



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2024

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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-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

- Tue Apr 30 FAST Nehemiah Action (1900 Gandy Blvd N) 7 PM
- Sun May 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- 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:

MALLORY EDGHILL (she/her/hers) is a native Floridian who loves theatre, pasta, and having adventures. In college she studied abroad in Buenos Aires where she fell in love with Spanish and political activism. She then attended Pitzer College, participated in Americorps, and is now in her ninth year working as a first grade teacher. Her family includes her spouse, and their two beautiful sons, Elijah (3) and Emmett (1). She is thankful to be part of a community that embraces her family and is a safe space for all.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Beth Heisel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

Each year, Faith & Action for Strength Together (FAST) gathers a large number of people at the Nehemiah Action assembly to negotiate solutions with our public officials. This year, the Nehemiah Action will be held on Tue Apr 30 at 7 PM at First Baptist St. Pete (1900 Gandy Blvd.). Sign up at the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

DRAG QUEEN BINGO:

Join us on Wed Apr 24 for our monthly Drag Queen Bingo with Candy Von Sparkle. This time, we are celebrating Candy's birthday! Bring a small wrapped white elephant gift. For Bingo: \$15 donation for 10 games. Prizes are small trinkets. Proceeds benefit Paws & Pals and Sponsoring our Neighbors Unhoused.

WISH LIST FOR BEN & NANCY:

A Month ago, Benjamin and Nancy were part of the neighbors camping across the street. They are now in an apartment! *This wish list has small appliances and items to help furnish their home:*
www.allendaleumc.org/ben&nancy

NO HATE RADIO:

Our podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio" is now available! *Listen on your favorite podcast app by searching for No Hate Radio or visit www.nohateradio.com.*

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

Lettie Dasgoswami: *"My husband and I are expecting our first child next month and would love many prayers for a healthy delivery and baby!"*

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Christopher Leopard | Apr 21 |
| Patty Rust | Apr 24 |
| Christopher Farrar | Apr 27 |
| Roger Butterfield | May 2 |
| Erin Warden | May 14 |
| Tom Jackson | May 16 |
| Raegan Miller | May 22 |
| Jeff Ishman | May 24 |
| Rev. Karen Welling | May 25 |
| Chris Marks | May 28 |

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

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 85 in-person, 422 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun May 12 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

IN OUR HANDS:

In the creation narrative, God shapes the world with care and creativity, infusing life into every aspect of a previously formless void. However, humanity's descent into violence and corruption brings profound sorrow to God, leading to a regret so deep that a reset through a flood seems the only solution. Yet, in Noah's family, God finds hope. This story, especially poignant as we observe Earth Day, reminds us that we hold the responsibility—handed down through God's covenant—to protect and sustain the Earth. As stewards of this planet, we are urged to safeguard it against destruction, embodying the promise of restoration and harmony symbolized by the rainbow—a vivid, encompassing sign of hope and renewal.

In this image below, God's hands hold various animals and plant life, and are surrounded by the bands of the rainbow, shielding Creation from the swirling waters of chaotic destruction. We must respond to God's covenant by protecting and keeping the earth. It is our responsibility; it is our calling. God meets us where we are—utterly dependent and bound toward self-destruction—with a promise sealed with a bow bursting with the endless spectrum of colors light holds.



In Our Hands by Lauren Wright Pittman
(hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink)



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

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
What a Wonderful World |Armstrong|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
Better is One Day |Redman|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Mallory Edghill

SONG Allendale Band
I Am Not Alone |Jobe|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation
Another World |Meyer|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Mallory Edghill

POEM Theresa Frost
East of Eden |Rev. Sarah Speed| A Sanctified Art

SONG Allendale Band
How Great Thou Art |Boberg|

SCRIPTURE Mallory Edghill
Psalm 23

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
I Need You To Survive |Walker|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Mallory Edghill

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
What a Wonderful World |Armstrong|



PSALM 23

Many people today use Psalm 23 as a form of affirmation and creative visualization, speaking desired realities into existence, especially in times of insecurity. It is a source of comfort and reassurance, aligning us with the security we yearn for. This Psalm is often recited at funerals as a mourning prayer to transform perspectives from negative to positive, from hopeless to hopeful.

Reading the Psalms, including Psalm 23, from a different perspective reveals that the faith expressed is less about intellectual belief and more about faithful commitment as partners with God. These aren't mere affirmations but expressions of a deep, romantic endearment towards God, often mixed with lament. This heartfelt sincerity, rather than intellectual certainty, forms the foundation of such prayers, inviting us to view them through a lens that emphasizes emotional connection over doctrinal accuracy.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Apr 21

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Apr 22

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Tue Apr 23

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Apr 24

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Drag Bingo (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Apr 25

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Apr 26

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Apr 27

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Apr 28

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)

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 5/5 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