

ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: *Mon/Tue/Thu 9-5, Wed/Fri 9-12*

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.

Zoom links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at www.allendaleumc.org/online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thu Nov 30 TransNetwork Conversations on Privilege (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
- Mon Dec 4 United Women in Faith Lunch at Stone Soup (4122 16th St N) - 1 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Celebrate Outreach Christmas Caroling (100 Mirror Lake Dr N) - 7 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Sun Dec 10 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat Dec 16 Brunch With Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Thu Dec 21 Longest Night Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Dec 23 Christmas Eve Eve Impromptu Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 31 Drag Queen Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FARMWORKERS INGATHERING:

Allendale United Women in Faith is collecting new toys, non-perishable food, new clothing for infants and children and Walmart or Dollar Tree gift cards. Bring donations to Allendale by Sun Dec 3rd. Contact dianegibson@hotmail.com

CELEBRATE OUTREACH CAROLING:

On Fri Dec 8 at 7 PM, join Celebrate Outreach for their 33rd Annual "Still No Room in the Inn." The group leaves from 100 Mirror Lake Dr and sings at homeless shelters and other sites in downtown St. Petersburg.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA:

Santa Claus is coming to Allendale for a delicious brunch buffet on Sat Dec 16 from 10 AM - 12 PM in the Community Center. Join us for food, Christmas crafts, reindeer games, and pictures with Santa! Tickets are \$5 or whatever you can afford. Get tickets at: www.allendaleumc.org/santa

COLD NIGHT SHELTER:

Allendale is going to be a shelter for our unhoused neighbors during cold nights. We need volunteers to help with meals, activities, and hosting overnight at Allendale. Sign up at: www.allendaleumc.org/coldnight

COOKIE EXCHANGE:

Take part in the Grand Allendale Cookie Exchange on Sun Dec 17 before or after Worship at the refreshments table. Leave cookies and take some cookies! You don't have to bring cookies to enjoy cookies.

CONVERSATIONS ON PRIVILEGE:

TransNetwork is making space for important discussion surrounding privilege. The discussion involves local leaders, activists, and organizers. Thu Nov 30 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. All voices are welcome: www.allendaleumc.org/transnetwork

SUNDAY MORNING GRIEF SUPPORT:

A grief support group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9 AM before worship. The class starts Sun Dec 3. If you would like to participate, visit: www.allendaleumc.org/grief

GMCTB CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay are presenting a holiday concert: "Let There Be Peace" at Allendale UMC on Fri Dec 8 at 8 PM. Tickets: www.gmctb.org/2023-2024

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING:

The Social Justice Team will meet at 6 PM on Tue Nov 28 to talk about ways to support the trans community, food scarcity, and more.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments
Donna Spear: loss of her mother on Nov 15

BIRTHDAYS:

Mark Morrison	Nov 27
Jen Clark	Nov 29
Edwin Hotaling	Dec 4
Scott Brown	Dec 5
Jessica Throop	Dec 6
Michelle Taylor	Dec 7
Tori Nikkel	Dec 9
Donna Vollmer	Dec 9
Steven Geis	Dec 10
Philip Dinkins	Dec 15
Ed Lally	Dec 15
Devin Neitzert	Dec 16

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/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 88 in-person, 209 online
 Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Dec 10 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

MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2024:

We are a congregation filled with new faces and stories. Our immediate work is to get to know each other, creating a community of care. As we strengthen our relationships we will be better equipped to do the hard work of building up a new world of equity and justice.

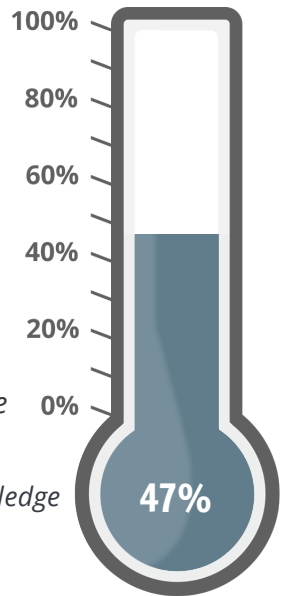
Your pledge enables us to plan a 2024 budget that will be a faithful response for who God calls Allendale to be. Our communal resources are to be a living offering. Our shared money, a tool for liberation. Our shared skills, expressions of dedication and love. We pledge what we have that it may be so!

\$152,669 of our
\$325,000 goal

has been pledged
 as of Tue Nov 21.

29 pledges
representing 51 people

Make your pledge at
www.allendaleumc.org/pledge



WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BRUCE BORDEAUX (he/him/his) is a native Floridian, married with two boys. Bruce enjoys art, creating videos, riding motorcycles, cats and afternoon naps.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

Our Christmas Choir will sing in Worship on Sun Dec 10. Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir!



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera

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
Ain't No Mountain High Enough |Gaye|

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SONG Allendale Band

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bruce Bordeaux

SONG Allendale Band
Open My Eyes |Manibusin|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERING Congregation
Draw The Circle Wide |Light, Miller|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bruce Bordeaux

SONG Allendale Band
Reckless Love |Culver, Asbury, Jackson|

SCRIPTURE Bruce Bordeaux
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Promises |Barnes|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Bruce Bordeaux

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Ain't No Mountain High Enough |Gaye|



EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

It is easy and sensible for us to become overwhelmed by this world’s hierarchies, especially for those of us who are forced to the bottom of all of them.

Our existence is controlled by these hierarchies which insist on reminding us of the brutal threats against us should we disrupt the hostile order. In what could be at the very least a therapeutic response and at most the healing power of Truth, we have crowned for ourselves a God and Savior who can overturn the hierarchies we cannot. We have divinely envisioned ourselves among the favored of the One who really is in control. While this may not resolve the horrors of our present reality, it fulfills for us a critical need to be acculturated into knowing that how we are treated as the least of these is the opposite of what we deserve.

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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 of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Nov 26

- 9 AM Poverty, By America Book Study (CC)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon Nov 27

- 5 PM Community Qi Gong (Community Center)
- 6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Nov 28

- 6 PM Social Justice Team (Hybrid)

Wed Nov 29

- 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 30

- 9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)
- 6:30 PM TransNetwork Privilege Talk (Sanct)
- 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Dec 1

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

Sat Dec 2

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

Sun Dec 3

- 9 AM Poverty, By America Book Study (CC)
- 9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
- 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 Nov 29

- Spaghetti and Meatballs, Italian Cut Lemon Pepper Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

ONGOING CLASSES

Book Study - Sun at 9 AM
“Poverty, By America”

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM
Join via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Wednesday Night Classes - Nov 29 at 6 PM
Imago Dei Art History
Activism and Organizing

Grief Support Group - starts Dec 3 at 9 AM