

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/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 preferred 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 in the office hallway, 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

- Sun Jan 14 Black History Teach-In (Community Center) 9 AM
Prof. Geveryl Robinson - Speaking Truth to Power
- Sun Jan 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Fri Jan 19 Gwendolyn Reese & Dr. Deborah G. Plant Book Event (Sanctuary) 7 PM
Discussing "Of Greed and Glory: In Pursuit of Freedom for All"
- Jan 26-28 SingFest 2024- a festival for those who identify as women (Allendale)
Learn more at www.singfestfl.com
- Sat Feb 4 Woodson Warrior Fundraiser Gala (535 4th Ave N) 3-6 PM
featuring guest speaker Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

MIGUEL ITURRALDE (he/him/his) was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico. He's the husband to Melissa Nicholas. Miguel is a worker at Trader Joe's, loves history and hanging out.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

bass - Matthew Blaine

piano - Tru Mizzell

vocals - Erica George

organist - Bill Lee

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz and Sheila Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Cindy Burns, Debbie Duty, Deborah Eldred,

Gina Gibbs, Pam Green, Joe Ventimiglia,

Theresa Frost, Clarissa Silveira

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Jan 14 at 10:30 AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OF GREED AND GLORY:

Tombolo Books in partnership with the African American Heritage Association and Allendale UMC are honored to present a conversation with scholar, writer, and literary critic Dr. Deborah G. Plant and Gwendolyn Reese, President of the African American Heritage Association. The two will discuss Plant's latest monograph, *Of Greed and Glory: In Pursuit of Freedom for All*. Fri Jan 19 at 7 PM at Allendale UMC. *Get free tickets at: www.allendaleumc.org/greed-glory*

BLACK HISTORY TEACH-IN:

On Sun Jan 14 at 9 AM there will be a special teach-in in the Community Center with Professor Geveryl Robinson in collaboration with Faith in Florida. You won't want to miss this important discussion!

SINGFEST 2024:

SingFest is a festival for women Jan 26-28. This event features singing, drumming, dancing, poetry and other creative workshops and keynotes. Come gather with joyful spirit sisters as we celebrate the Sacred Feminine. *This festival is happening at Allendale. Learn more and register: www.singfestfl.com*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT POETRY CLASS:

On Wed Jan 10 at 6 PM, we kick-off our classes with Sacred Words: Guided Poetry led by Theresa Frost in the Community Center following 5 PM dinner.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Jim Pridgen: James (friend) is having surgery

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Justin Miller Jan 10

Lynn Fruit Jan 12

Matt Blaine Jan 14

Nova Redlow Jan 17

Edward Miller Jan 18

Tom Dunn Jan 22

John Stewart Jan 22

DeDe Trapp Jan 22

Bobbie Windle Jan 27

Dee Miller Jan 28

Maria Davidson Jan 29

Tara Davidson Jan 29

Cindy Burns Jan 31

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: 119 in-person, 3,702 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

THE BRAVEST THING WE CAN DO:

Prayer poem by Rev. Sarah Speed

Trust your belovedness.

*Let it be a protest,
an act of resistance,
a song of celebration.*

*Trust your belovedness in a world
that is rarely satisfied.*

Wear it like a badge of honor.

Speak it as confidently as your last name.

Tattoo it to your heart.

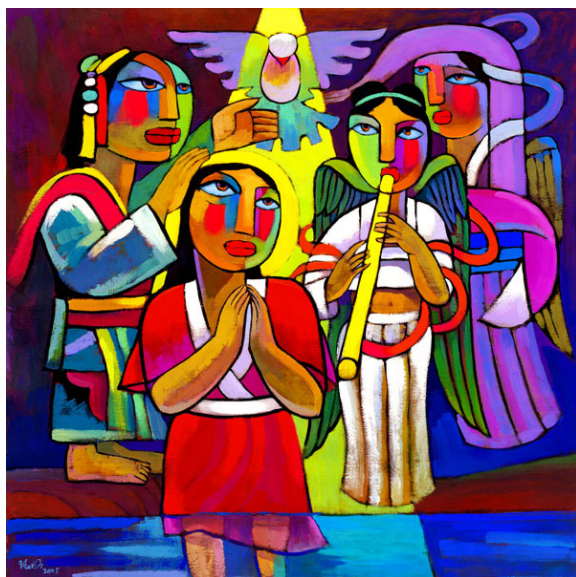
*When outside forces
chip away at your sense of self,
when life asks you
to hand over the keys,
remember the water.*

Remember creation.

*Remember how it was good,
so very good.*

Let that truth hum through your veins.

*Sing it so loud
that it drowns out the weariness of the world,
for the bravest thing we can ever do
is trust that we belong here.*



"Baptism of Jesus" by He Qi

BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST

How does a weary world rejoice?

We trust our belovedness

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

- PRELUDE Bill Lee
There's a Song in the Air |Wells|
- WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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- SONG Allendale Band
God Of Your Word |Moore, Jay, Jess, Brown|
- CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Miguel Iturralde
- SONG Allendale Band
Beloved |Feliz|
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks
- TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost
- OFFERING Allendale Band
Blessed Assurance |Crosby, Knapp|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. David Franks
Lord's Prayer |Miller|
- POEM Theresa Frost
The Bravest Thing We Can Do |by Rev. Sarah Speed|sanctifiedart.org|
- SONG Allendale Band
From the Waters of Creation |Strickland, Olivers, Williams|
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Miguel Iturralde
Luke 3:21-22
- SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver
- COMMUNION Congregation
I Am Light |Arie|
- CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost
- BENEDICTION Miguel Iturralde
- POSTLUDE Bill Lee
Sing a New Song of Joy |Livingston Jr.|



"Beloved" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

LUKE 3:21-22

This image offers a snapshot of Jesus right before he steps into his calling, on the threshold of spectacular affirmation. He is completely suspended, embraced, and upheld by the waters of baptism. The water's surface is choppy. The future is unknown and precarious. His path is a lonely and formidable one, eventually leading to his suffering and death.

Despite what is to come, Jesus reaches toward the surface. Two fish are drawn to the light of his halo, foreshadowing his companionship with fishers and his miraculous feeding of the five thousand. All of creation is leaning into his call.

This is what trusting your belovedness feels like—muscles and bones relieved of gravity's burden, serenity, weightlessness, oneness with creation, and the warmth of God's love permeating every cell of your body and every corner of your soul.

"HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE"
Theme, Liturgy, and Images from *The Sanctified Art*

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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 Jan 7

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Jan 8

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 Jan 9

12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)

Wed Jan 10

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Guided Poetry Class (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Jan 11

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Jan 12

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Jan 13

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

Sun Jan 14

9 AM Black History Teach-In (CC)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

ONGOING CLASSES

Book Study Group - Sun at 9 AM

Grief Support Group - Sun 1/14 at 9 AM
This class meets every other Sunday

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

Wednesday Night Classes - Wed at 6 PM
Returning on January 10, 2024

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 Jan 10

Lemon Chicken w/ Capers, Caribbean blend vegetables, Vegan Rice Dish, Bread, Dessert