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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.

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ALLENDALE

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- Sun Nov 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

ROGER EZRA BUTTERFIELD (they/them) is a labor organizer, educator, and researcher. They are based in St. Petersburg, Florida.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

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 and Ms. Penny Cost is coming up on Sun Oct 29 at 10:30 AM! Pop on some fun classic drag accessories, like a feather boa, folding fan, or flashy cat-eye glasses, or dress up for Halloween!

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.*

BANNED BOOK CLUB:

Join the "Banned Book Club for Ferocious Floridians" at Allendale today, Oct 15, from 2-4 PM, as they dive into the Pulitzer Prizewinning 1619 Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW:

Allendale is part of Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST), a group of congregations uniting to bring about change on issues like policing and affordable housing. Join us Oct 16 at 7 PM at Holy Family Catholic (200 78th Ave. NE) to learn more about FAST and the issues that will be at the forefront in 2024.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING:

The Allendale Social Justice Committee is meeting at 6 PM on Tue, Oct 17 in the Hybrid Room. Special guests Rose Jamieson and Joanne McCarthy of *St Pete for Change - One Heart at a Time*, a local social justice group, will be there to share about their work. *All are invited*!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Our Trunk-or-treat gathering is 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 turkey and ham, and everyone is invited to bring a covered side dish or 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:

Elijah Edghill	Oct 16	
Theresa Frost	Oct 18	
Emmett Edghill	Oct 19	
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/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 80 in-person, 314 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

ALLENDALE'S CHARGE CONFERENCE (ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING):

Our Charge Conference gathering is at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St S today, Oct 15 at 2 PM.

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

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY:

This past Wednesday, Oct 11, was National Coming Out Day. Last Sunday, we dedicated two of our songs in worship to National Coming Out Day. We share this poem by Dakota Pinon in honor of National Coming Out Day:

I am He

I was fifteen, scared and lonely. No one to lean on.

I have known since the young age of before I could speak.

l felt stuck, trapped. Like a dying star in a huge universe.

I couldn't hide I just had to keep quiet. As the sounds got louder.

SHE, HER, DAUGHTER, SISTER, GIRL, FEMALE. Mental scars it leaves.

Nothing but pain... I couldn't hold back fifteen was the age I broke. I AM A BOY, silence, you can hear the sound of my heart pound in my chest as you hear a high pitch flat line. Silence, just how I had to stay all these years silent.

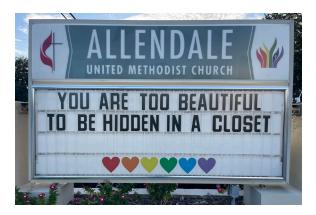
Is it the end? Am I finally me. Proud and sacred.

For I am HE, HIM, SON, BROTHER, BOY, MALE.

You cannot change who I was born as you can only respect and accept.

For I AM ME.

-Dakota Pinon (He/Him/His)



Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.
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Love Where You're At |Stone|

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SONG		
Holy, Holy, Holy, Love Now Ascending Burklo		
CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER	Roger Ezra Butterfield	
SONG	Allendale Band	
All Are Welcome Haugen		
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Rev. Andy Oliver	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
OFFERING	Congregation	
<i>I Smile</i> Franklin give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Roger Ezra Butterfield	
SONG	Allendale Band	
It Is Well Spafford, Bliss		
SCRIPTURE	Roger Ezra Butterfield	
Philippians 4:1-9		
SERMON	Rev. Andy Oliver	
SONG		
<i>I Need You To Survive</i> Walker		
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY	Theresa Frost	
BENEDICTION	Roger Ezra Butterfield	
POSTLUDE	Allendale Band	



PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9 And what if God isn't a protector?

What if we are left to our own devices or the wicked devices of our enemies?

What if it seems that God Themself has turned against us?

We are divine enough to change God's mind. We can meet the divine on the mountaintop to ask more of Them. We can let Them know that we will not accept retribution, only refuge. We need not bend to authority for structure's sake. We must exercise our own authority even if wider society may not acknowledge it. We may seat ourselves at the feasting table even if we were not invited. We may act with an awareness of our power even when we find ourselves face to face with divinity.

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THIS WEEK

Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/calendar

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)

Mon Oct 16

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom) 6 PM FAST Annual Assembly (200 78th Ave NE) 6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.) 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Oct 17

6 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Zoom) 6 PM Social Justice Committee (Hybrid) 7 PM Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

Wed Oct 18

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center) 6 PM Traumatizing Theology Class (CC) 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Oct 19

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom) 6 PM Finance Meeting (Zoom) 7 PM Church Council Meeting (Zoom) 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 20

7:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.) 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Oct 21

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

Sun Oct 22

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 18

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

Wed Oct 25

Penne all'Arrabbiata (pasta in spicy sauce w/ chili peppers), Italian Sausage, Salad, Bread, Dessert dish. Mild option available.