



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/Wed 9-5, Thu 10-4*

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

- 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
- Sun Apr 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Tue Apr 30 FAST Nehemiah Action (1900 Gandy Blvd N) 7 PM
- June 17-21 Inclusive Vacation Bible School - "Just Like Me"
- Sat Jun 22 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride Parade
- July 8-13 Youth at Warren Willis Camp for Summer Camp
- Sat Oct 12 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 13 Allendale 100th Anniversary Homecoming

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

DOROTHEA HECHT (she/her/hers) 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:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNRISE AT THE LAKE:

On Sun Mar 31 at 7 AM, we will congregate in the grassy area by the lake near 20th Ave N & 7th St N. at Crescent Lake Park for an outdoor Easter sunrise worship gathering. Bring your own chair or blanket. Street parking is available close by.

SUNCOAST SQUARES OPEN HOUSE:

This Mon Mar 11 at 7 PM the square dancing class that meets at Allendale, Suncoast Squares will have an open class. This club is for the LGBTQ community and friends and allies. Everyone is welcome. Learn to square dance, no experience necessary.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

Join us on Sat Mar 30 from 10 AM-12 PM for our Easter Egg Hunt! We'll have egg hunts divided by age groups as well as crafts, snacks and other "egg"stra fun! We will even have a visit from the Easter bunny! This event is free and open to everyone. We are in need of candy and other small toys/prizes for our Egg Exchange, where kids will exchange their collected eggs for a bag of candy. Allowing us to offer chocolates and other candy that doesn't last well in the sun, as well as allergy safe options.

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:

Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12
Judy Collins	Mar 15
Nick Carey	Mar 16
Jeannine Smith	Mar 17
Rita DeVore	Mar 18
Donna Spear	Mar 18
Bill Munette	Mar 21
Emily Sands	Mar 24
Madelyn Isoma	Mar 27
Hillary Daley	Mar 30

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: 105 in-person, 228 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Apr 14 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



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

WITNESS



OPEN HANDS:

We are born with the ability
to wrap our fingers around another,
to hold tight to what we know.
Maybe that's where
the instinct comes from—
this clinging,
this sinking,
this holding on.
Maybe that's why Peter cries, "Never!"
when Jesus must leave.
From the very beginning
we've known how to hold tight.
So I pray:
open up my hands.
Uncurl my fingers
one by one.
Loosen the grip
that I hold unyielding.
Remind me that birds must fly
and children must grow
and leaves must fall.
And even though
we are born with the ability
to hold tight,
we can learn how to love
with open hands.

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

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/len*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Wandering
Heart**

“I’m fixed upon it”

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

PRELUDE A Sanctified Art

Return To You |Speed, Olgun|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Victory is Mine |Darling, Norwood|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dorothea Hecht

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 Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

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

POEM Reader

Open Hands |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

The Way |Strickland, Conkey|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Dorothea Hecht

Matthew 16:21-23

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Let It Be |McCartney|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Dorothea Hecht

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



"Beseeching" by Hannah Garrity

MATTHEW 16:21-23

With every brush stroke in this ink painting, the humanity of Peter's face deepens, his expression clarifies. He cannot let his beloved friend be murdered.

He worries about human things. How weighty and legitimate those things feel. Jesus seems free of those human worries. He focuses with confidence on the path ahead, though Peter's concern causes him to falter.

Perhaps we can each be free of human concerns as well... However, that feels like a pipe dream, and Jesus knows it: "Get behind me, Satan" (Matthew 16:23). He does not blame Peter. Instead, he calls out Satan from within his friend. In doing so, he offers us a much needed reminder to refocus.

"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 Mar 10

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12 PM Youth Leave on Spring Break Trip

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Mar 11

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 (Tubman)

Tue Mar 12

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

Wed Mar 13

Youth Return from Spring Break Trip

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Gentle Care Giving Class (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Mar 14

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Mar 15

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Mar 16

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Mar 17

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

DINNER MENU

Wed Mar 13

Sliced Pork Loin, Roaster Root Veggies,
Broccoli/Cauliflower Mix, Salad & Bread,
Dessert Dish

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 3/24 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