

ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 16, 2024

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WELCOME

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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 7 PM (Sanctuary)
- Tue Jul 2 Tombolo Books 60th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act 7 PM (Sanctuary)
- July 8-13 Youth at Warren Willis Camp for Summer Camp
- Aug 16-18 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 LITURGIST:

LASHLEY FEASTER MARKS (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

In observance of Father's Day, the white flowers are in memory of fathers and father figures who have transitioned to heaven, and the red flowers are in honor of our living fathers and father figures, God bless them all!

CITY OF ST PETE LETTERS OF LOVE:

Spread kindness and positivity to the LGBTQ+ community through heartfelt messages. The display is at Allendale

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. *Visit: www.allendaleumc.org/vbs*

TOMBOLO BOOKS QUEER AND FEARLESS:

You are invited, Tue Jun 25 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary, for a night of community, poetry, and queer joy! We are celebrating local author Rob Sanders and his beautiful new non-fiction picture book, *Queer and Fearless!* RSVP at www.tombolobooks.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING:

The Allendale Justice Group will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 6 PM in the Hybrid Room to discuss current and upcoming issues and events to make our community better.

VOTER INFORMATION SESSION:

Are you ready to vote? Join members of Faith United Church of Christ, Dunedin, who will be at Allendale after worship on Sunday, June 16 for a presentation of local candidate information and on the importance of voting early and of voting in primaries.

MARCH WITH US IN THE PRIDE PARADE:

We are marching in this year's St. Pete Pride Parade! Visit our website to sign up to get parade details sent to you, including where to line up: www.allendaleumc.org/pride

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Jackie Hunter	Jun 17
Don Windle	Jun 25
Elise DeVinney	Jun 26
Hillary Van Dyke	Jun 30
Amy Bordeaux	Jul 1
Tanner Isoma	Jul 2
Jeff Cox	Jul 4
Jason Edsall	Jul 4
Amy Mormino	Jul 5
Eric Clark	Jul 13
Evee Nikkel	Jul 13

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: 93 in-person, 339 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun July 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

OUR 2024 PRIDE T-SHIRT:

Celebrate the boundless love and inclusivity of Jesus with our "Drag Queen Jesus: Sacred Heart of Love" t-shirt. In a world where drag queens face hatred, bullying, and legislative attacks, this shirt declares that Jesus is right there with them, offering mercy, love, and healing. We stand with marginalized communities, including drag queens, who reflect the living Christ in their resilience, joy, and grace.

Pick up your shirt at the table in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also have a shirt shipped to you by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts

DISCERNING A MINISTRY ROLE:

Join us on August 16-18 for a special discernment event. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople called by God to serve in ministries of love, justice, and service within the UMC. They work to alleviate suffering, fight injustice, and build global community. This event is for those interested in serving the church more intentionally as laypeople. *Learn more and register at www.allendaleumc.org/dhm.*

NO HATE RADIO:

Our podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio" just released a new episode! *Listen on your favorite podcast app by searching for No Hate Radio or visit www.nohateradio.com.*

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - 6/16 and 6/30 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 Dinner & Classes
on Summer break until July 31.

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
Better is One Day |Redman|

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SONG Allendale Band
We've Got the Whole World In Our Hands |Spiritual|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lashley Feaster Marks

SONG Allendale Band
God's Love is Wide |Ratering-Youngberg|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

ADVOCACY MOMENT Nicole Pearlman
Candidate Judge for Florida 6th Circuit Court

OFFERING Congregation
God, We Spend A Lifetime Growing |Gillette, Beethoven|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lashley Feaster Marks

SONG Allendale Band
Like a Tree (Psalm 1) |Cobb|

SCRIPTURE Lashley Feaster Marks
Ezekiel 17:22-24

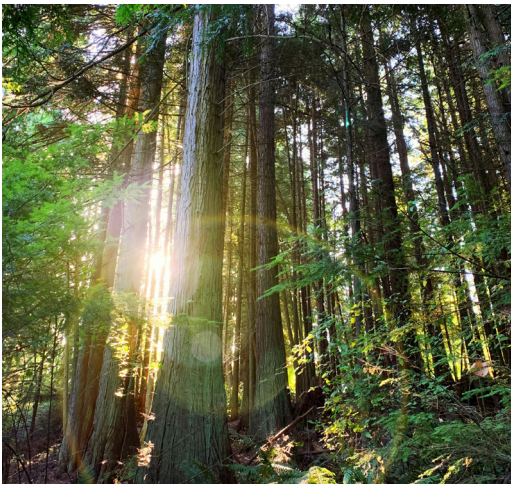
SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
What A Wonderful World |Armstrong|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Lashley Feaster Marks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Better is One Day |Redman|



EZEKIEL 17:22-24

We are the body of Christ with the government on our shoulders. We may find ourselves amidst a transition of kings. We may find ourselves placating imperial power for some modicum of security. We aren't always sure whether God is in government. Church and state can never stay too far from each other, yet we must remember that we are governed by the trees. Our faith is in the One to whom the trees, reach both from their branches and roots. We turn to Source for security. The trees have seen many governments and kings. They fall and rise again. More trees felled for new palaces. But without them, we are nothing. Our faith is in the God of the trees who garden humanity. If we have any at all, our kings should be those who bow to the trees.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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- Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org
- Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | aaron@allendaleumc.org
- Bill Lee | Organist
- Theresa Frost | Youth
- Michaela George, 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 Jun 16

- 9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon Jun 17

- 9 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)
- 6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)
- 6:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Tue Jun 18

- 9 AM Vacation Bible School
- 12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)
- 7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Jun 19

- 9 AM Vacation Bible School
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Jun 20

- 9 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)
- 6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)
- 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Jun 21

- 9 AM Vacation Bible School
- 7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Jun 22

- 9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)
- 9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)
- 5 PM St Pete Pride Parade

Sun Jun 23

- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



Scan this code with your phone's camera to sign up to vote by mail.