



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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](http://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*
- Sun Feb 11 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**DOROTHEA HECHT** (she/her/hers) (formerly Lee) has a B.A. in Business Administration from USF, her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law, and her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She is presently a legal aid attorney serving on the Florida Senior Legal Helpline. Dorothea is a passionate advocate, activist, and agitator for justice, and is thrilled to serve our community at large as an Evara Health Board Member. Dorothea is grateful and blessed to be the mother of a daughter and four sons, and a grandmama to five grandchildren.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

piano - Tru Mizzell

vocals - Erica George

organist - Bill Lee

*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org) to join our band or choir.*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Feb 11 at 10:30 AM**

Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://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 Dr. Deborah G. Plant and Gwendolyn Reese. 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/greed-glory)*

### SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING:

On Tue Jan 16 at 6 PM the Social Justice Team will meet in the Hybrid Room at Allendale. This meeting is a great opportunity to get involved in upcoming social justice action and to help formulate Allendale's response to the issues that we care about deeply.

### COMMUNITY QI GONG:

On Monday Nights from 5:30-6:30 PM, Andrea Smith leads Community Qigong, an hour of guided relaxation and movement, in the Community Center at Allendale. This class is a love offering for the trans community and allies. This class is free!

### 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](http://www.singfestfl.com)*

# 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:

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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 87 in-person, 192 online

Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

## GIFTS

Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

## WITNESS

One of the great liabilities of life is that all too many people find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses that the new situation demands and they end up sleeping through a revolution...

We must honestly admit certain things and get rid of certain myths that have constantly been disseminated all over our nation. One is the myth of time. It is the notion that only time can solve the problem of racial injustice...

Time is neutral. It can be used either constructively or destructively. And I'm sorry to say this morning that I'm absolutely convinced that the forces of ill will in our nation, the extreme rightists of our nation, the people on the wrong side, have used time much more effectively than the forces of goodwill.

And it may well be that we will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the vitriolic words and the violent actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence and indifference of the good people who sit around and say, wait on time.

Somewhere we must come to see that human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be coworkers with God.

And without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the primitive forces of social stagnation. So we must have time and realize that the time is always right to do right.

*Excerpt from The Last Sunday Sermon of MLK (March 31, 1968)*



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here) or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee  
*Praise Christ! Praise Christ!* |Clark|

WELCOME ..... Rev. David Franks  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Who You Say We Are* |Lindsay|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Dorothea Hecht

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*You Have Searched Me, God, And Known Me* |Gillette|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Fearfully, Wonderfully Made* |Crabtree, Whitehill|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Dorothea Hecht

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*I Am Loved* |Lake, Jay, York|

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks  
*The Lord's Prayer* |Miller|

SCRIPTURE ..... Dorothea Hecht  
*Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18*

SERMON ..... Theresa Frost

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Beautiful Things* |Gungor|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Dorothea Hecht

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee  
*Fantasia on Forest Green* |Smith|



**PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18**

We may still be learning the sound of God's voice. Do we know the God who is unconcerned with fornication as we have come to understand it through the peering, voyeuristic gaze of the patriarchy? Do we know the God who can be raised in a hood like Nazareth? Do we know the God who knows us well enough to defend our character against accusers and enemies? The divine may not arrive in the ways that we expect. Divine power rests with the defamed and fugitive. We find our intimate, inescapable connection with God only when Love leads the way

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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 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)

### Mon Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

5 PM Community Qi Gong (Community Center)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### Tue Jan 16

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

6 PM Social Justice Team Meeting (Hybrid)

### Wed Jan 17

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Guided Poetry Class (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Jan 18

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Jan 19

7 PM Of Greed and Glory book event (Sanct.)

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Jan 20

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

### Sun Jan 21

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

Wednesday Night Classes - Wed at 6 PM

*Dinner starts at 5 PM, followed by Classes*

## 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 17

Penne all'Arrabbiata (angry/spicy sauce),

Italian Sausage, Salad Bread, Dessert