



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun Nov 5 All Saints Sunday (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
- Sat Nov 18 Work Day: Playground Weeding & Cleanup (Playground) 9 AM
- Mon Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil (175 5th St N) 6:30 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Annual Farmworkers' Ingathering drop-off (407 S. Saturn) 9:30 AM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

ELIZABETH "BETSY" DROUIN (she/they) aka **MATTEO DEL RIO** has been a member of Allendale UMC for the past 7 years. Betsy and Erin Giblin were married at Allendale UMC in 2017. They share three beautiful children: Aiden (13), Daniel (10) and Jolene (2).

TODAY'S PREACHER:

REV. KELLY EVERLING (she/her/hers) is a Reconciling UM pastor serving at Celebration and Archer First UMCs in the Gainesville area. She is a graduate of United Theological Seminary, and has a passion for the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as those who have been harmed by the church. Her primary mission field is beyond the walls of the church, in which she practices incarnational ministry by doing life with folx right where they are.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Momma Ashley Rose
vocals - Juno Vibranz
organist - Frieda Love
dancer - Amanduh Rose

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

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE!:

The rosebud on the altar honors Luke Zion born October 17, 2023 to Audrey and Chris, big brother Lincoln, and grandma, Lynda Beltz. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Allendale's congratulations and blessings go to the entire family on this happy occasion!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

We want to recognize the saints who've gone before us. *If you'd like to include a saint in your life who passed away within the last year, please submit their name and date of death to www.allendaleumc.org/saints.*

FRIENDSGIVING FEAST:

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.*

ALLENDALE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY:

Are you interested in Allendale's church history? Do you like to celebrate? Help us plan a party for Allendale's 100th birthday in 2024. *Reach out to Lynda Beltz or Diane Gibson at 727-743-6369 to get involved!*

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

Please join us in honoring and remembering our siblings who lost their lives due to anti-trans violence. On Mon Nov 20 at 6:30 PM, gather at the Sunshine Center (330 5th St N), for a short candlelit procession to the steps of City Hall (175 5th St N), where a memorial will be held.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Sing in our choir! The first rehearsal is Wed Nov 15 at 7:30 PM. Contact Tru Mizzell tru@allendaleumc.org

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

LaDonna Hill Nov 1

David Harris Nov 4

Lois Jablonski Nov 4

Kenn Wiberg Coleman Nov 8

Vickie Dunn Nov 10

Claire Redmond Nov 11

Pam Green Nov 13

Kenaya Edghill Nov 16

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: 72 in-person, 171 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

WITNESS

STEADFASTLY UPHOLD JUSTICE:

Drag, as an art form, is a grand celebration of human creativity and diversity. It embodies the qualities of love, grace, and acceptance that we, as a community, are striving to manifest. It's an unapologetic proclamation that everyone is deserving of love and a place in this world. This display of resilience and courage is an expression of our commitment to honor the sacred worth of all people—regardless of race, sexuality, gender, or background.

Last October, we welcomed drag queen clergy candidate, Ms. Penny Cost, to our pulpit. Our congregation at Allendale UMC in St. Petersburg, FL, experienced her profound preaching through a message of love, grace, and radical inclusivity, rooted in the prophetic words of Habakkuk. In April of this year, we had our first 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship with Momma Ashley Rose.

In the aftermath of each of those groundbreaking Worship services, we faced some backlash. We were critiqued by far-right media outlets like InfoWars and the IRD, and trolled by haters on social media. We got a bitter, but temporary taste of what Ms. Penny Cost, Momma Ashley Rose, and those like them face every day of their lives.

Our call as a Reconciling congregation is to prioritize the voices and stories of those who have been silenced or sidelined. Centering these voices requires intentionality and the willingness to remain undeterred by external judgment or misguided criticism. Our mission is to create a sanctuary for all— a place without barriers.

Even as the world around us seems to grow increasingly divisive, our focus remains steadfast. We are driven by our belief that the Gospel compels us to enact love, grace, and advocacy for all.



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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.

ANTHEM Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay
American As | Barnes |

PRELUDE Frieda Love
All My Heart I Give | Livingston Jr. |

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SONG Allendale Band
I Am | Fia |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Matteo Del Rio

SONG Momma Ashley Rose
What If | Momma Ashley Rose |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Momma Ashley Rose

OFFERING Congregation
I Know a Place | Muna |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Matteo Del Rio

SONG Allendale Band
Child Of God | Miller |

SCRIPTURE Matteo Del Rio
Romans 8:28, 31-39

SERMON Rev. Kelly Everling

COMMUNION Congregation

SONG Juno Vibranz
Gravity | Bareilles |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Matteo Del Rio

POSTLUDE Frieda Love
Toccata in D Minor | Bach |



ROMANS 8:28, 31-39

What if our relationships and our work for liberation became our prayer?

Dorothy Day wrote,

“I believe some people – lots of people – pray to the witness of their lives through the work they do, the friendships they have, the love they offer people and receive from people. Since when are words the only acceptable form of prayer?”

And what if we did this together? What if this could be church? A place where grief was not just tolerated and managed, but evoked, ignited, and sanctified?

Then surely there would be nothing that could separate us – neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths—nor anything else in all creation

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

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 29

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Oct 30

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 31

Church office is still open regular hours.

Wed Nov 1

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Imago Dei Art History Class (CC)

6 PM Organizing and Advocacy Class (Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Nov 2

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Nov 3

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Nov 4

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

Sun Nov 5

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center. \$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available. Classes start at 6 PM.

Wed Nov 8

No dinner or classes on Nov 8. Instead, join us the following night, Nov 9, for Beloved Community Friendsgiving Feast. See the announcements section for more information.