



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: *Mon-Wed 9-4, 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

- Sat Sep 7 Bridging the Gap: Puerto Rico Panel (Sanctuary) 1:30 PM
- Thu Sep 12 Pinellas School Referendum Informational Q&A (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sep 14 & 28 Allendale Clean-Up Work Days - Help prepare for our anniversary - 8 AM
- Sun Sep 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sat Oct 12 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 13 Allendale 100th Anniversary Homecoming
- Sat Oct 26 Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:

REV. DR. STEVE HARPER is a retired Elder in The United Methodist Church, and also a retired Professor of Spiritual Formation and Wesley Studies, having taught since 1980 in many schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. He received his PhD in 1981 at Duke University, writing his dissertation on "The Devotional Life of John Wesley." He has been married to Jeannie since 1970—the love of his life. They are the parents of two children (John and Katrina), grandparents of Zoe, Isaac, and James.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

ERICA GEORGE (she/they) is a Georgia native, but has lived in St Pete most of her life. She holds a Master of Social Work and works with individuals experiencing mental health crisis. She loves spoiling her cats, Cooper and Willow, Sunday brunches, and trying all kinds of coffee shops with her wife, Michaela. They serve Allendale as Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and sometimes you can also spot them singing or playing guitar on the Worship Band.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Ashton Wilkins, vocals - Beth Heisel vocals - Maresi Brown, piano - Tru Mizzell organist - Bill Lee *Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org*

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz, Jane Mann Brown

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Greg Gillis, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATE YOUR TRUNK THIS OCTOBER:

Trunk-or-treat is one of our annual family gatherings where kids dress up and go trick-or-treating in our parking lot. Trunk or treat will be Sat Oct 26. *If you'd like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, register at www.allendaleumc.org/trunk. Let us know if you plan on attending as trick-or-treaters at www.allendaleumc.org/treat*

PREPPING FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH A CAMPUS CLEAN-UP:

We are hosting a series of workdays in September. Our focus will be cleaning the exterior of our buildings and trimming back some of our landscaping. September 14 and 28 8 AM-12 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: hospice care

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Betsy Drouin	Sep 1
Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6
Kara McKlemurry	Sep 8
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11
Campbell Horn	Sep 15
Cameron Helwege	Sep 20
Parker Hutton	Sep 21

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, 310 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Sep 8 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

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

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

UPWARD!:

John Wesley in *Thoughts Upon Methodism*, "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America," he wrote in his *Thoughts Upon Methodism*. "But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power."

He was concerned that Methodists would lose their first love—namely, the love of God and others—and fall into the trap of religiosity. Likewise, the Wesleyan inheritance will always be open to interpretation. This is natural and to be expected. In our own time, in fact, Methodism is splintering into a number of alternative paths along the fault lines of biblical and cultural hermeneutics, and we grieve the way in which the term "Wesleyan" has been co-opted to represent perspectives that we find alien to the tradition. Another way to put this is to say that the divisions are being shaped by ways of being Christian that are not fundamentally Wesleyan.

The Wesleyan way that we have come to know and love is not literalistic in its approach to scripture; that feels more like resurgent fundamentalism. Methodists view the Bible as a dynamic, living document that draws us into God's love and shapes our living in our unique contexts. Our view of the Wesleyan heritage is not dogmatic in its theological orientation; that characteristic reflects a more Reformed way of doing theology. Methodists are "practical," not "confessional" theologians. From a Wesleyan perspective, the purpose of theology is eye-opening transformation, not blind conformity. The Wesleyan way is not congregationalist in its organization and structure; rather, it champions connection and unity-in-diversity in the Christian family. Some Methodists who claim the Wesleyan label as their exclusive possession have actually exchanged the spirit, vision, and orientation of the Wesleys, we believe, for other ways of approaching the Christian faith. - Excerpt from Upward!

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
Praise Him, Praise Him |Clark|

WELCOME Rev. David Franks
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SONG Allendale Band
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing |Wesley, Miller, AZMON by Gläser|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Erica George

SONG Allendale Band
And Are We Yet Alive |Wesley, Nägeli, Mason|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Terry Fitzgerald
Big Hearts, Bright Love: The Wesleyan Adventure of Growing in God's Love

OFFERING Congregation
Nearer, My God, to Thee |Adams, Mason|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & POEM Erica George

SONG Allendale Band
O God, You Called Disciples |Gillette, Smart|

UPWARD! INTRODUCTION Rev. David Franks

SCRIPTURE & UPWARD! READING..... Erica George
Mark 1:16-20 & Upward!: pp. xiv-xv

GUEST PREACHER INTRODUCTION Rev. David Franks

SERMON Rev. Dr. Steve Harper

COMMUNION Congregation
All My Days |Zelman, Miller|

SONG Allendale Band
Come, Children, To The Gospel Feast |Wesley, Gesangbuch|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION Erica George

POSTLUDE Bill Lee
Come, Let Us Sing |Paxton|



MARK 1:16-20 & UPWARD!: PP. XIV-XV

In this passage, Jesus calls his first disciples, inviting them to leave their nets and follow him in a dynamic, life-changing movement. This passage reminds us that faith is not about rigid structures or preserving traditions but about responding to the call of love, transformation, and community.

John Wesley similarly warned that Methodism could become a “dead sect,” losing its spirit to inflexibility or dogma.

Our Wesleyan heritage values scripture as a living document and a theology that seeks transformation rather than conformity. As Methodists, we are called to a faith that is practical, compassionate, and rooted in love—just as those first disciples were called to leave behind the familiar and venture into the unknown with Jesus. The focus is on living out the heart of our tradition—letting it inspire us to act—engaging authentically and courageously with love and justice in our unique contexts today.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Leaders

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 Sep 1

9 AM Upward! Book Study (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Sep 2

6 PM Upward Book Study (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 Sep 3

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Sep 4

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Upward! Book Study (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Sep 5

11 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Sep 6

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Sep 7

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Sep 8

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 - 9/8 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

Upward Classes! Sun at 9 AM, Mon at 6 PM

Wed at 6 PM, Thu at 11 AM

DINNER MENU

Wed Sep 4

Classic Lasagna, Veg Lasagna, Caesar Salad,

Ciabbata Bread, Tiramisu