



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2023

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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 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 the office at 727.527.6694 or 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2-9 Family Promise at Allendale
- Apr 6-7 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM, Good Friday at Riviera 6:30 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](http://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
- Jun 12-16 Vacation Bible School (Allendale) 9 AM - 12 PM
- Sat Jun 24 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride - Parade starts at 6 PM

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**DOROTHEA LEE** (she/her/hers) has a B.A. in Business Administration from USF, her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law, and her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is presently a legal aid attorney serving on the Florida Senior Legal Helpline. Dorothea is a passionate advocate, activist, and agitator for justice, and is thrilled to serve our community at large as an Evara Health Board Member. Dorothea is grateful and blessed to be the mother of a daughter, and four sons, and a grandmama to five grandchildren.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
vocals - Michelle Taylor

*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto: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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UWF GUEST SPEAKER:

Allendale's United Women in Faith group is having a special speaker on April 3 at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room from Cornerstone Ministries, which works to provide food and education to 13,000 area children. All are welcome to this free event.

### 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/DEI)*

### DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Despite a non-unanimous jury sentence and significant evidence of mental illness, Governor DeSantis has signed a death warrant for Louis Gaskin and set an execution date for Wed Apr 12 at 6 PM. Join Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP), Allendale United Methodist Church, and other death penalty opponents in a vigil to end this and all executions.

# 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:

Lorin Baxla Apr 3

Lashley Marks Apr 7

Jalen Garza Apr 9

Diane Gibson Apr 12

Joanne Reich Apr 13

Stephanie Lindeman Apr 14

Ellen Mowbray Apr 15

Patty Rust Apr 24

Sugar-pi Wiedeburg Apr 28

Jane Caldwell Apr 29

*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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/therapy)

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 89 in-person, 152 online

*Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

## GIFTS

**Give online:** [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

**Text-to-give:** Text amount to 727-312-0808

### SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Contact the office to set up online giving.

Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation.

## WITNESS

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

*Maundy Thursday:* Starting at 6:30 PM, we will dine together in the Sanctuary at Allendale with Riviera UMC and families from Family Promise. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples, a defining moment that initiated the sacrament of Holy Communion. The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment," which refers to Jesus' command to his disciples to love and serve one another. So it's all about love, service, and ensuring everyone has a seat at the table.

*Good Friday:* Beginning at 6:30 PM at Riviera UMC (175 62nd Ave N). This solemn observance marks the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, a poignant reminder of the struggle against oppression and the need for solidarity with the suffering. The service provides an opportunity for reflection on the power of transformative love and the ongoing struggle for a more just world.

*Easter Egg Hunt:* From 10 AM to 12 PM, join us for a fun-filled morning for children, families, and everyone! The event will include crafts, games, activities, and snacks, and children are encouraged to bring their Easter baskets for the egg hunt. This tradition is not only a fun way to meet the community but also serves as a symbol of new life and the joy that accompanies the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter eggs picked up during the hunt can be exchanged for candy and other small prizes.

*Easter Sunrise Service:* Easter Sunday begins with a sunrise service at Crescent Lake Park at 7 AM. Multiple local UMC congregations will gather to celebrate Jesus' resurrection as the sun rises, signifying the emergence of light and the triumph over the darkness of injustice and oppression. This event, open to all, embodies the spirit of unity and inclusivity in the struggle for liberation. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blanket, and pets are welcome.

*Easter Worship:* 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary at Allendale UMC. This celebratory service will feature communion and choir, rejoicing in the miracle of Jesus' resurrection, symbolizing hope, new life, and the potential for transformation.



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

# PALM SUNDAY

## seeking: *Where are you headed?*

*Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here)*

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee

*Land of the Seeking* |LaJoye|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Ride On King Jesus* |Black Spiritual|

LITANY ..... Honey Goudard & Anthony Lenzo

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Dorothea Lee

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* |Assam, Singh, Marak|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS ..... Dorothea Lee

*Land of the Seeking Reprise* |LaJoye|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*What I'm Waiting For* |Maher, DOE, Fowler|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

POEM ..... Hannah Newton

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Christ Jesus, On Sunday, You Rode Into Town* |Gillette|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE ..... Dorothea Lee

*Matthew 21:1-11*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Ride On King Jesus* |Black Spiritual|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Dorothea Lee

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee



"Power Play" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

### **MATTHEW 21:1-11**

In their book, *The Last Week*, theologians Marcus Borg and John Crossman assert that there were actually two parades occurring simultaneously in Jerusalem on this day. From the east, Jesus entered on a donkey. From the west, the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, entered with an imperial guard. They write: "Jesus' procession proclaimed the kingdom of God; Pilate's proclaimed the power of empire. The two processions embody the central conflict of the week that led to Jesus' crucifixion." This image is a meditation on these opposing processions and the embodiment of power.

Which parade you would join in Jerusalem has a lot to say about your definition of power. If you are quick to place yourself in Jesus' parade, I encourage you to pause and consider these questions honestly: When have you aligned yourself with systems or people who have used their power for violence or to uphold the status quo? When have you embodied power through vulnerability and love for your neighbor?

*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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/calendar)

### **Sun Apr 2 - Palm Sunday**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

### **Mon Apr 3**

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### **Tue Apr 4**

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

### **Wed Apr 5**

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Thu Apr 6 - Maundy Thursday**

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner (Sanctuary)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri Apr 7 - Good Friday**

6:30 Good Friday (Riviera UMC)

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Sat Apr 8**

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

10 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Allendale)

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley)

### **Sun Apr 9 - Easter**

7 AM Easter Sunrise Service (Crescent Lake)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

## **DINNER MENU**

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

### **Thu Apr 6 - \*Dinner 6:30 PM in Sanctuary\***

Ziti Pasta with Red and White Sauce, Hummus and Pita, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert

### **Wed Apr 12**

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