



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 28, 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:

LYNN FRUIT (she/her/hers) loves Allendale's commitment to social justice and being a place where everyone belongs. She and Ed have two sons living in Tampa. Lynn retired from a career as a project manager, and now enjoys gardening with native plants, throwing pots, pickleball, and singing with One City Chorus.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Erica George

*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. Those wanting to carpool can meet at 6:15 PM near the awning in Allendale's north parking lot.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

We will have a special guest on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in the Hybrid Room. Brittany from Celebrate Outreach is coming to talk about the group's work with the homeless in St. Petersburg. All are welcome; the speaker will talk for the first part of the meeting.

JUST LIKE ME VBS- JUNE 17-21:

We learn to love our earth and delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all things at a week-long Vacation Bible School. Come and join us in the garden as we celebrate who we are, learn how to use our voice, and share our gifts with our community! *Learn more and register: www.allendaleumc.org/vbs*

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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| 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 |

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: 98 in-person, 255 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



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

WITNESS

GREETINGS FROM NORTH CAROLINA!:

The United Methodist Church General Conference (GC) is the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church, typically convening every four years to consider revisions to church laws, adopt resolutions on current moral and social issues, and approve plans and budgets for our public witness. It is happening RIGHT NOW through May 3 in Charlotte, NC. This year's General Conference is distinct due to the recent disaffiliation of 25% of conservative UMC churches, which gives us the votes to create a more equitable regional worldwide structure, revise our Social Principles, and remove all the harmful discriminatory LGBTQ language. Furthermore, this session marks the first GC since 2016 due to Covid, intensifying its significance as it addresses accumulated matters and aims for substantial reforms in church policy and structure.

For the first time since anti-LGBTQ language was initially placed in our church doctrine 50 years ago, we have the votes to create a new church centered on inclusion and liberation! Cameron and I have been INUNDATED with 50+ people from all over the country thanking us for Allendale's witness. There are lots of influential people here in Charlotte, but Allendale for sure has the highest rate of influence per member. We are a relatively small church with a HUGE IMPACT on the denomination.

Get commentary on what is happening through our Progressive Lens WhatsApp group: bit.ly/umcgc-progressive-lens

Watch the official General Conference livestream, broadcasting during worship and plenary sessions: bit.ly/umcgc-live-stream

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
I Smile |Franklin|

WELCOME Rev. David Franks
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SONG Allendale Band
God's Love is Wide |Ratering-Youngberg|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band
This Little Light of Mine |African American Spiritual|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band
Bind Us Together |Gillman|

SCRIPTURE Lynn Fruit
John 15:1-8

SERMON Dr. Kate Pravera

SONG Allendale Band
God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing |Gillette|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Lynn Fruit

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
I Smile |Franklin|



JOHN 15:1-8

Our fear of the Lord isn't the same as us being afraid of God. We shouldn't be afraid of those we love.

The scriptures and our lived experiences attest that the two, love and fear, are incompatible. Love will not dispose of us. Love will not burn us away. We praise our Holy One not out of obligation, coercion, or intimidation but because we are satisfied in Them who make way for justice. Praise the God of hope for the Eunuch, the undergrad, the uneducated, and the uninsured - all branches on the vine that flourishes through our connectedness..

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

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 Apr 28

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Apr 29

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 30

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

7 PM FAST Nehemiah Action (offsite)

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed May 1

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu May 2

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri May 3

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat May 4

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun May 5

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, 5/19 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

DINNER MENU

Wed May 1

Penne all'Arrabbiata, Italian Sausage,
Salad, Ciabbata Bread, Dessert