



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 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 26-30 Anytown Youth Leadership Camp
- Jul 3-8 Warren Willis Summer Camp
- Sun Jul 9 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat Jul 29 Meet-up at FUSION Resort to see Judy Haines (290 107th Ave) 6 PM
- Jul 31- Aug 5 Youth End of Summer Bash

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

CET MOHAMED MOORE (she/her/hers) was born in San Fernando, Trinidad, and came to the US as an infant. She has many siblings, and her baby sister and 10 year old nephew live close by. Cet paints abstract mixed media, writes, and facilitates in community spaces. She enjoys weightlifting and paddle sports. She is currently involved with Found Family Collective, a grassroots organization aimed at creating resilience and self-determination in the local queer and trans community. She transfers to the University of South Florida in the fall for their Film & New Media Studies program.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Erica George

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

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Jul 9 at 10:30 AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Bring non-perishable items to Allendale for distribution to area food pantries. Collection bins are located in the Kitchen or Narthex.

Some suggested items include:

- Applesauce, canned or dried fruits
- Canned beans, poultry, fish, or veggies
- Crackers, nuts, peanut butter
- Cereal, granola bars, tea bags, baby food
- Instant mashed potatoes, packaged pasta
- Rice, powdered milk, baking mixes
- Canned soup, stew, pasta, or chili

Please avoid glass jars. Sponsored by United Women in Faith (UMW). *Contact: Diane at dianegibson@hotmail.com*

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 visiting the table in the Narthex.



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)

BIRTHDAYS:

Don Windle	Jun 25
Lisa Paquet	Jun 28
Hillary Van Dyke	Jun 30
Angie Williams	Jun 30
Amy Bordeaux	Jul 1
Maria Bullard	Jul 1
Kirsten Davis	Jul 2
Jeff Cox	Jul 4
Jason Edsall	Jul 4
Amy Mormino	Jul 5

Birthdays 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: 72 in-person, 224 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

Happy Pride.

This year, especially, the adjective "Happy" feels trite. Strange. Insufficient. Offbeat. Certainly, for years, Queer and Trans people have been pointing out the insufficiency of Rainbow Capitalism and Pinkwashing.

We are in a landmark year (doesn't it feel like every year is landmark?) as it relates to policies directly impacting queer and trans people.

New laws allow teachers to "snitch" on students who use pronouns differing from the ones they use at home.

New laws ban books that accurately and creatively depict the lives of Black people, immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, and so many other marginalized people.

New laws ban gender-affirming care. We've seen at least three of our own families here at Allendale recently relocate to other states in part due to these anti-trans policies.

You may feel we are in the wilderness. Even more, this may feel like Hell.

What is wilderness? Throughout the Bible it is described to mean "pasture, uninhabited land." It is used in various contexts, including Hagar's banishment, the movement of the Hebrews out of Egypt, and the place where Moses heard from God. We learn that the people kept the Passover "even in the wilderness" in Numbers 9:5. Though the wilderness describes an "uninhabited" and unfamiliar land, God is nearby. God meets the people in the wilderness. God is with us.

Our struggle in the wilderness is both a religious and secular trial, a challenge to our communities to shape quality of life amidst adversity. The fight for equality and acceptance, our collective stand against oppression, makes this Pride even more important and meaningful.

Happy Pride indeed. 

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

She Keeps Me Warm & Rainbow | Lambert & Kesha|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

I Am |Fia|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Cet Mohamed Moore

SONG Allendale Band

Somewhere Over the Rainbow |Kamakawiwo'ole|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Cet Mohamed Moore

SONG Allendale Band

My First Name |Dailey|

SCRIPTURE Cet Mohamed Moore

Genesis 21:8-21

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Child Of God |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Cet Mohamed Moore

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Rainbow |Kesha|



GENESIS 21:8-21

For progressive Christians who want to believe the Bible is a book of justice or love, this story is disorienting.

When we come to stories in the text that offend our sensibilities, we are left with a few choices. Do we try to explain it away, do we throw out the story, or do we ignore it? Perhaps there may be other options beyond these obvious ones.

It is difficult to encounter these stories. And as challenging as it may be, reading these texts requires an intentional posture of curiosity and critique. We must develop the skills of critical engagement in every text we read, but certainly for the Bible. If we do not have a critical lens in the texts that serve as our spiritual nourishment, we will allow toxic ideas to govern our lives.

*This week's Witness Section adapted from
Min. Candace Simpson's (she/her) scripture commentary.
Image from Unsplash
Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

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

Sun Jun 25

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Jun 26

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA GoAfter Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Jun 27

Wed Jun 28

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 29

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Jun 30

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Jul 1

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

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley)

Sun Jul 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. Vegetarian or
Vegan options are always available.*

Wed Jun 28

Turkey Meatballs, Pasta Aglio w/ Garlic Olive Oil, Ratatouille, Dessert