



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-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

- 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 Aug 17 Discernment for Deaconesses and Home Missioners
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 SPEAKER:

REV. NATHAN ADAMS (he/him/his) is an elementary music teacher and middle school track coach. He is an ordained elder of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Previously, he has served as pastor at inclusive, diverse, and social justice minded churches in Florida, Colorado, and Ohio. He was a fellow in both The Lewis Follows and the Lewis Community Leaders Fellows through the Lewis Center for Church Leadership housed at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. He is a strong advocate for those often marginalized by others. He is perhaps most proud of the work he was a part of that provided temporary housing for unhoused individuals at the church he pastored in Colorado and the work that provided sanctuary at the same church for those in jeopardy of being deported. He is an avid marathoner, loves sports (Co Canes!), and enjoys spending time with his wife and their pets exploring good places to eat, shop, and play.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JEFF COX (he/him/his) is a Florida attorney, and the Senior Manager of Content Strategy for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Jeff is also a Board Member and Chairperson-Elect of the Board of Bay Area Legal Services and the Chair of the Veterans Committee. Jeff and his wife, Stephanie, became members of Allendale in 2019 and love the welcoming, inclusive, and reconciling community they couldn't be happier to be a part of.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik | *Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir*

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The white flowers are in memory of mothers and mother-figures who have transitioned to heaven. The red flowers are in honor of our living mothers and mother-figures.

May God bless them all

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Learn more and register: www.allendaleumc.org/vbs

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF TAMPA BAY'S SPRING CONCERT - FRI MAY 17 AT 8 PM

From poignant tunes that touch the soul to electrifying hits that defined an era. Get ready to step back to the neon-soaked world of the 80s with our electrifying chorus concert! Don't miss out on this totally rad experience! *Get your tickets now at gmctb.org*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

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
Ginger Holton	Jun 6

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: 90 in-person, 438 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun June 9 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

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.

WITNESS

UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE

3Rs LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY- REMOVE, REVISE, REGIONALIZE:

REMOVAL OF ANTI-LGBTQ POLICY &

LANGUAGE: The General Conference voted overwhelmingly in support of policy changes that neutralized anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination.

Now, the language that LGBTQ+ people are "incompatible with Christian teaching" is gone – as is the prohibition on "self-avowed and practicing homosexual" clergy and candidates. In addition, performing a same-sex wedding is no longer a chargeable offense.

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED SOCIAL

PRINCIPLES: The *Revised Social Principles* undergird the purpose of the UMC's ministries in the world. They represent values and ideals that the Church has agreed to live up to, including the advancement of social progress and the well-being of people and planet.

This updated set of social principles not only writes in protections for people who are LGBTQ+; they also challenge the Church to address economic injustice, racism, colonialism, reproductive health, the death penalty, disability injustice, and much more.

WORLD WIDE REGIONALIZATION: The

General Conference approved 8 pieces of legislation that will work together to reconstitute the global structure of the Church.

If ratified, the resulting structure would make all conferences into regional conferences. The U.S. regional conference would be allowed to contextualize the Book of Discipline for its own cultures, just like central conferences currently do. Legislation also allows for the creation of a U.S. regional conference.

Because this bundle of legislation calls for a constitutional amendment, it needs to be ratified by annual conferences in 2024 and 2025 with a 2/3 aggregate vote of all annual conference delegates.

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 Bill Lee
Mother |Price|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
Victory is Mine |Darling, Norwood|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Jeff Cox

SONG Allendale Band
This Little Light of Mine |black spiritual|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jeff Cox

SONG Allendale Band
We Are One In The Struggle |Scholtes|

SCRIPTURE Jeff Cox
Psalms 1

SERMON Rev. Nathan Adams

SONG Allendale Band
The Journey Isn't Over |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

BENEDICTION Jeff Cox

POSTLUDE Bill Lee
Psalms 19 |Marcello|



PSALM 1

It's not that binaries are always helpful. We don't rely on them, but we can also feel the difference between those who are following Empire and those who are not. It's less about who is a good person, and more about who we can safely keep proximate to our movements. The stakes are too high. The Empire's narrative and God's Testimony must be distinguished so we can distance ourselves from imperial influencers out of our love for all people. May we rightly discern potential threats without giving in to disposability logics. May our ways of categorization create space for murky middles and humanities compromised by colonized minds..

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

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 May 12

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon May 13

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 May 14

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed May 15

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu May 16

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri May 17

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

8 PM GMCTB Concert (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat May 18

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun May 19

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 5/19 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 15

Shepherd Pie, Honey Siracha Carrots, Salad Bread, Homemade Cheesecake