

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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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

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

Wed Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

VERONICA FOXX (she/her/hers) is Miss Rose Dynasty 2024. Her work highlights the importance of queer representation, empowerment, and visibility through the arts. Veronica is committed to using her platform to uplift marginalized voices and ensure every young person has the opportunity to live authentically and thrive.

TODAY'S DRAG ARTISTS:

Candy Von Sparkle
Mr. Vyn Suazion
Veronica Foxx

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

We want to recognize the saints who have gone before us. If you'd like to include a saint in your life who passed away within the last year, please submit their name and date of death to www.allendaleumc.org/saints.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, IS HOMECOMING:

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration we are having a homecoming worship service on Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 AM with a reception to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD! Q&A WITH THE AUTHORS:

Join us on Wednesday, October 2, from 6-7:15 PM in the Sanctuary for a special gathering with the authors of Upward!, the book we have been reading together throughout September. Paul W. Chilcote and Steve Harper will answer questions and discuss their book. We will livestream this discussion.

RECOVERY TRAINING:

There are approximately 3000 households who need help in Pinellas county. We are having a disaster recovery training session at 2 PM in the Sanctuary at Allendale on Sunday, September 29. *This training led by Charlie Radigan will also be live streamed at: www.allendaleumc.org/training*

HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY:

Sign up to receive opportunities to help people in our community clean up after Hurricane Helene. *Visit: www.allendaleumc.org/helene*

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*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Renee Burk Sep 29

Terry Fitzgerald Sep 29

Robin Eastwood Sep 30

James Kelchner Oct 2

Debbie Duty Oct 3

Trista Miller Oct 3

Michaela George Oct 4

Maria Rodriguez Oct 6

Melissa Nicholas Oct 7

Andy Oliver Oct 7

Jean Hopkins Oct 9

Cet Mohamed-Moore Oct 9

Laurie Hempel Oct 13

Elijah Edghill Oct 16

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, 644 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

CHRIS ANDERSON'S STORY:

We believe that everyone's story holds transformative power. Today, we're sharing Chris Anderson's journey of faith, identity, and self-love—a story that resonates with our mission of radical inclusion.

Growing up in a religious household, Chris was taught that being queer was wrong. Yet, from a young age, he knew they were different. When caught expressing this by a grandparent, Chris was told they would go to hell, leaving them ashamed and fearful. In high school, Chris tried to conform and hide his crushes on girls, but the fear of rejection pushed them further away from church.

College offered Chris a chance to meet people who accepted them as they were. But returning home still meant hiding their true self. In 2022, Chris created a short film celebrating their queerness and decided to come out to their family. To his surprise, their family responded with love, teaching Chris about self-acceptance.

"If my family, rooted in a homophobic church, could love me, why wouldn't Jesus?" Chris reflects. "Why would God create me like this for it to be wrong?" Now, Chris is preparing for top surgery to feel more at home in his body and is seeking support to make this next step possible.

Chris's story reminds us that God's love is not bound by fear or rejection. If you feel moved to support, consider donating to their surgery fund. Together, we can be a community that embodies Christ's love and support.



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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
Beloved |Feliz|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
All My Days |Zelman, Miller|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Veronica Foxx

SONG Mr. Vyn Suazion
Faith |Feliz|

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

OFFERING Congregation
This Little Light of Mine |African American Spiritual|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Veronica Foxx

SONG Candy Von Sparkle
At The Table, There's A Place For You |Helwege|

SCRIPTURE & UPWARD! READING..... Veronica Foxx
Matthew 26:20-30 & Upward!: pp. 162-163

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Veronica Foxx
Something in the Water |Underwood|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Veronica Foxx

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Beloved |Feliz|



MATTHEW 26:20-30 & UPWARD!: PP. 162-163

In this passage, Jesus shares the Passover meal with his disciples, symbolically introducing the new covenant through his body and blood. This moment of intimacy and impending sacrifice underscores a profound act of love and inclusion, mirroring the essence of servanthood and sacrifice. By emulating Jesus—who emptied himself of all but love and welcomed everyone into a sacred space—we too can break down barriers and build bridges toward a restored and just world. This dual narrative of Jesus' actions and our call to action invites us to transform our communities through practices that reflect divine love and foster beloved community. In this way, the scripture and your reflections urge us to live out our faith by actively participating in God's vision of shalom, healing, and holistic restoration.

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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 29

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 30

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 Oct 1

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Oct 2

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Upward! Book Conversation (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Oct 3

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 4

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Oct 5

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Oct 6

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 - 10/6 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 Oct 2

Glazed Pork Loin, Honey Sriracha Carrots,
Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Dessert Dish,
Vegetarian options