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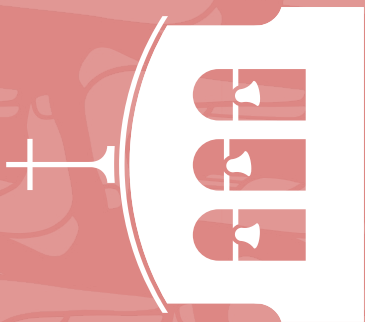
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ALLENDALE

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Mar 10 FAST Rally (St. Michael - 2281 State Road 580) 7 PM
- Tue Mar 11 Anti-Death Penalty Demonstration (Ulmerton & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Sat Mar 15 Free Concert: A Flutist Journey feat. Adrian McGrady (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Tue Mar 18 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Thu Mar 20 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Mon Apr 7 FAST Nehemiah Action (First Baptist - 1900 Gandy Blvd) 7 PM
- Sat Apr 19 Easter Egg Hunt (Community Center and Lawn) 10 AM
- Sun Apr 20 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park (7th St N & 20th Ave N) 6:45 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

PHILIP DINKINS (he/him/his) and his husband Ed Lally joined Allendale in December, 2020. A native of Columbus, Indiana, Phil & Ed moved to Tampa in 1979 and to Saint Petersburg in 2015. Phil's parents were founding members in 1955 of Asbury United Methodist Church in Columbus, IN. A graduate of Indiana University, Phil spent his career as a commercial real estate broker handling office building leasing in downtown Tampa. He is retired from Cushman & Wakefield. Phil & Ed spend the summers in Camden, Maine and have a shelter tabby cat, Joey.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
drums - Curtis Roberts
vocals - Beth Heisel

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S THEME: *stranger & neighbor*

The parable in our scripture today asks, "Who is my neighbor?"—and the answer is "the stranger." The Samaritan, different in worship and customs, is both a stranger and a neighbor to the beaten man. Today, many of our actual neighbors—those living closest to us—feel like strangers, especially in these divisive times. If we align our intentions and actions, then maybe we need to reconsider who we label as "stranger," and ask ourselves if we have acted as good neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN HALL WITH MARTIN O'MALLEY:

Today at 1 PM in the Sanctuary at Allendale. Save Social Security and Medicare Now is mobilizing Americans to reverse DOGE's plans by sharing information, answering questions and empowering everyday people to take simple and easy actions that amplify their voices. Social Security Commissioner under President Biden and former Maryland Governor, Martin O'Malley and guests will be speaking

HEALING CHURCH TRAUMA:

Allendale UMC is a welcoming and affirming faith community. Many of us come from diverse church backgrounds, some of which have been harmful or even traumatic. Starting Wednesday, March 19, at 6 PM, Rev. David Franks will lead "Healing Church Trauma," an eight-week closed group (limited to eight participants) for those who wish to explore their experience of "Church" and the theology we offer here at Allendale to heal that experience.

Sign up at www.allendaleumc.org/trauma.

DEATH PENALTY OPPOSITION:

Join FADP Executive Director Maria DeLiberato and others in opposing the death penalty. Demonstrate with her Tue, Mar 11, 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton & 49th St. N. There will also be a vigil Thu, Mar 20, 5-6 PM, the hour leading up to Edward James' execution.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12
Nick Carey	Mar 16
Jeannine Smith	Mar 17
Bill Munette	Mar 21
Emily Sands	Mar 24
Madelyn Isoma	Mar 27
Hillary Daley	Mar 30

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: 110 in-person, 382 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Mar 9 at 10:30 AM
Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

LENT DEVOTIONAL CLASS:

Join Pastor Andy and Lynne Hensley in a
class diving deeper into Everything [in]
Between. Classes are offered on Zoom on
Mondays at 6 PM and again on Wednesdays
at 6 PM in person at Allendale.

Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Devotion Book: allendaleumc.org/lent25

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

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

During apartheid in South Africa, Johannesburg's Central Methodist Mission created a candle encircled in barbed wire, inspired by Amnesty International's symbol. They called it the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice. Each week, they lit the candle during worship, naming those harassed, imprisoned, or killed for resisting racial injustice. As they read John 1:5—"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"—they rededicated themselves to justice. In a spirit of solidarity, more than 40 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting similar candles as new barbed-wire policies unfold.

This Sunday we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for all who continue to suffer in Ukraine, the largest conflict in Europe since World War II. We pray for Ukrainians who have had to grow accustomed to the death and disruptions that war brings yet still must find a way to get up and live their lives each day. For Russians who have found the courage to risk their own freedom to protest their government's aggression. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." May those in leadership—President Zelensky, President Putin, President Trump, and leaders throughout the European Union—seek to be children of God by understanding how peace is brought about: not through intimidation or coercion, but when we can recognize the humanity in one another.

We light this candle proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



everything
[in] between

stranger & neighbor

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

Tear Down The Walls |The Many|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE, PEACE, & JUSTICE Congregation

CENTERING SONG A Sanctified Art

Breathe, Listen, and Notice |Paul Vasile|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philip Dinkins

EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE ON THE LENTEN WREATH Allendale Band

What Wondrous Light is This |Oliver & Helwege|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer |Mark Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

I Need You To Survive |Hezekiah Walker|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes

Never Met a Stranger |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

I Saw A Stranger |Anna Strickland|

SCRIPTURE Philip Dinkins

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation

O God, You Give Us Neighbors |Carolyn Winfrey Gillette|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Philip Dinkins

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Tear Down The Walls |The Many|

SET OUT CHAIRS Everyone!

Help us set out extra chairs for today's Social Security and Medicare Town Hall!



"Neighbors" by Steve Prince inspired by Luke 10:25-37

"Every day we make a dance of life and death—celebrating the entrance and exit of life, the progression of age and maturity, and the expansion of our tent, grafting to people who share our blood and our beliefs. We are the structures, those temporal buildings that weather the storms, that creak and wither away daily, but are fortified by our relationships to each other and with the sharing of the good news planted by [our Creator]."

—from the artist statement for
"Neighbors" by Steve Prince,
shown above.

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art (portions adapted by Allendale)

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 Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | aaron@allendaleumc.org

Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors
 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 Mar 9

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 1 PM Social Security Town Hall (Sanctuary)
 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon Mar 10

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Mar 11

Wed Mar 12

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)
 6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (CC)

Thu Mar 13

Fri Mar 14

Sat Mar 15

Sun Mar 16

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- 3/9 & 3/23 at 9 AM
This class meets every other Sunday

Lent Devotional Class -
 Led by Pastor Andy and Lynne Hensley
 Virtual on Zoom - *Mon at 6 PM*
Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass
 In Person at Allendale - *Wed at 6 PM*
Devotion book: allendaleumc.org/lent25

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 Mar 12

Taco Bar, Eloté (Street Corn), Black Bean Soup, Pineapple Salsa, Dessert, Vegetarian Option