



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Jan 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade (1st Ave South) 11 AM
- Wed Jan 22 Concert: Bobby Jo Valentine @ Allendale UMC (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
- Sat Feb 8 Author Jeremy Steele Q&A and Book Event w/ Tombolo (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Feb 9 Chili Cook off and Superbowl Watch Party (Community Center) 6 PM
- 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

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

DOING THEOLOGY AT ALLENDALE:

Join Dr. Kate Pravera and Dylan Dames for "Doing Theology at Allendale: An Irreverently Serious Exploration of Living Our Faith in 2025." Meeting on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, February 5, 12, 19, and March 5, following our 5 PM community dinner. Together, we'll explore what it means to "do theology" in today's world, where spirituality is inseparable from the fight for justice. Grounded in the legacy of liberation theology, this class will unpack how dismantling systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, and other injustices intersects with faith practice, especially within our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT:

We are thrilled to host a concert with Bobby Jo Valentine on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM. Known for his soulful, spirit-focused lyrics and hopeful melodies, Bobby's music speaks to the gentle spiritual awakenings of an openhearted life. His journey—from strict church lines to a faith focused on love and growth—shines through his inspiring songs and stories. *Get tickets: www.allendaleumc.org/bobby*

DRAG BINGO RETURNS JANUARY 29:

Allendale's monthly Charity Drag Bingo is back! Join us on Wednesday, January 29, for an evening of fun and giving, hosted by Candy Von Sparkle, Patty Ann, and Brucella D'Evil, who dazzled us during our last Drag Gospel Worship. Proceeds will support Allendale's Unhoused Fund. Enjoy a \$10 dinner at 5 PM, followed by bingo at 6 PM. A \$10 donation gets you 10 games of bingo—don't miss this fabulous night of community and charity!.

MARCHING IN THE MLK PARADE:

Allendale will be marching in the Dream Big MLK parade on Monday, January 20. The parade steps off at 11 AM. Sign up to march with us at www.allendaleumc.org/march.

HOW NOT TO SUCK AS A CHRISTIAN:

Author Jeremy Steele, a queer pastor, is coming to Allendale. We are partnering with Tombolo Books for a Q&A and book event on Sat Feb 8 at 6 PM. Jeremy will preach at Allendale on Feb 9.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Cait & Eric Reynolds: wisdom & guidance

BIRTHDAYS:

Lynn Fruit	Jan 12
Aiden Daly	Jan 15
Nova Redlow	Jan 17
Edward Miller	Jan 18
Tom Dunn	Jan 22
John Stewart	Jan 22
Jonna Hunt	Jan 23
Bobbie Windle	Jan 27
Tara Davidson	Jan 29
Cindy Burns	Jan 31

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: 94 in-person, 242 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Jan 12 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

YOUTH DONUT FUNDRAISER:

Over the past couple of years, our youth ministry has taken life-changing trips, where they explored new places, built strong friendships, and grew in ways that will stay with them for years.

Now, they're working hard to raise funds for more experiences like this by selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$16 a dozen. Pre-order your donuts at: www.allendaleumc.org/donuts.

When you order, you can choose a specific youth to credit your sale to, since they are holding a friendly competition to sell the most donuts and raise the most funds. After your order is processed, you'll receive a code to redeem for a dozen fresh donuts at Krispy Kreme. Your purchase helps create opportunities for all the youth to bond, learn, and grow together in meaningful ways. Funds raised will support our entire youth ministry.



CHILI COOK-OFF & SUPERBOWL PARTY:

Join us at 6 PM on February 9 for the ultimate Chili Cook-Off Showdown! Taste-test fiery, flavorful creations as we cheer on the football game and soak in the spectacle of the halftime show.

Think your chili can reign supreme? Bring your best dish and face the gauntlet of taste buds. The road to victory is paved with spoons, bowls, and bold flavors! Winners will be crowned at a halftime coronation for the Chili Queen/King/Monarch!—don't miss your chance to claim chili royalty!

Enter your chili: www.allendaleumc.org/chili

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
We're Gonna Be Alright | Switchfoot|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
Better is One Day | Matt Redman|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
Dare You To Move | Switchfoot|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Terry Fitzgerald

OFFERING Congregation
We've Come This Far by Faith | Albert Goodson, Milton Biggiam|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
I Am Not Alone | Kari Jobe|

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Andy Oliver
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

SCRIPTURE READING Bradley Hunsinger
Isaiah 43:1-7

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Feeling Good | Nina Simone|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Bradley Hunsinger

POSTLUDE Music Video
Ready To Be Found | Bobby Jo Valentine|

Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller Bobby Jo Valentine will be in concert at Allendale on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM -Get tickets: www.allendaleumc.org/bobby



ISAIAH 43:1-7

God resides in the water and all areas of our natural world - including us. The water is an incarnation, a medium, a manifestation, theophany, and theologian. We cannot be a body of believers without encountering God in the water, hovering with her over the deep. Our texts call us to look out over bodies of water and remember who/whose we are. Why were we forced into the water? Why were we deprived of water? Why did we have to struggle for access to our waters? As water sustains life, we embrace water ritual to ground us in the One who bonds hydrogen to oxygen. Even if our only water is our tears, Spirit meets us there.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org

Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | aaron@allendaleumc.org

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 Jan 12

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Jan 13

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Jan 14

Wed Jan 15

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Activities (CC)

Thu Jan 16

Fri Jan 17

Sat Jan 18

Sun Jan 19

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group- 1/12 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

Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center. \$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available.

Wed Jan 15

Sweet Potato Beef Stew,

Cheddar Biscuits, Texas Roadhouse Rice,

Salad, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option