



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 1, 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 - Fri, 9 AM to 5 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

- Wed Oct 4 David Franks' Class on Trauma Theology (Community Center) - 6 PM
- Fri Oct 6 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) - 8 PM
- 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:

LOIS JABLONSKI (she/her/hers) was born in Pensacola, Fl. She and her husband, Frank, have been married for 35 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 who have dyslexia.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

bass - Matthew Blaine
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Erica George

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Priscilla Pridgen, Sheila Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Cindy Burns, Debbie Duty, Deborah Eldred,
Pam Green, Amy Mormino, Joe Ventimiglia,
Theresa Frost, Liam Oliver

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Oct 8 at 10:30 AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAY MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT:

The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay is excited to present their Fall 2023 concert, "Global Sounds: Songs from Around the World." This concert, which is at Allendale on Fri Oct 6 at 8 PM, will feature a variety of multi-lingual songs and songs popular in other countries, from traditional folk songs to modern pop hits. *Get tickets online: www.gmctb.org/2023-2024*

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.

DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty FADP on Tue Oct 3, 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N to oppose the execution of Michael Zack. Death row exoneree Herman Lindsey will be speaking at the event. *Contact John at 727-492-1590.*

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.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

James Kelchner Oct 2

Debbie Duty Oct 3

Trista Miller Oct 3

Michaela George Oct 4

Maria Rodriguez Oct 6

Melissa Nicholas Oct 7

Andy Oliver Oct 7

Jean Hopkins Oct 9

Cet Mohamed-Moore Oct 9

Laurie Hempel Oct 13

Brian Morrison Oct 14

Theresa Frost Oct 18

Lynn Hawkins Oct 19

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: 83 in-person, 147 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

FROM "POVERTY, BY AMERICA"

BY MATTHEW DESMOND:

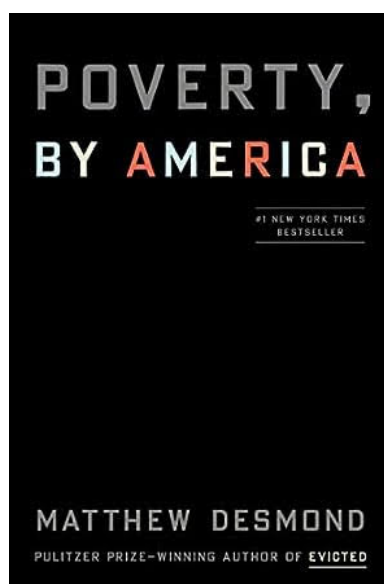
Why all this American poverty? I've learned that this question requires a different approach. To understand the causes of poverty, we must look beyond the poor.

Those of us living lives of privilege and plenty must examine ourselves. Are we—we the secure, the insured, the housed, the college educated, the protected, the lucky—connected to all this needless suffering?

This book is my attempt to answer that question, addressed to that "we." Which makes this a book about poverty that is not just about the poor. Instead, it's a book about how the other half lives, about how some lives are made small so that others may grow.

Drawing on years of my own research and reporting, as well as studies from across the social sciences, I lay out why there is so much poverty in America and make a case for how to eliminate it.

Ending poverty will require new policies and renewed political movements, to be sure. But it will also require that each of us, in our own way, become poverty abolitionists, unwinding ourselves from our neighbors' deprivation and refusing to live as unwitting enemies of the poor.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Allendale Band

I Am Set Free |Jordan|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

I Am Loved |Brock|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

Hymn of the Holy Spirit |Barrett|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

O To Be Like Thee |Chisholm|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lois Jablonski

SONG Allendale Band

Christ, You Often Sat at Dinner |Gillette|

SCRIPTURE Lois Jablonski

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation

Come to the Table |Schoolmeesters|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lois Jablonski

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

I Am Set Free |Jordan|



MATTHEW 21:23-32

To be revolutionary is to be insistent on freedom from power-obsessed conquerors AND to be subject to precarity from their forces. To be amongst the righteous will often necessitate endangerment. Mother God works through us to create the safer world our children depend on, and we may feel that we are disregarded until we find Her resourcing us through our struggle. Until we find Her softening the rod of the violent State. Until we find Her authority to be a worthy opponent to the authority of those cosplaying as gods. Our Savior may not always guarantee safety, but Love is our revelation that we can play by a different set of rules. Love proves to us that freedom is still ours.

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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 Oct 1

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Oct 2

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Oct 3

6 PM Nominations (Zoom)

Wed Oct 4

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (CC & Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Oct 5

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 6

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

8 PM GMCTB Concert (Sanctuary)

Sat Oct 7

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

Sun Oct 8

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 Oct 4

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

Wed Oct 11

Lemon chicken Piccata with capers, Charred garlic green beans, Mediterranean rice, Roasted root veggies, Salad, Dessert dish