



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
- Tue Jun 25 Tombolo Books Queer and Fearless w/ special guests 7PM (Sanctuary)
- July 8-13 Youth at Warren Willis Camp for Summer Camp
- Sat Aug 17 Discernment for Deaconesses and Home Missioners

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

DR. LAVON BRACY has been a champion for the rights of others since she was a child. Known in Central Florida for her vigorous voter registration efforts, she has registered over 1200 people. As the first African American to graduate from Gainesville High School in 1965, she integrated the school system in Alachua County, Florida. Dr. Bracy co-founded the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando and founded an elementary school with an emphasis on performing arts. She was the wife of a minister and university Dean, and the mother of a state representative. Her legacy, shared in her book "A Brave Little Cookie," introduces children to the Civil Rights struggles and sacrifices made to make the world a better place.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

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

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 5/19, 6/2 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PAINT & SIP:

This Wednesday night, Bobbie Windle will lead a (non-alcoholic) sip and paint class at 6 PM in the Community Center following dinner! Join us and stretch those creative muscles with friends!

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.*

DISCERNING A MINISTRY ROLE:

Save the date for Saturday, August 17 for a special day of discernment with Deaconess Megan Hale. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople who are called by God to be in a lifetime relationship in The United Methodist Church for engagement with a full-time vocation in ministries of love, justice, and service. Together they: alleviate suffering, eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth, facilitate the development of full human potential, and share in the building global community through the church universal. This is for those curious and seeking to serve the church more intentionally as a layperson. *Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/dhm*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Raegan Miller May 22

Jeff Ishman May 24

Rev. Karen Welling May 25

Chris Marks May 28

Ginger Holton Jun 6

Greg Brecht Jun 11

Erin Giblin Jun 12

David Franks Jun 14

Joshua Nikkel Jun 14

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: 86 in-person, 720 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

ABOUT PENTECOST SUNDAY: On Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body and blessed them with universal understanding of languages. Pentecost, which literally means "fifty days," is a moveable feast which always occurs on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Though it may not be as ubiquitous as other key Christian celebrations, it is a tremendous day in church history.

Theologian Willie James Jennings asserts: *"Only the gracious work of God in creation matches this moment of prevenient grace."* He's not alone in this conviction; some theologians describe Pentecost as the Church's birthday. Others describe it as a "big bang" that brought the Church into being, for just as God's Spirit came rushing into the world over the waters of creation, in Acts 2, God's Spirit rushes into the world to gather and transform God's people.

So where does that leave us? If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love.



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 Sam Wyness

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver & Harrison Brimmer

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SONG Allendale Band

Faithful God You Sent Your Spirit | Gillette, Robinson|

CALL TO WORSHIP Jacquez Sims

SONG Allendale Band

Faithful God You Sent Your Spirit (reprise)| Gillette, Robinson|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Evan Oliver & Theresa Frost

SONG Allendale Band

God, You Give Each Generation | Gillette, Van Dyke|

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION Ty Throop & Confirmands

SONG Allendale Band

God, You Give Each Generation (reprise) | Gillette, Van Dyke|

POEM & OFFERING Cat Costa & Congregation

A Blessing for the Seekers |Rev. Sarah Speed|

Loosen, Loosen |Halpert|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Sam Wyness

Acts 2:1-21

HOMILY Olivia Sims & Liam Oliver

FREEDOM STORY Dr. LaVon Bracy

SONG Allendale Band

I'll Rise |Angelou, Harper|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Aiden Daly & Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Maria Brown

POSTLUDE Sam Wyness



ACTS 2:1-21

Growing up, I was taught that baptism and communion are purely symbolic, not sacraments. We believe that God doesn't need us to say particular words, take particular actions, or use particular materials to impart grace. However, I think we sometimes miss the mystery of it all. There is holy mystery in God's grace, in bread and water and cup, and in the Spirit blowing through the early church. We often seek certainty, but instead, we receive the enigmatic Spirit, bread and wine, and the many ways God imparts grace. Grace upon grace upon grace. Thanks be to God.

-Anna Strickland, artist of the painting "Sacrament" printed above.

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art (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 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)

Mon May 20

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 21

6 PM Staff Parish (Zoom)

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

7 PM Trustees (Zoom)

Wed May 22

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu May 23

6 PM Finance (Zoom)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM Church Council (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri May 24

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

8 PM GMCTB Concert (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat May 25

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun May 26

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

DINNER MENU

Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center. \$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available.

Wed May 22

Chicken and Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Peas, Cornbread, Plantains, Salad