



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 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 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

- 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:

ANTHONY LENZO (they/them) is a semi-conscious protoplasm trying to figure out what life is all about. They occasionally make movies and teach things no one wants to know. They are loved and appreciated by their amazing partner Honey, her progeny, and their cat Major Tom. They will also dance wildly, manifest puns, and perform improv when no one requests.

If you want to know more contact them at: anthony@addfilmmakers.com.

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

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

*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.*

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:

Kirsten Davis	Jul 2
Jeff Cox	Jul 4
Jason Edsall	Jul 4
Amy Mormino	Jul 5
Eric Clark	Jul 13
Brent Brickett	Jul 15
Meredith Davidson	Jul 15
Honey Goudard	Jul 15
Tony Lewandowski	Jul 15
Kate Pravera	Jul 15

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, 347 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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The Supreme Court just cut the ladder out from millions of Black and Brown Americans trying to enter the middle class through higher education.

Affirmative action has long served as a remedy for deep-seated racism, nepotism, and favoritism embedded in admissions processes from pre-K to post-doctorate. Yet, with this ruling, our educational institutions are left without their principal method to maintain fairness.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor poignantly emphasized in her dissent the “devastating impact” of this decision. She accused the court of reversing decades of precedents designed to foster more equal and inclusive education.

This decision may entrench racial segregation in higher education, further contributing to racial inequality in education. Yet, as Sotomayor concluded defiantly, the pursuit of racial diversity will persist despite these setbacks.

The Supreme Court's decision challenges the very concept of welcoming that today's scripture speaks to. Welcoming isn't simply an act of hospitality; it is an active commitment to creating equal opportunities for all individuals.

This week's decision may symbolize a setback, but like Justice Sotomayor, we firmly believe that the march towards equality and inclusivity cannot be permanently halted. We must all work together to ensure that the pursuit of diversity and equality continues in every corner of our society.

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

All Are Welcome |Haugen|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Anthony Lenzo

SONG Allendale Band

Open My Eyes |Manibusin|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

The Gift of Love |Hopson|

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION Anthony Lenzo

SONG Allendale Band

We Stand Together |Schoolmeesters, Green|

SCRIPTURE Anthony Lenzo

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON Theresa Frost

COMMUNION Congregation

At The Table |Brymer, Jordan|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Anthony Lenzo

POSTLUDE Bill Lee



MATTHEW 10:40-42

Allendale has faced criticism for blocking individuals on social media who propagate harmful remarks, causing some to say, *“they blocked me; guess they don’t welcome everyone after all.”* However, our aim is to foster a safe, respectful, inclusive environment, which sometimes means not welcoming everyone equally, particularly those who marginalize others and cause harm. As Jesus emphasized in today’s passage, those with the least societal power, the “lowly ones,” should be a focal point of our welcome.

Consider what could happen if institutions, including the Church, neighborhoods, cities, this country, reimaged policies to prioritize welcome for the most vulnerable. Without succumbing to the misconception that everyone, including the homophobe, the racist, and the oppressor, should be equally welcomed.

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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 Jul 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Jul 3

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6:30 PM United Women in Faith

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Jul 4 - Independence Day (Office Closed)

Wed Jul 5

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Mindful Meditation Class (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Jul 6

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Jul 7

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Jul 8

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

12 PM Sew Much Hope (Wesley)

Sun Jul 9

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 Jul 5

Chicken and Yellow Rice, Black beans and peas, Salad, Plantains, Cuban Bread

Wed Jul 12

Chicken Taco Bar, Normandy Blend Veggies, Dessert