



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 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

- 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 Jun 22 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride Parade
- 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:

GINA LEVER (she/her/hers) was born in San Andres Island, raised in Tampa, and now residing in St. Pete with her husband, Gina is a Raizal-American with a love for music, art, and movies. She is on a quest to spend more time outdoors and embrace play. She likes trying new things, even if it means feeling like a beginner.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik

bass - Matthew Blaine

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

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:

This season, a digital devotional booklet is available if you wish to dive deeper into the music, poetry, commentary, and artwork from this series.



For the Wandering Heart digital devotional booklet, Scan this code with your phone's camera or visit

www.allendaleumc.org/lent

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.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY PEACE VIGIL:

Each Wednesday during lent, there will be a vigil for peace from 4-5 PM at the corner of 34th Street and 22nd Ave N. The vigil is calling for a cease-fire and affirming that Palestinians and Israelis share a right to live. Contact John Stewart sjstew@gte.net.

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:

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
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12
Judy Collins	Mar 15
Nick Carey	Mar 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: 100 in-person, 250 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



OUR FOCUS THIS LENT:

This Lent, we are looking at the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples, Peter, in a series entitled Wandering Heart. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

As we follow Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount" come to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God.

In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We want to affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, and he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Wandering
Heart**

“Jesus sought me”

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

Fast Car |Chapman|

WELCOME Rev. David Franks

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SONG Allendale Band

Come Thou Fount |Robinson|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Gina Lever

SONG Allendale Band

A Candle is Extinguished |Oliver, Hassler|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

Lord's Prayer |Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pam Green

OFFERING Congregation

The Summons |Bell|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Reader

All This Time |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

You Sought Me |Strickland, Klug|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Gina Lever

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON Rev. Russ Lehman

SONG Allendale Band

Home is Not Places |The Apache Relay|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION Gina Lever

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Fast Car |Chapman|



"River of Grace" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

LUKE 5:1-11

In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life.

The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life.

Despite Peter's resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can't escape the fact that God's goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads?

"WANDERING HEART"

Theme, Liturgy, and Images from *The Sanctified Art*

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All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Feb 18

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Feb 19

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 20

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

Wed Feb 21

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Gentle Care Giving Class (CC)

6 PM Lent Class (Wesley)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Feb 22

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Fired Up Pinellas (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM John Lewis Book Event (Sanctuary)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Feb 23

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Feb 24

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

Sun Feb 25

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

DINNER MENU

Wed Feb 21

Build your own Chef Salad,
Spicy Deviled Eggs, Vegan Lentil Soup,
Biscuits, Baked Apple w/ Ice Cream

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 2/25 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