



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.

1924-2024 Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Feb 22 In Search of Beloved Community - John Lewis Book (Sanctuary) 7 PM
with Author Ray Arsenault
- Fri Mar 8 International Women's Day with S.L. Wisenberg (Temple Beth-El) 6 PM
A Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture "Celebrate the Women"
- Sun Mar 10 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt (Allendale) 10 AM
- Sun Mar 31 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake 7 AM, Easter at Allendale 10:30 AM
- Sun Apr 7 Drag Queen led Gospel Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sat Oct 5 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 6 Allendale 100th Anniversary Homecoming
Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

TRISTA MILLER (she/her/hers) and her husband, Justin have lived in and around St. Pete for over ten years. Trista grew up in Bradenton Florida and after college served in the Army, with two deployments to Iraq. She now spends time volunteering as a pro bono lawyer helping veterans access benefits. Trista enjoys gardening and running with her son Harris and playing board games with Justin.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days before Easter. Stop by in the morning for ashes between the hour of 9:30-10:30 AM outside by the marquee, and join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 6 PM. The service will also be live-streamed on the church website and Facebook page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENTLE CARE-GIVING CLASS:

Dr. Alisha Adrian, a professional parenting coach and mother of three adult children, is leading a class on gentle care-giving. The class will focus on learning to *respond* to behavior instead of *reacting* to it. While the class focuses on adult-child relationships, the material is relevant to all human relationships. Everyone is welcome to participate. Childcare is available. Classes meet 2/21, 3/6, 3/13, & 3/20. *To learn more, Contact alisha@livingintoyourvision.com.*

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:

Bring non-perishable items to Allendale for distribution to area food pantries, some of which are critically low. Collection bins are located in the Kitchen or Narthex. Some suggested items include cereal, peanut butter, powdered milk, cans with pull tabs. Sponsored by United Women in Faith.

NO HATE RADIO:

The first episodes of the podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio" are now available! *Find us on Apple Podcasts or Spotify by visiting www.nohateradio.com. Let us know what you think and share suggestions for future topics by calling our brand new No Hate Radio Hotline: (442) 4-NO-HATE*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Steven Geis: brother Glenn's cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Erick Zeidenberg	Feb 11
Heather Wynne-Phillips	Feb 17
Mark Frederick	Feb 18
Debbie Bennett	Feb 19
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Rev. Karen Welling	Feb 21
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Deborah Eldred	Mar 6
Donna Baxla	Mar 7

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, 286 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Mar 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

TRANSFIGURATION:

*Adapted from Donald Maher
A Roman Catholic lay minister in Allentown, Pa*

In my ministry, I often highlighted the Transfiguration as Jesus' "coming out" story—coming out as "divine"—revealing his truth for the first time to some of his disciples. Like the three disciples in the Transfiguration stories, our people can often struggle with how to handle such truth.

Jesus worried about the circumstances of revealing his truth: On which disciples and how many of them would first be told; and on where, when and how they would be told.

The disciples hear the news and fall to the ground paralyzed by fear and cannot speak. Jesus acts with compassion and understanding. He goes over to them, crouches down to be with them, touches them, and tells them, "Do not be afraid!"

We know from LGBTQ+ coming-out experiences, that it is not a one time event, for LGBTQ+ people do not come out all at once to everyone and everywhere.

Jesus and his three disciples do not remain on the mountaintop to wallow in the bewilderment of the occasion. Rather, they descend to return to the regular world with knowledge and the experience of his good news and to continue Jesus' public ministry and spread his Gospel message.



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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.

PRELUDE Allendale Band
God's Got a Blessing | Hutchins|

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SONG Allendale Band
Bless Me | MCM, Franklin|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Trista Miller

SONG Allendale Band
Give Us Love | Reagan, Washington|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation
Building Up A New World | Harding|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Trista Miller

SONG Allendale Band
One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain | Gillette|

SCRIPTURE Trista Miller
Mark 9:2-9

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
We're Listening, We're Hoping | Valez, Harris, Oestreich, Joubert, Gate, Saxton|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Trista Miller

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Bless Me | MCM, Franklin|



MARK 9:2-9

The mysterious presence of God is sometimes made tangible to us in relationships, actions, and orientations of heart and mind. This same presence can be shrouded, veiled, fleeting and unpredictable. Our ability to perceive God's presence is both beyond our control or will power and still influenced by our choices and beliefs. This divine both/and encourages us to both embrace the mystery of God's unexpected revelation and also live in such a way that is hospitable to Sacred encounters amidst and between us.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Feb 11

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Feb 12

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

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 Feb 13

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

Wed Feb 14

9:30 AM Drive-Thru ashes (Parking Lot)

6 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Feb 15

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Fired Up Pinellas (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Feb 16

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Feb 17

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

Sun Feb 18

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

DINNER MENU

(No meal this week)

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 2/11 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
Dinner starts at 5 PM, followed by Classes