



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 11, 2023

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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

- 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
- Sun Jul 9 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Jul 31- Aug 4 Youth End of Summer Bash

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 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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

bass - Matthew Blaine
drums - Bianca Goolsby
piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

OUR PRIDE 2023 T-SHIRT HAS ARRIVED:

Available in sizes ranging from S-4XL.
Toddler Shirts are also available in sizes T2-T4. T-shirts cost \$20 each or you can buy a reduced-price shirt for \$10.

*Order your shirt by visiting
www.allendaleumc.org/pride or by visitng the
table in the back of the Sanctuary.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRUCTURAL RACISM STUDY GROUP:

Join us for a 3 week discussion-based course drawing from the report commissioned by the City of St. Pete. We will read, discuss, and identify ways to dismantle white supremacy in our community today. Sundays at 9 AM, June 18, 25 and July 9. Co-led by Drs. Amy Mormino and Kate Pravera.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Governor DeSantis recently signed a death warrant for Duane Owen. We will hold a vigil in protest, Thu Jun 15, near the Pinellas County Jail and Courthouse at 49th St N and Ulmerton Rd from 5-6 PM, leading up to the scheduled execution. *Learn more about alternatives to the peath penalty at fadp.org*

JUNETEENTH DAY OF ACTION:

Join us for a Juneteenth weekend kick-off before city leaders go on summer break. We'll celebrate Black History in our city and demand the city keep the Gas Plant city-owned to ensure a Black future in St. Pete. Meet at St. Pete City Hall, 175 5th St N on Thu Jun 15 at 6 PM.

60'S FOR 60TH PARTY:

In celebration of the Florida Orchestra Guild St. Petersburg 60th Anniversary, there will be a 60's theme party on Sat Jun 17 from 5-8 PM at 1038 40th Ave N. Wear your 60's attire. *Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at fogsp.org or at the door.*

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

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Greg Brecht | Jun 11 |
| Erin Giblin | Jun 12 |
| David Franks | Jun 14 |
| Joshua Nikkel | Jun 14 |
| Beth Jones | Jun 16 |
| Jackie Hunter | Jun 17 |
| Don Windle | Jun 25 |
| Lisa Paquet | Jun 28 |
| Hillary Van Dyke | Jun 30 |
| Angie Williams | Jun 30 |

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: 99 in-person, 203 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808



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

WITNESS

IMMIGRANTS ARE FLEEING:

As the imminent Florida anti-immigration law gears up for its July 1st enforcement, a wave of fear and uncertainty has gripped immigrant communities. Rep. Rick Roth admitted that the bill, passed by Florida Republicans, including himself, was designed to "scare migrants," but the lawmakers did not anticipate the distress it would cause among longstanding immigrant residents.

The legislation, state Senate Bill 1718, introduces various intimidating provisions such as mandatory E-Verify checks for businesses with more than 25 employees, limited social services for undocumented immigrants, and a human smuggling felony for bringing an immigrant not "inspected" by authorities into the state. This latter provision is particularly unsettling for mixed-status families who travel across state lines.

However, Roth and several of his Republican colleagues are now trying to assuage the fears of the immigrant communities. During a faith-based event, Roth was recorded advising the attendees not to leave the state, reassuring them that the law is not as draconian as it might appear. He emphasized that the law is filled with "loopholes" and is more political posturing than enforceable policy, with no included funding for its enforcement.

Despite these assurances, the silence from representatives about what laid-off undocumented workers might do and the ambiguity around the potential felony charges for mixed-status families travelling together continue to deepen the immigrants' anxieties.

The bill has indeed achieved its purported objective – to scare – leaving many immigrant families on edge, feeling marginalized and intimidated.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

Simply The Best |Turner|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

I Am |Fia|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

God Is |The Outer Banks|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

CALL TO ACTION Ana Lamb, *League of United Latin American Citizens*

OFFERING Congregation

Building Up A New World |Harding|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

Who Are You Now? |Seawright|

SCRIPTURE Lois Jablonski

Genesis 12:1-9

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Freedom |Beyoncé|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & CELEBRATE GRADUATES Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lois Jablonski

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

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GENESIS 12:1-9

Did somebody ever try to “bless” you with something you didn’t ask for, and you feel compelled to muster appreciation for this “gift”? The infamous bunny onesie scene from “A Christmas Story” comes to mind

Abram’s story in Genesis shows this, with divine interventions infringing self-determination. Often, these “blessings” ignore the exploited, with Abram’s dream being a nightmare for the vulnerable. The narrative dismisses the cost of land seizure, overlooking the disadvantaged.

Highways metaphorically symbolize these exploitative “blessings”, functioning as physical representations of capitalist expansion and systemic damage to marginalized communities. Our theology must reconsider “blessings”, divorcing them from transgressions, struggle, and scarcity to prevent injustices against our kin and Earth.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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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 Jun 11

9 AM Welcome Committee Mtg (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Jun 12

9 AM Vacation Bible School

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Jun 13

9 AM Vacation Bible School

6 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

Wed Jun 14

9 AM Vacation Bible School

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Mindful Meditation Class (Sanctuary)

6 PM Half Truths Class (Hybrid Room)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Jun 15

9 AM Vacation Bible School

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

5 PM Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Offsite)

6 PM Juneteenth Action (Offsite)

Fri Jun 16

9 AM Vacation Bible School

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Jun 17

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

2 PM Glitter Gang Parade Art (Narthex)

Sun Jun 18

9 AM Structural Racism Study (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Jul 9 at 10:30 AM

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