3

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

Sat Mar 4

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

Sun Mar 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*