



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 - 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

- 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
- Sun Oct 15 Charge Conference (Annual Business Meeting) (227 70th St S) 2 PM
- Sat Oct 28 Trunk-Or-Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Sun Oct 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Thu Nov 9 Beloved Community Friendsgiving Feast (Community Center) - 6 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

HILLARY NIX (she/her/hers) originally came from Baltimore, MD, and relocated to St. Petersburg with her wife and their pug in 2020. Since then, Hillary and her partner have become homeowners, adopted a second dog, and grown in their faith. Allendale and it's members have helped Hillary establish a community that embraces her intersectionality.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5TH SUNDAY DRAG GOSPEL WORSHIP:

Our next Drag Gospel Sunday with Momma Ashley Rose is coming up on October 29!

ALLENDALE'S CHARGE CONFERENCE (ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING):

Our Charge Conference gathering will be at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St S Sun, Oct 15 at 2 PM.

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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.

SUNDAY MORNING GRIEF SUPPORT:

We are considering beginning a grief support group that would meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM before worship. *If you would like to participate in such a class, please visit www.allendaleumc.org/grief and fill out the interest form.*

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.*

FRIENDSGIVING DINNER:

Allendale UMC, McCabe UMC, and Mt. Zion UMC will have a combined beloved community Friendsgiving feast on Thu Nov 9 at 6:30 PM. Allendale will provide the turkeys, and everyone is invited to bring a dish/dessert. *Please let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing by filling out our RSVP at www.allendaleumc.org/feast.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

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

LaDonna Hill Nov 1

David Harris Nov 4

Lois Jablonski Nov 4

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: 87 in-person, 168 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Nov 12 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

READING BANNED BOOKS AS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE:

by Jenn Meadows

Growing up, my hometown library was my second home, igniting my dreams of exploration through books. Libraries have the power to transport us to new worlds.

Over the last several years, the American Library Association (ALA) has seen an increase in book bans and challenges. In 2022, the ALA reported 1,279 book bans and challenges reported to the association. A majority of these challenges come from organized groups such as *Moms for Liberty*, who organize and circulate lists of multiple titles they aim to censor or ban in public and school libraries.

Currently, most of the books being challenged by these organized groups are about LGBTQIA+ people and people of color. By trying to remove these books from libraries, these groups are trying to minimize and erase the very real experiences and challenges of these marginalized groups.

Instead of deciding to bypass reading the books themselves or to their families, they are going a step further and trying to restrict these books for all.

One of my professors emphasized that if a book offends you, the library is doing its job by offering diverse perspectives. It's crucial for libraries to reflect the entire human experience.

Libraries, even in progressive areas, face increasing pushback. Every library is vulnerable to this wave of bans, but patrons can support libraries during these turbulent times.

This isn't a new phenomenon; libraries faced censorship during the Satanic Panic of the 80s. Today, we can advocate for librarians, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people of color, and everyone's freedom to read.

Read the full article: bit.ly/mfsa-banned-books

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

Good Day |Street|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Holy, Holy, Holy, Love Now Ascending |Burklo|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Hillary Nix

SONG Allendale Band

Let Us Be Known By Our Love |Massey|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Franks

OFFERING Congregation

True Colors |Steinberg, Kelly|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Hillary Nix

SONG Allendale Band

Bloom |Ady, Larsh|

SCRIPTURE Hillary Nix

Isaiah 5:1-7

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation

I'll Rise |Harper|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Hillary Nix

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Good Day |Street|



ISAIAH 5:1-7

We are finding God in unexpected places: At the end of decades of wandering, in the open expanse of the sky, in a neglected briar patch, in the space left by plucked fruits that were only good for animals, and in the stone the builders rejected. Our Deliverance may not always come in shining lights and bursts of visible power. We learn, instead, that there is power in removal and divestment, that creation can happen in withdrawal. Abolition may pave a way for a new world.

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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 8

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Oct 9

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Oct 10

Wed Oct 11

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Class (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Oct 12

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 13

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Oct 14

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

Sun Oct 15

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

2:00 PM Charge Conference (227 70th St S)

2:00 PM Banned Book Club (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 11

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

Wed Oct 18

Build your own Chef's Salad, Baked potato soup, Tomato bisque, Dessert dish