



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 28, 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

- Wed July 31 Wed Night Dinner Kick-off with Drag Bingo (Community Center) 5 PM
- Sun Aug 4 Stroll to the Polls (Allendale) 12 PM
- Sun Aug 4 Puerto Rico Panel (Sanctuary) 1:30 PM
Bridging the Gap: Boricua Displacement & Erasure
- 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

Reminder: Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes are on Summer break until July 31.

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JOHN STEWART (he/him/his) is a second-generation Floridian. He was born in Lakeland and grew up in Seminole after his father bought a grocery store at John's Pass. He retired after 37 years teaching in Pinellas County high schools, where he taught English, creative writing, humanities, and Advanced Placement Art History. His passions for social justice include activism and volunteering at a weekly breakfast for unsheltered people. He is a volunteer docent at the Dali Museum, the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, and the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts. Among his interests are camping, reading, movies, watching meteor showers, and travel. He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Sheila Stewart and yard cat Ole Oliver Gray.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Erica George

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S ALTAR PLANT is given to Pastor Brittany Leclair, a "leader who cares," for spending time with the Allendale congregation, "who seek to be leaders who care." May God help each of us grow!

TOURS OF THE ALLENDALE UMC CAMPUS:

Learn all about Allendale on one of our campus tours. Join us after Worship every 2nd and 4th Sunday beginning Aug 11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STROLL TO THE POLLS:

Join citizens from all over the Tampa Bay area on Sunday, August 4 for Stroll to the Polls - a celebration of our right to vote! Meet at Allendale UMC at noon for music and refreshments. At 12:20, we stroll with our mail-in ballots along Haines Road to a US Post Office to promote safe and secure mail-in voting for the August 20 Primary. We will also review the ways to check that our ballots were received and counted on the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections website. Bring your mail-in ballots! Let's vote early together! *For more information: (727) 492-1590.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF WITH DRAG BINGO:

We are kicking off the fall semester of Wednesday night dinner and classes with dinner and Drag Bingo on July 31 with dinner at 5 PM and bingo starting at 6 PM. Candy Von Sparkle will be joined by Bitsy St. Claire, Janessa Brooks, and Anna Fillaxus. Dinner is \$10 and a \$15 donation gets you 10 games of bingo. Proceeds benefit our unhoused neighbors fund.

WORKDAYS AT ALLENDALE:

We are hosting a series of workdays maintaining our campus. Our focus will be cleaning the exterior of our buildings and trimming back some of our landscaping. Our first is landscaping this Wed Jul 31 at 7 AM. Two more are planned September 14 and 28 at 8 AM. Join us if you can!

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Marilyn Lyn Dickinson Jul 29

Bill Lee Aug 7

Bob Wallace Aug 7

Sheila Stewart Aug 18

Will Redlow Aug 19

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: 84 in-person, 422 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

PULPIT EXCHANGE:

Pastor Brittany Leclair is preaching here at Allendale during the month of July as part of a pulpit exchange. Pastor Andy is at First UMC Pinellas Park.

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Aug 11 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

Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts



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

WITNESS

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A BUS ROUTE:

We are excited to announce the launch of a new ministry at Allendale UMC: a dedicated bus route to help bring our community together! We understand that transportation can be a barrier for some to attend church services, and we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to worship and fellowship in person.

We are seeking compassionate and responsible volunteers to drive our church bus once a month. By volunteering, you'll help provide a vital service to those who are unable to reach our church on their own, making it possible for them to participate in our vibrant community here at Allendale.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please sign up here: www.allendaleumc.org/drive.

Your commitment, even just once a month, can help make our church more accessible and inclusive.

Need a Ride? Let Us Know! If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, we want to hear from you! Please let us know your transportation needs by signing up here: www.allendaleumc.org/ride. We are here to help everyone connect and participate fully in the life of our congregation.

Thank you for your role in this new initiative. Together, we can ensure that Allendale UMC is a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

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.*

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
Crowded Table | Carlile, Hemby, McKenna |

WELCOME Rev. David Franks
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SONG Allendale Band
Love Lifted Me | Rowe, Smith |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
God Has Work For Us To Do | Miller, Daw |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Brittany Leclair

OFFERING Congregation
God's Love is Wide | Ratering-Youngberg |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
To God Be The Glory | Crosby |

SCRIPTURE John Stewart
Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON Rev. Brittany Leclair

SONG Allendale Band
Lean on Me | Withers |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION John Stewart

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Crowded Table | Carlile, Hemby, McKenna |



EPHESIANS 3:14-21

It's a power play. The forces of good and evil clash mightily. The power of God is found healing and feeding in ways we never would imagine possible. Meanwhile forces of evil and destruction intimidate, dominate, and plot against the righteous people of God. The empathy of the impoverished prophet is contrasted with the self-serving cruelty of a wealthy king. But we are taught that no matter what is taken from us, prayer to the Almighty always remains as our mark of kinship with the Divine.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Jul 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)

Mon Jul 29

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 Jul 30

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Jul 31

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Drag Bingo (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Aug 1

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Aug 2

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Aug 3

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Aug 4

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 - 7/28 & 8/11 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
Dinner at 5 PM, Classes at 6 PM

DINNER MENU

Wed Jul 31

Penne Arrabiatta (angry sauce), Italian

Sausage, Vegetarian Dish, Italian Cut Green

Beans, Ciabatta Bread, Caesar Salad, Dessert