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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 9-4, 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

- 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 LITURGIST:

BRADLEY HUNSINGER (he/him/his) was born and raised in St Pete, no siblings. Mom and Dad also live locally. Brad lived in Miami for six years, and finished his BA at FIU. He currently lives in Largo with his longtime life partner and their six cats (Clark, Ocarina, Chuckie, Gwar, Brapples, and Chassidore). Brad is a member of the Tampa Bay branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. He works at a residential substance abuse facility, and is currently in nursing school at SPC. In his free time he enjoys reading, improv, and character work.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Beth Heisel

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING:

The next UWF meeting is on Mon Sep 9 at 6 PM in the Hybrid Room

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE:

Suncoast Squares has no experience necessary square dancing on Mon, Sep 9 and Mon, Sep 16 from 7-8:30 PM right here at Allendale. Everyone is welcome.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL REFERENDUM:

Our students and school employees deserve the best across Pinellas County! Join us at 6 PM on Thu Sep 12 in the Sanctuary at Allendale to learn more about the referendum that will be on the ballot in November.

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:

Kara McKlemurry	Sep 8
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11
Campbell Horn	Sep 15
Cameron Helwege	Sep 20
Parker Hutton	Sep 21
Dan Leeper	Sep 24
Elijah Marks	Sep 24
Scott Hensley	Sep 25
Edith Wagner	Sep 25

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: 88 in-person, 430 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Oct 13 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

UPWARD!:

So what does wisdom look like for those who seek to understand and live their faith through a Wesleyan lens? We address this critical question in this first movement through four conversations.

- First, the way of wisdom is founded upon the platform of grace. The Wesleys oriented their whole vision of life in Christ around the concept of grace. Every aspect of their theology reflects some facet of God's grace, particularly as we find it embodied in Jesus.
- Second, the Wesleys emphasized the importance of a person's posture in life. How we position ourselves in relation to others demonstrates how we seek to imitate Christ. If we really want to follow Jesus, then we will assume the posture of humility.
- Third, one of the most important debates in our world today revolves around the issue of inclusivity. In the Gospels, time and time again, Jesus transforms exclusivists into people with a wide embrace. His own life bears witness to the practice of inclusivity.
- Fourth, the promise of love. John and Charles Wesley made a special point to draw an intimate connection between grace and love. Charles, the poet of "love divine," put the promise of love at the center of life in Christ.

We invite you, then, into these four important conversations about the way of wisdom. Each theme strikes at the heart of what it means to be Wesleyan. Even more importantly, they point to the spiritual wisdom of Jesus. Methodists have inherited a legacy rooted in grace, humility, inclusivity, and love. - 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
Jesus, Lover of My Soul |Wesley|

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling |Wesley, Zundel|

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

OFFERING Congregation
Open My Eyes |Manibusin|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & POEM Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
The Love of God |Lehman|

SCRIPTURE & UPWARD! READING..... Bradley Hunsinger
Psalms 51:10-12 & Upward!: pp. 5-6

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
All My Days |Zelman, Miller|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Bradley Hunsinger

POSTLUDE Bill Lee
The Church's One Foundation |Wesley|



PSALM 51:10-12 & UPWARD!: PP. 5-6

In this passage, the psalmist cries out for a pure heart, a steadfast spirit, and the joy of salvation. This longing reflects the wisdom we seek through a Wesleyan lens, which begins with grace—a gift freely given, shaping every part of our lives. Humility is the posture we adopt as we relate to others, mirroring Jesus' own self-giving love.

Inclusivity follows naturally; Jesus repeatedly widened the circle to embrace those on the margins. And finally, love is the binding promise, the ultimate expression of grace in action. Together, these four themes—grace, humility, inclusivity, and love—offer a framework for a life of wisdom that mirrors the heart of Christ.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 8

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

9 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Sep 9

6 PM Upward Book Study (Zoom)

6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)

6 PM United Women in Faith (Hybrid)

6:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Tue Sep 10

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Sep 11

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Upward! Book Study (Baker)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Sep 12

11 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)

6 PM School Referendum Event (Sanctuary)

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Sep 13

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Sep 14

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Sep 15

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 & 9/22 at 9 AM
This class meets every other Sunday

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 11

Chicken Alfredo, Lemon Pepper Broccoli,
Bread, Salad, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option