



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

- Thu Sep 28 TransNetwork- Conversations with Allies (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Wed Oct 4 Celebrate Outreach Drag Queen Bingo (Pesky Pelican)
- Sun Oct 8 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sun Oct 15 Banned Book Club For Ferocious Floridians (Sanctuary) 2 PM
- Sat Oct 28 Trunk-Or-Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Sun Oct 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BRADLEY HUNSINGER (he/him/his) was born and raised in St Pete, no siblings. Mom and Dad also live locally. Brad lived in Miami for six years, and finished his BA at FIU. He currently lives in Largo with his longtime life partner and their six cats (Clark, Ocarina, Chuckie, Gwar, Brapples, and Chassidore). Brad is a member of the Tampa Bay branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. He works at a residential substance abuse facility, and is currently in nursing school at SPC.

TODAY'S MUSICIAN:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Our Trunk-or-treat gathering will be on Sat Oct 28 in the parking lot at 10 AM. We are in need of Halloween candy! *Please register if you'd like to decorate your trunk for the event. www.allendaleumc.org/treat. Registration is not needed to attend as a tick-or-treater.*

DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty FADP on Oct 3, 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N to oppose the execution of Michael Zack. *Questions? Call John at 727-492-1590.*

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TRANSNETWORK- ALLYSHIP:

Join us for "Conversation with Allies," presented by TransNetwork, on Thu, Sep 28 from 7-9 PM at Allendale UMC. Whether you identify as Trans or consider yourself an ally, this conversation is designed to energize, inform, and deepen our collective commitment to social justice.

BANNED BOOK CLUB:

Join the "Banned Book Club for Ferocious Floridians" at Allendale on Sun, Oct 15, from 2-4 PM, as they dive into the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1619 Project, a crucial exploration of America's often overlooked Black history. All are welcome to participate fully in this vital discussion.

SENIOR SAFETY CARNIVAL:

Join Allendale Member and Firefighter/ Paramedic Erin Giblin, and the Pinellas Park Fire Department on Mon, Sep 25, from 2-4 PM at Pinellas Park Senior Center. (7625 59th St N) The event offers senior fall prevention safety tips, themed games, and refreshments. Information is geared toward seniors, but is open to all ages.

WENDY WESLEY COOKING CLASSES:

We're cooking up fall favorites! Hands-on, interactive cooking classes are taking place on Tuesdays nights at Allendale taught by nutritionist Wendy Wesley, RDN. \$45-\$49 per class. We eat what we cook! *See the menu and sign up for classes at: www.stpetecookingschool.com*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Leeper Sep 24

Edith Wagner Sep 25

Lewis Wilgus Sep 28

Renee Burk Sep 29

Letty Nazario-Braddock Sep 29

Robin Eastwood Sep 30

James Kelchner Oct 2

Debbie Duty Oct 3

Trista Miller Oct 3

Michaela George Oct 4

Maria Rodriguez Oct 6

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: 89 in-person, 140 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Oct 8 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

HEALING FROM RELIGIOUS TRAUMA:

Many of us may have chosen Allendale UMC for its progressive, inclusive stance and affirming atmosphere. However, it's not uncommon at times to still feel tension, anxiety, or fear, especially if you've experienced harm or exclusion in other religious settings. This October, on Wednesday nights at 6 PM, Rev. David Franks will lead a class on Traumatizing Theology.

This class addresses the emotional and psychological wounds that may arise from "adverse religious experiences," a term coined by researchers at the Religious Trauma Institute. These experiences can create a lasting sense of unease or danger, even in places like Allendale that are designed to be welcoming and inclusive.

Matthias Roberts, an author for Sojourners, shared in a recent article about an experience that resonates with many: Despite being in a welcoming environment, his body signaled caution and danger. "Be careful; environments like this aren't safe," his body seemed to say. Even with an affirming congregation and progressive theology, the scars from past experiences can take a toll on one's sense of safety and well-being, not only in "church" but in our relationships with others, i.e. family, friends, coworkers.

Changing one's beliefs does not automatically equate to emotional/spiritual healing. In this class, Rev. David Franks will guide us through the complexities of healing from religious trauma, offering the tools and support needed to progress from intellectual shifts to deep emotional, psychological, and spiritual healing, as well as opportunities to be agents of such healing.

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

All Are Welcome |Haugen|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band

Evidence |Baldwin|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

Come and Tear Down the Walls |Wahlström, Schoolmeesters|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band

We Are Enough |The Many|

SCRIPTURE Bradley Hunsinger

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

With A Little Help From My Friends |The Beatles|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Bradley Hunsinger

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

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MATTHEW 20:1-16

Our contrived perceptions of fairness and justice can come in conflict with divine grace. We trust that the sweet generosity of our Source is worthy of every hallelujah until we notice someone receiving benefits of a higher value for the same or less that we have invested. We are full of worship until our Deliverer disrupts our notions of who is and isn't deserving. And this is the sacred work of grace - to invite us all not only into solidarity and compassion but compersion as we are solaced by knowing our turn soon comes; we know that the new day will bring new manna to satisfy all.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Sep 24

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Sep 25

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Sep 26

Wed Sep 27

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Class - Religion

7 PM Wednesday Night Class - Music

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Sep 28

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM TransNetwork Ally Panel (Sanctuary)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Sep 29

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Sep 30

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

Sun Oct 1

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 Sep 27

Shakshuka (eggs in sauce), Biryani rice, Chickpea/Sweet Potato/Coconut Curry, Pickle chutney w/ pappadam, Corn-blueberry bread pudding

Wed Oct 4

Chicken and yellow rice, Black beans, Seasoned peas, Mango chunks/plantains, Cuban bread, Dessert