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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 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 SPEAKER:

JAVONTI THOMAS (he/him/his) is a seasoned communication and workforce development professional with a rich background that includes roles as a news anchor, a non-profit marketing and fundraising director, and a program coordinator in Louisiana. Currently, he works as a freelance public relations strategist managing several clients including some in the Tampa Bay area. He was drawn to Allendale United Methodist Church for its inclusive approach, hoping to use his voice to further Christ's message of love and acceptance.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

AMY BORDEAUX (she/her/hers) Amy and her husband, Bruce, have 2 grown sons. She works at Applebee's as a Restaurant Systems Support Manager for a franchise with 112 restaurants. Amy enjoys Ice cream dates with friends, root beer floats, and flipping tires at the Y for exercise. She has a heart for young adults, especially those with non-affirming families. If you need a big mom hug or an ice cream date, just ask.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Priscilla Pridgen and Sheila Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Steve Geis, Amy Mormino,
Mark Frederick, Bill & Christopher Munette,
Debbie Duty, Pam Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration we are having an open house on Saturday, October 12 from 12 - 3 PM. Tour our beautiful space, see historic photos, meet our community, and learn more about our journey over the past 100 years. Then we will have our homecoming worship service honoring our history and looking forward to the future on Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 AM with a reception to follow.

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*

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.

TODAY'S ALTAR DECORATION:

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, the altar is adorned with breads from cultures all over the globe.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Maria Rodriguez	Oct 6
Melissa Nicholas	Oct 7
Andy Oliver	Oct 7
Pris Pridgen	Oct 7
Jim Pridgen	Oct 8
Jean Hopkins	Oct 9
Cet Mohamed-Moore	Oct 9
Laurie Hempel	Oct 13
Elijah Edghill	Oct 16
Joe Feaster	Oct 18
Theresa Frost	Oct 18
Ty Throop	Oct 18
Emmett Edghill	Oct 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: 75 in-person, 531 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

POCKET-SIZED MOMENTS:

I wonder if we will know
when restoration comes.
Will it feel big and dramatic
like a summer rain?
Joyful and overwhelming,
like an end-of-war parade?
Maybe.

Or will it be small?
Will it be pocket-sized moments,
like wishing on stars,
the sun through the curtains,
or lightning bugs in the yard?
Maybe.

I don't know how God
will restore this world,
just like I don't know how
to make the summer rain.

But I do know how to say I'm sorry.
And I do know how to love with all of me.
And I know how to say, "This cup is for you,"
And I know how to taste grace in grape juice.

So on the off-chance that
restoration *will* be small,
pocket-sized moments of love for all,
I will bake bread and save a seat for you.
I will say I'm sorry and say I love you too.
I will plant gardens and look for fireflies.
I will say prayers on shooting stars at night.

And when the sun shines
through my curtain windows,
remind me to open them wide.
I would hate to miss God's parade,
these holy ordinary days.

—poem by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed



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

I Am Set Free |Jordan|

WELCOME Rev. David Franks

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SONG Allendale Band

For Everyone Born A Place At The Table |Murray|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Amy Bordeaux

SONG Allendale Band

Siyahamba' ekukhanyeni' kwenkos' (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

|Traditional Zulu Folk Song|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Terry Fitzgerald

OFFERING Congregation

They'll Know We Are Guided By Our Love |Scholtes|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Amy Bordeaux

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

SONG Allendale Band

In Christ There Is No East or West |Oxenham, Stookey|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING..... Amy Bordeaux

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON Javonti Thomas

COMMUNION LITURGY & CONSECRATION Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer |Miller|

COMMUNION Congregation

Let Us Break Bread Together |Black Gullah/Geechee Spiritual|

SONG Allendale Band

At The Table There's A Place For You |Helwege|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION Amy Bordeaux

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

I Am Set Free |Jordan|



ACTS 2:42-47

As a clergyperson, I strive to ensure that ALL are welcome in faith spaces.

It's heartbreaking when churches unintentionally prevent people from fully participating. My aunt, who was diagnosed with Celiac disease eight years ago, has only been able to safely receive Communion three times. Being excluded from such a core ritual has caused her deep grief.

This image, *Open Table*, is a reflection on what a more inclusive Table could be. At the center are the elements of Communion: bread and wine. The light of Christ radiates from the bread, reaching the hands of those ready to receive, without barriers.

Surrounding the image are plants that provide gluten-free ingredients—buckwheat, amaranth, quinoa, millet, and sorghum—symbolizing Christ's ever-expanding welcome and the abundance of ways we can ensure everyone has a place in worship and at the Table.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

*Image and Liturgy from A Sanctified Art
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Leaders
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Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence
All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

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)

Mon Oct 7

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 8

12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)
7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Oct 9

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
6 PM Wed. Night Classes (Community Center)
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Oct 10

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)
6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)
7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Oct 11

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Oct 12

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)
9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)
12 PM 100th Anniversary Open House

Sun Oct 13

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
100th Anniversary Homecoming Worship
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 9

Chicken Teriyaki, Rice, Lemon Pepper Broccoli,
Salad, Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian options