



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 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

Mon Aug 28 Community Mural for ALSO Youth (Community Center) 6 PM

Sep 8-10 United Women in Faith Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

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

Sun Oct 15 Banned Book Club For Ferocious Floridians

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

MIGUEL ITURRALDE (he/him/his) was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He's the husband to Melissa Nicholas. Miguel is a worker at Trader Joe's, loves history and hanging out.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

vocals - Erica George

drums - Bianca Goolsby

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Join the Allendale Social Justice Committee on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 PM at the church for updates on the Gas Plant campaign, the death penalty campaign, and more. Guest speakers Rose Jamieson and Joanne McCarthy of local activist group St. Pete for Change will discuss working for a more just city, state, nation and world..

CO-WORKING SPACE AT ALLENDALE:

Need a workspace? The Allendale Equity & Justice Center's Co-Working Space is still available! You can lease a fixed desk in the space for \$300/month or lease a shared desk for \$125/month or \$75 for a week. *Contact the office to reserve a spot: coworking@allendaleequityjustice.org.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE NEED DRIVERS:

Transportation can be a barrier keeping people from Allendale. People who still crave connection with beloved community. We are looking for someone to help us coordinate transportation to get people to and from church on Sundays. We are also looking for church bus drivers and non-drivers who can help people on to the bus. If you are interested in either driving occasionally on Sunday mornings or coordinating pick-ups and drop-offs, reach out to the church office: office@allendaleumc.org

ISAIAH'S PLACE:

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, Isaiah's Place Inc. will be using Allendale's kitchen to prepare hot meals for the unhoused community. *If you're interested in learning more about this ministry, reach out to Robin Taylor at 407-921-2307 or visit isaiahsplaceinc.org.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:

Join us on Wednesdays! Dinner starts at 5 PM and classes begin at 6 PM. Pastor Andy is teaching an Introduction to United Methodism and John Stewart's art history class will focus on: Bibles in Stone and Glass- How medieval architects and artists created magnificent churches and images that transported worshippers to a transcendent reality.
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays for detailed information about our Wednesday night classes offered this semester.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Sarah Brownell Aug 27

Todd Spear Aug 27

Jenny Connor Aug 29

Betsy Drouin Sep 1

Tami Goucher Sep 5

Kara McKlemurry Sep 8

Gina Gibbs Sep 11

Kirsten Anderson Sep 11

Cameron Helwege Sep 20

Dan Leeper Sep 24

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: 78 in-person, 210 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Sep 10 at 10:30 AM

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

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

A Fare Decision?:

Pastor Andy's speech to the PSTA board voting to impose fares on the Sunrunner to prevent unhoused people from accessing this currently free service.

You probably could have gotten away with charging a fee before all this got started... but now that the record has so clearly been established by a St. Pete Beach City Commissioner that this is to "make our homeless neighbors lives miserable," you kind of have a legal problem now. He said the quiet part out loud.

This rate hike is in the same spirit as Jim Crow poll taxes and modern day vagrancy laws still on our books, even in st. Pete.

Our city's legal council has admitted that our vagrancy policies would not hold up if challenged in court. It's not time to add one more.

This targeted cashless fee, that also discriminates against those without a bank, targets a specific group and restricts their intrastate travel, as protected in our Florida constitution.

Lawyers are ready to sue over this hike, just like they did when in 2011 the city of St. Pete trespassed people from the right of way surrounding Williams Park, restricting their access to bus stops in Catron v. city of St. Petersburg... not only did our unhoused neighbor beat the city, the city had to pay their lawyer fees.

Vagrancy laws were declared unconstitutional in 1972 To quote from the unanimous decision: "A presumption that people who might walk or loaf or loiter or stroll or who look suspicious to the police are to become future criminals is too precarious for a rule of law.

The implicit presumption-- that crime is being nipped in the bud --is too extravagant to deserve extended treatment.

Of course, vagrancy statutes are useful to the police. Of course, they are nets making easy the roundup of so-called undesirables.

But the rule of law implies equality and justice in its application. The rule of law, evenly applied to minorities as well as majorities, to the poor as well as the rich, is the great mucilage that holds society together.

The bare desire to harm a politically unpopular group is not a legitimate government interest."

We look back at Jim Crow policies and other policies that unconstitutionally discriminate against a specific class of people... and we wonder what kind of people would pass such ugly discrimination... we are about to find out with your vote, who those people are today. Future generations will look back and judge your actions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

Love Where You're At | Stone|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

God Is |The Outer Banks|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Miguel Iturralde

SONG Allendale Band

Who You Say We Are |Lindsay|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

The Gift of Love |Hopson|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Miguel Iturralde

SONG Allendale Band

Who Are You Now? |Seawright|

SCRIPTURE Miguel Iturralde

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

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The Love of God |Lehman|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Miguel Iturralde

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Love Where You're At |Stone|



MATTHEW 16:13-20

We can expect to encounter violence at the hand of enemies. We can expect to have enemies who we have no power to raise a hand against. We can expect that these enemies will spread lies and go as far as to attempt genocide against us. But we will know that we are friends of God.

We will know that we are always in the consideration of the Supreme Love who is committed to our flourishing. We will know that for everyone coming against us, there is Someone Greater on our side. We will know that no matter what our enemies say about us, Our Friend says that we are righteous and chosen.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Aug 27

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Aug 28

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6 PM Community Mural (Community Center)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Aug 29

6 PM - Social Justice Committee (Wesley)

Wed Aug 30

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Aug 31

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Sep 1

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Sep 2

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

Sun Sep 3

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 Aug 30

Egg Curry, Sambhar (vegetable stew), Rice, Salad, Payasam (milk pudding) Fruit Salad

Wed Sep 6

Shepherd Pie, Cilantro Lime Rice, Salad, Rolls, Dessert