



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Jan 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade (1st Ave South) 11 AM
- Mon Jan 20 Online Prayer Vigil "From Fear to Belonging" (Zoom) 5 PM
- Wed Jan 22 Concert: Bobby Jo Valentine @ Allendale UMC (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
- Wed Jan 29 Drag Queen Bingo (Community Center) 6 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:

DR. KATE PRAVERA (she/her/hers) grew up in Cleveland, but lived primarily in Chicago until coming to St. Pete in 2016. With degrees in theology and social ethics from Garrett Seminary and Northwestern University, she serves as Allendale's Theologian in Residence, striving to build Beloved Community by drawing others into the Allendale family, and connecting us with community partners dismantling white supremacy and promoting justice and equity for all. A member of the Wednesday dinner kitchen crew, you will find Kate at the Get Involved table before and after service most Sundays.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Beth Heisel

vocals - Erica George

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

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.

MLK DAY PRAYER VIGIL:

The United Methodist General Commission on Religion and Race has put together a Jan 20 online prayer vigil, "From Fear to Belonging," in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This online service starts at 5 PM on Zoom. Join the online prayer vigil at www.allendaleumc.org/vigil.

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!.

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.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH WITH DONUTS:

The youth are having a friendly competition to raise money for the youth ministry. They are selling donuts for \$16 a dozen. *Pre-Order donuts here: www.allendaleumc.org/donuts*. You will receive a certificate for Krispy Kreme donuts.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

In loving memory: Ruth Spangler 1928-2025

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Tom Dunn Jan 22

John Stewart Jan 22

Jonna Hunt Jan 23

Bobbie Windle Jan 27

Tara Davidson Jan 29

Cindy Burns Jan 31

David Preston Feb 8

Erick Zeidenberg Feb 11

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: 86 in-person, 403 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Feb 9 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

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.

Each session builds on rich theological traditions and lived experiences. From understanding theology as a transformative practice to engaging voices from marginalized communities, participants will reflect on topics like intersectionality, Black and queer theologies, and the challenges of doing liberation theology in a community like Allendale. The class culminates in a collaborative project that reflects our shared journey and context. No prior theological background is required—just a willingness to learn, wrestle, and grow together.

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
This Joy That I Have & Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Freedom
|Shirley Caesar | Black Traditional Spiritual|
- WELCOME Rev. David Franks
- CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Kate Pravera
- SONG Allendale Band
We Resist |Mark Miller|
- BIDDING PRAYER Dr. Kate Pravera
- LESSON 1 Ed Lally, Sheila Stewart, Bill Munette
The Cry of the Oppressed | Exodus 3:7, 10-12a
- SONG Allendale Band
Lift Every Voice and Sing |James Weldon Johnson|
- LESSON 2 Scott Hensley, Bruce Bordeaux, Aileen Carey
The Call to Liberation | Isaiah 10:1-3
- SONG Allendale Band
The Journey Isn't Over |Mark Miller|
- LESSON 3 Christopher Lepard, Christopher Munette, Eric Schlecht
The Strength of Community | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- SONG Allendale Band
Draw The Circle Wide |Mark Miller|
- LESSON 4 Javonti Thomas, Pam Green, John Stewart
The Vision of Justice | Isaiah 58:6-12
- SONG Allendale Band
Another World |Kerry Meyer|
- LESSON 5 Lynne Hensley, Pankaj Dutta, Philip Dinkins
Hope in the Face of Resistance | Matthew 5:14-16
- SONG Allendale Band
This Little Light of Mine |Black Spiritual|
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dr. Kate Pravera & Rev. David Franks
The Lord's Prayer |Miller|
- OFFERING Congregation
We Shall Not Be Moved |Mississippi John Hurt|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
- CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. David Franks
- BENEDICTION Dr. Kate Pravera
- POSTLUDE Allendale Band



WE RESIST

"We resist, we refuse to let hatred in,
We rise up, we won't back down
We're in this 'til the end!

Pray for your enemies!
Welcome the stranger!
Show love to your neighbor!
We're in this 'til the end."

-Mark A. Miller

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Liturgy 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 Jan 19

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Jan 20

11 AM Marching in the MLK Parade

5 PM Online MLK Prayer Vigil (Zoom)

Tue Jan 21

Wed Jan 22

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6:30 PM Bobby Jo Valentine Concert (Sanct.)

Thu Jan 23

Fri Jan 24

Sat Jan 25

Sun Jan 26

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

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- 1/26 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

Lemon-sumac Roasted Chicken, Seasoned Baby Potatoes, Lemon Garlic Peas, Salad, Bread, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option