



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu, 9 AM to 2 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 Yadi 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 Mar 27 FAST Nehemiah Action (Indian Rocks Baptist Church) 7 PM
Carpool from Allendale at 6 PM - RSVP at www.allendaleumc.org/fast
- April 2-9 Family Promise at Allendale
- Apr 6-7 Maundy Thursday 6 PM, Good Friday 12 PM
- Sat Apr 8 Easter Egg Hunt (Allendale) 10 AM
- Sun Apr 9 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake 7 AM, Easter at Allendale 10:30 AM
- Sun Apr 9 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Apr 15-16 DEI Training (Community Center) 10 AM - 6 PM
- Sun Apr 16 One City Chorus benefiting Woodson Warrior Scholarship (Sanct) 4 PM
- Sat May 20 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LASHLEY MARKS (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She was then blessed to be placed with her son, Elijah, adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators.

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
ukulele - Andrew Holland

*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

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

This year's Nehemiah Action will be held at Indian Rocks Baptist Church on Mon Mar 27 at 7 PM. Meet at Allendale at 6 PM and we will carpool to the event. Please wear an Allendale shirt if you have one! *Let us know you're attending at www.allendaleumc.org/fast*

DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION TRAINING:

There will be a two-day intensive training program for teachers, students and those interested. April 15-16, 10 AM - 6 PM. All participants will receive a certificate upon completion. There will also be a component of this training in Worship on Sun Apr 16. *Let us know you're interested: www.allendaleumc.org/DEI*

TAMPA BAY TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL:

The Film Festival is a space grounded in and centered around the transgender community. Fri Mar 31 - Sun Apr 2. The festival was founded as a collaboration between the Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (TIGLFF) and St. Pete Pride and is tied to the Transgender Day of Remembrance. *See the schedule: www.allendaleumc.org/transfilm*

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:

Howard Johnston	Mar 26
Emma Naclerio	Mar 26
Ann Wynne-Phillips	Mar 26
Sandi Holtzclaw	Mar 27
Hillary Nix	Mar 30
Todd Miller	Apr 1
Tru Mizzell	Apr 1
Lorin Baxla	Apr 3
Lashley Marks	Apr 7
Jalen Garza	Apr 9

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: 85 in-person, 141 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.

WITNESS

WHAT ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEHEMIAH ACTION?:

This year we will be focusing on three major issues in Pinellas County: Affordable Housing, Criminal Justice reform, and Water Quality & Flooding.

Affordable Housing: Pinellas County is in a housing crisis. Working families are living in hotel rooms or living in their cars because they can't afford the high cost of housing in Pinellas County. To date, we have won from the County and City of St. Petersburg a combined \$100 million for affordable housing. This money will be used over the course of the ten years between 2020 and 2030. So far, over 700 units of housing have been completed or are under construction.

Criminal Justice Reform for Minor Mistakes: At the Action in 2021, we won commitments from various Criminal Justice stakeholders across the County to expand the Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion program to include more misdemeanors. At this time, we are following up to ensure that more adults will have the opportunity to forego an unnecessary arrest and lifelong criminal record for a minor, and often unknown, mistake. This will help to ensure that people who are poor and low income are not criminalized for being unable to pay fees and fines.

Water Quality and Flooding: We hear story after story of the impact of poor water quality and flooding on families and children. These stories cover a range of issues, some causing health problems via Red Tide, others related to flooding issues during heavy rains due to poor infrastructure. We even heard stories of sewage being dumped into neighborhood waterways and polluting community areas. Our task at the Nehemiah Action this year is to push our local governments to take action on long-term solutions that prioritize the health of our people and our waterways over the profit of corporations.



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

seeking: *Can These Bones Live?*

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

PRELUDE Spencer LaJoye

Land of the Seeking |LaJoye|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Resurrection Power |Ellis, Cash, Brown|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Lashley Marks

SONG Allendale Band

Beautiful Things |Gungor|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Lashley Marks

Land of the Seeking Reprise |LaJoye|

OFFERING Congregation

Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning To End)

|Ingram, Weaver, Chisholm, Runyan|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Any Bordeaux

SONG Allendale Band

Can These Bones Live? |Strickland|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Lashley Marks

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Come Alive |Hastings, Fatkin, Ligertwood|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lashley Marks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Resurrection Power |Ellis, Cash, Brown|



"Rubble" by Carmelle Beaugelin

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

I've often heard sermons where pastors position God's people as the prophet to call the world into life, but what about God's people who are, as the bones, facing the despair of death? Their suffering is theologized away by those who consider themselves the righteous "Ezekiels" of the world, whose privilege weighs heavy on the bones of the suffering.

"Rubble" speaks to the realities of being made alive and yet not being allowed to live—a nameless multitude of God's people resurrected yet still bearing the scent of burial spices on their bodies.

Who are we in this story? Are we the bones seeking life? Do we perceive ourselves as spectators of suffering? Or will we choose to be participants in healing as active agents of God's resurrecting power out of the rubble?

SEEKING Theme, Liturgy, and Images from The Sanctified Art

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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

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

Sun Mar 26

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Mar 27

6:45 PM FAST Nehemiah Action

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Mar 28

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

Wed Mar 29

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Mar 30

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Mar 31

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Apr 1

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

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley)

Sun Apr 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

DINNER MENU

*Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center.
\$10 or whatever you can afford.*

Wed Mar 29

Chicken Broccoli Stir Fry, Basmati Rice, PACO Vegetable Blend, Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert,

Thu Apr 6 - *Dinner at 6 PM*

Taco Bar, Elote (Mexican street corn), Sweet Plantains, Fresh Fruit, Salad, Dessert