



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

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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

- Mar 26-29 Holy Week Stations of Peter (Sanctuary) Tue-Thu 5-9 PM, Fri 11 AM-1 PM
- 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 Black History Teach-In (Community Center) 9 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:

GINA GIBBS (she/her/hers) Pinellas County born, raised and returned. Proud Dunedin High, UNC Charlotte, CUNY School of Social Work, and CUNY School of Law alumnus. Gina currently is a public school Social Worker. #UnionProud. She lives in Largo with her wife, Deborah, many beloved pets and a colossal number of plants, unfinished books, and craft projects.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
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/len

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF PETER:

During Holy Week we will have stations set up in the Sanctuary where you can walk "the way of sorrows" to the cross, but through the perspective of one of Jesus' closest disciples, Peter. Open Mar 26-29 from 5-9 PM Tue-Thu and 11 AM-1 PM on Fri

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.

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:

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
Todd Miller	Apr 1
Tru Mizzell	Apr 1
Lorin Baxla	Apr 3
Lashley Marks	Apr 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: 90 in-person, 245 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



TEACH ME:

Teach me about the ways of the wind,
about the ways of the world,
about the ways of the heart.
Teach me about the soft crook
of my lover's arm,
and the way two souls
can hold each other close.
Teach me about forgiveness,
about the language of *I'm sorry*
and the softness of sincerity.
Teach me about abundance,
about *seventy-times-seven*
and *all the days of my life*.
Teach me about joy,
about its contagious weaving
and its soul-healing.
Teach me about mercy,
about open hands and deep breaths.
Teach me about the dawn of time
and the stars in the sky.
Teach me what matters most.
Teach me what is mine to do.
Teach this achingly curious heart
until I run out of questions
or I run out of days.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
and I will have a life well-lived.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Wandering
Heart**

“Teach 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 A Sanctified Art

Return To You |Speed, Olgun|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

The More I Seek You |Neese|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Gina Gibbs

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

BAPTISM Rev. Andy Oliver

Sylvie Ilia Bennett Sholander

OFFERING Congregation

Give Us Love |Reagan|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Reader

Teach Me |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive |Strickland, Redhead|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Gina Gibbs

Matthew 18:15-22

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Where Forgiveness Is |Sidewalk Prophets|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Gina Gibbs

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



"Seventy-seven times" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

MATTHEW 18:15-22

In this mandala, I wanted to follow a person through the process of reproof, forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration as Jesus describes in Matthew 18. When I was drawing the figures from the center out, it began to look like a dance. Is this the picture that grace paints? Forgiveness cannot happen in isolation and certainly neither can reconciliation nor restoration. The movement toward wholeness is the movement toward one another.

Perhaps craving more tangibility and practicality, Peter asks how many times he should forgive someone who has wronged him, and Jesus says, "not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22).

This piece contains seventy-seven people and flowers to represent the abundance of grace that Jesus calls us into.

"WANDERING HEART"

Theme, Liturgy, and Images from The Sanctified Art

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Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Mar 17

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Mar 18

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 19

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

Wed Mar 20

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Gentle Care Giving Class (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Mar 21

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Mar 22

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Mar 23

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Mar 24

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

DINNER MENU

Wed Mar 20

Shepherd's Pie, Cinnamon Apple Slices, Salad, Vegetable Fried Rice, 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