



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 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 recommended 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 May 24 Allendale Equity & Justice ribbon cutting - 9:30 AM

May 28-Jun 4 Allendale Hosting Families for Family Promise

Sun Jun 11 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join

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

Jul 3-8 Warren Willis Summer Camp

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

REV. RUSSELL LEHMAN is a retired United Methodist minister, splitting his time between the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and a Navy chaplaincy, with a brief stint in Idaho. Lois, Russ' wife of forty-years, was transitional pastor of the Lakeview Presbyterian Church until her retirement in December. The two have visited every state (with the possible exception of Nebraska), share four sons, and live with three Springer Spaniels. Russ' unique characteristic may be that he has served in the Marine Corp, Air Force, and Navy at various times.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LYNN FRUIT (she/her/hers) felt very fortunate to find AUMC when she and her husband, Ed Miller, moved to St Pete from Tampa in 2016. She loves Allendale's commitment to social justice and being a place where everyone belongs. Lynn is retired from a career as a project manager, so she has time to enjoy gardening with native plants, hiking and canoeing.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
bass - Matthew Blaine
ukulele - Andrew Holland
organist - Bill Lee

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIBBON CUTTING:

Renovations at Allendale's new Equity & Justice Center are almost finished. The space will be used to support equity and justice focused community non-profits. We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new space on Wed May 24 at 9:30 AM. *Learn more about the project at: www.allendaleumc.org/justice.*

VBS INTEREST MEETING:

Join us after church on May 28 in the Wesley Room if you're interested in helping out with VBS. Lunch is provided!

FAMILY PROMISE:

Allendale is hosting families for Family Promise the week of May 28-June 4. *Visit www.allendaleumc.org/promise to get involved*

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION:

David Armbruster will be leading a meditation class at Allendale on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 PM beginning on May 31. *Learn more: www.allendaleumc.org/mind.*

STRUCTURAL RACISM STUDY GROUP:

Explore the historical and modern-day impact of structural racism on the lives of Black people in St. Petersburg in this 3 week discussion-based course. Drawing from the report commissioned by the City of St. Pete, we will read and discuss highlights, and begin to identify ways to dismantle white supremacy in our community today. Meets Sundays at 9 AM, June 18, 25 and July 9. Co-led by Drs. Amy Mormino and Kate Pravera.

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

Amy Wells: Michael's health concerns (brother)

Anthony Lenzo: loss of Valerie (mother)

Service in Allendale Chapel Jun 13, 10 AM

Michele Rayner-Goolsby: loss of their mother

Service at Mt. Zion May 27, 11 AM

BIRTHDAYS:

Raegan Miller May 22

Jeff Ishman May 24

Chris Marks May 28

Ginger Holton Jun 6

Cuth Hutton Jun 10

Greg Brecht Jun 11

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 for care 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, 146 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 the office to set up online giving.

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

WITNESS

A SANCTUARY FOR ALL:

Amid a backdrop of societal polarization and prejudice, we extend a welcoming hand to those who have long felt marginalized and rejected. As the world watches, we hold our ground against those who attempt to dim our light. Critics may misconstrue our actions, but we stand firm, unwavering in our mission to build a new Allendale, a safe haven for all of God's beloved. These are some excerpts from reviews and recent responses we received after announcing our 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship. (The next one is July 30, by the way. Mark your calendar!):

"This is amazing to see from a church. In the church I grew up in... being queer was unacceptable. It's nice to see that not all churches are like that." - Diana

"I hope to see other Florida churches find creative ways to push back against the hate in our state for all parts of the LGBTQ+ community." - Matthew

"Allendale does not spread hate. I love the social justice stance, which is just where Jesus would be. The haters use religion to spread hate. Continue to add love and acceptance to the religious narrative." - Carolyn

"Thank you for being a Beacon of light amidst all the dark right now and sharing the true love of Jesus!" - Jamie

"(Allendale is) the first religious institution to make me feel welcome, accepted, and loved. This place accepts everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, and beliefs. I am agnostic, and they are happy to have me join the worship. If God made us, God made us as we are: straight, gay, etc." - Summer

"I love all that you do and what you stand for!" - Cristen

We firmly believe that the 5th Sunday Drag Gospel worship is more than an event; it's a beacon of hope, a testament to the unyielding power of love and acceptance in the face of adversity. As the FL government restricts our rights and liberties in the name of "freedom," we will continue resisting evil and oppression in every form they present themselves. Blessed are the woke!



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Bill Lee

WELCOME Rev. David Franks

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SONG Allendale Band

I Am Loved |Brock|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band

Holy, Holy, Holy, Love Now Ascending |Burkio|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Franks

OFFERING Congregation

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling |Wesley|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band

I Will Wait |Mumford & Sons|

SCRIPTURE Lynn Fruit

Acts 1:6-14

SERMON Rev. Russell Lehman

SONG Allendale Band

Waiting on the World to Change |Mayer|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lynn Fruit

POSTLUDE Bill Lee



ACTS 1:6-14

Jesus is gone. "Ascended" is the word for it, we suppose, but he is gone from among us. This passage brings up all the questions about where people go after they die and what heaven is (a concept thoroughly obscured by a centuries-deep cloud of supremacist Christian certainties) and what kind of relationship it is possible to have with those who have left this realm and gone to that one.

Perhaps Walt Whitman was onto something when he wrote:

"I bequeath myself to the dirt to grow from the grass I love, If you want me again look for me under your boot-soles. You will hardly know who I am or what I mean, But I shall be good health to you nevertheless, And filter and fibre your blood. Failing to fetch me at first keep encouraged, Missing me one place search another, I stop somewhere waiting for you."

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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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 May 21

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon May 22

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue May 23

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

Wed May 24

9:30 AM Equity & Justice Ctr. Ribbon Cutting

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Brainstorming new classes (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu May 25

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri May 26

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat May 27

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

Sun May 28

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. Vegetarian or
Vegan options are always available.*

Wed May 24

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce (Vegan Option Available), Italian Cut Green Beans, Sauteed Mushrooms, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Jun 11 at 10:30 AM

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