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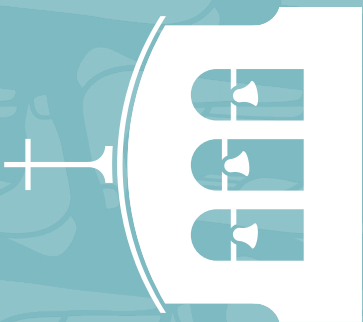
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ALLENDALE

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue Mar 18 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Thu Mar 20 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Wed Mar 26 Drag Bingo Fundraiser for Youth (Community Center) 6 PM
- Sat Apr 5 Wonder Walk for Cornerstone with UWF (Crescent Lake) 10 AM
- 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:

AMY BORDEAUX (she/her/hers) and her husband, Bruce, have 2 grown sons. She is Co-Chair of Allendale's Church Council. She enjoys Ice cream dates with friends, root beer floats, and flipping tires at the Y for exercise. Amy 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:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
drums - Curtis Roberts
vocals - Erica George
organist - Bill Lee
flutist - Adrian McGrady - adrianmcgrady.com
Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S THEME: *faith & works*

In many translations, Jesus says that "Mary has chosen the better part," which has been used to create a divide between Mary and Martha. However, in the Greek, Mary has chosen the "good portion," and Martha's tasks are called "ministry." Therefore, perhaps Mary represents our faith, our desire to know God intimately, and Martha represents our good works, our desire to transform the world. Both are needed, and both are good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DRAG BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH:

Our resident drag queens Candy von Sparkle and Patty Ann are excited to share that this month's Drag Queen Bingo on Wed Mar 26 will go toward supporting the youth! Students will help call bingo numbers. \$10 gets you 10 rounds of bingo. Bingo starts at 6 PM following our 5 PM dinner. We play for small prizes.

DEATH PENALTY OPPOSITION:

Join FADP and others in opposing the death penalty. Meet at Ulmerton & 49th St. N. for a vigil on Thu, Mar 20, 5-6 PM, the hour leading up to Edward James' execution. We will provide signs, or you can bring your own.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING:

The Social Justice team is meeting Tue Mar 8 at 6 PM in the Community Center. If you're looking for ways to get involved with Social Justice action, this meeting is for you!

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Nick Carey	Mar 16
Jeannine Smith	Mar 17
Bill Munette	Mar 21
Emily Sands	Mar 24
Madelyn Isoma	Mar 27
Hillary Daley	Mar 30

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: 102 in-person, 353 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Social Security Town Hall w/ Martin O'Malley

Attendance: 380 in-person, 3,360 online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Apr 13 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:

In a spirit of solidarity, more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting a candle of Peace, Hope and Justice. This candle represents Christ's light shining even in the midst of barbed wire policies that wrap tighter each day.

On this Sunday we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for institutions of higher education and students who are increasingly becoming targets of a coordinated campaign against them—for Mahmoud Khalil, a graduate of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs who has a green card and a wife who is an American citizen but was detained by ICE and transported one thousand miles to a Louisiana detention center with a record for speaking in support of Palestinians; for students, faculty, and staff at his alma mater where research has stopped and scholarship support withdrawn after \$400 million in government grants and contracts were pulled for reportedly failing to shield their community members from antisemitism; for prospective students at the University of Pennsylvania who received an offer of admission for a coveted spot in a PhD program that was later revoked when funding was rescinded; for people who feel called to continue their education but are postponing plans because of the looming threat of canceled loan forgiveness programs; and for administrators who are seeking to lead with integrity amid threats that their funding will be halted if students on their campus engage in the First Amendment right to peaceful protest.

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



faith & works

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

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Come and Find the Quiet Center | Shirley Murray|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Amy Bordeaux

Come and Find the Quiet Center (Reprise) | Oliver|

PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH Congregation

What Wondrous Light is This | Oliver|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer | Mark Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Loosen Loosen | Aly Halpert|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes

Wildfire | Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

Ministry and Presence | Anna Strickland|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Amy Bordeaux

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

REFLECTION SONG Congregation

Breathe, Listen, and Notice | Paul Vasile|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Amy Bordeaux

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



"Mary & Martha" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
inspired by Luke 10:38-42

"In this image, Mary eagerly reaches toward Jesus. Her clothing is patterned with mustard seeds and flowers because her faith may seem small, but her boundary-breaking faithfulness will nurture her faith to grow beyond what seems possible. Martha reaches toward Mary to pull her into more "appropriate" work. Martha's dress is patterned with open hands to image her vital ministry of welcome, service, and cultivating space for Jesus' message to take root. I imaged Jesus equally affirming both Mary and Martha's lived-out faiths. He is green, the combination of Mary and Martha's colors (yellow + blue), showing that he embodies the integration of both faith and works."

—from the artist statement for "Mary & Martha"
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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 16

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Mar 17

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Mar 18

6 PM Social Justice Team (Community Center)

Wed Mar 19

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (CC)

Thu Mar 20

Fri Mar 21

Sat Mar 22

Sun Mar 23

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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- 3/23 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

Healing Church Trauma group - *Wed at 6 PM*
 Led by Pastor David allendaleumc.org/trauma

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 19

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