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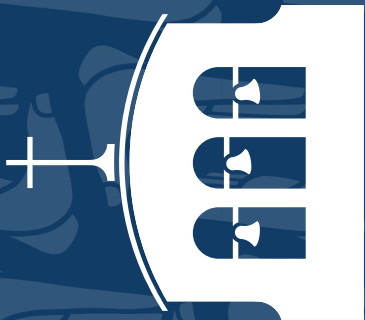
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ALLENDALE

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

- 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
- Thu Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Apr 18 Good Friday Midday Meditation (Zoom) 12 PM
Join the Zoom call at www.allendaleumc.org/goodfriday
- 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
- Sun Apr 27 Drag Queen Led Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

DR. BOB WALLACE (he/him/his) was born in Ohio, moved here in 1972, and went to Northeast High, St. Petersburg Junior College, and FSU. He continued to the University of Florida College of Medicine, and did his residency at Bayfront Medical Center. Bob has provided medical care to the St. Pete community for 42 years. He is one of the first doctors willing to treat HIV/AIDS patients, and helped develop special medication for them. Bob is known locally as an expert in HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C treatments, and focuses on eliminating Hepatitis C at his clinic, Love the Golden Rule, Inc. He's been attending Allendale since the mid-1990s.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

piano - Tru Mizzell

drums - Curtis Roberts

vocals - Erica George

organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S THEME: *lost & found*

Herding sheep is a never-ending task. As soon as one is found, another may go missing. Our lives have a similar ebb and flow—in one moment we might feel like we have it all together, and in the next, we're struggling to survive. The promise of this parable is that no matter how "lost" we feel, the Good Shepherd is by our side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

Join Allendale and local faith communities for the FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together) Nehemiah Action on Monday, April 7 at 7 PM at First Baptist Church, 1900 Gandy Blvd. in St. Petersburg. Together, we'll advocate for solutions to affordable housing and water quality, demonstrating strong public support for change.

PAINTING WITH A TWIST:

Join us for "Painting with a Twist," hosted by Bobbie Windle on Wednesday, April 23, from 6-7 PM following our 5 PM community dinner. The cost is \$5 or pay what you can. *Sign up at www.allendaleumc.org/painting.*

¿CUÁL ES TU PAZ?:

ReGeneración invites you to "What Is Your Peace?"—a free Story-Healing Workshop at Allendale United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 6, from 12:30-2:30 PM. This interactive experience uses storytelling, performance, and community-building to explore healing, rage, and reconciliation in the face of personal and collective trauma. *Learn more at www.regeneracion.co.*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

Join us for Holy Week events at Allendale UMC: Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 6 PM; a Zoom Good Friday Meditation at noon on April 18; our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 from 10 AM-12 PM; Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park on April 20 at 6:45 AM; and Easter Worship with choir at 10:30 AM.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Hillary Daley	Mar 30
Todd Miller	Apr 1
Tru Mizzell	Apr 1
Lashley Marks	Apr 7
Diane Gibson	Apr 12
Ellen Mowbray	Apr 15
Mia Devillasee	Apr 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: 121 in-person, 29,059 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/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 people experiencing homelessness—our neighbors who are too often treated as disposable by those in power. For those swept from encampments in Washington, D.C., under threat of federal takeover, as if their existence were an offense. For people unhoused in cities where mayors and governors have spoken the language of justice while sending in bulldozers and police to destroy makeshift shelters. For those who have had their few belongings confiscated and tossed away in sweeps carried out in the name of "cleaning up" public spaces rather than addressing the root causes of poverty. For every person who has been displaced, dehumanized, and treated as a problem to be solved rather than a person to be seen, welcomed, and loved.

For people who are transgender or undocumented who are turned away from shelters. For families on the brink of stability, only to have housing assistance gutted, eviction protections erased, and wages suppressed by policies favoring the wealthy over the working poor. For those criminalized simply for existing—for sleeping on benches, for resting in their cars, for asking for help in places where asking is no longer allowed. For every person who has been evicted—not because of poverty, but into poverty. For we know that eviction is not just a consequence of financial hardship, but often the very thing that causes it, stripping people of stability, community, and a chance to recover. For service providers forced to watch suffering grow as funding freezes and barbed wired policies leave them with empty hands and breaking hearts.

And we confess. We confess our own apathy, our own willingness to look away. We confess the times we have accepted comforting narratives that blame those who are unhoused rather than holding accountable those who create and maintain the conditions that lead to homelessness. We confess that too often, we have been content with charity when justice is what you require. Forgive us, God, and move us from complacency to action.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



lost & found

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

You Will Be Found | Pasek & Paul |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

All Are Welcome | Marty Haugen |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Bob Wallace

All Are Welcome (Reprise) | Marty Haugen |

PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH Congregation

Reckless Love | Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes

The Good Shepherd | Rev. Sarah Speed |

SONG Allendale Band

Lost and Found | Anna Strickland |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Dr. Bob Wallace

Luke 15:1-7

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

REFLECTION SONG Congregation

Breathe, Listen, and Notice | Paul Vasile |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Dr. Bob Wallace

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

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"Lost and Found" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
inspired by Luke 15:1-7

"On September 27, 2024, I began drawing the Good Shepherd with the lost sheep tenderly wrapped around his shoulders.

As I worked, rain pummeled our roof, saturating the ground with an endless deluge as tropical storm Helene reached my town of Black Mountain, NC. ...

When I began this artwork, I naively hoped to gain insight into Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. I did not wish to become the lost sheep and live through the greatest natural disaster to hit my hometown in over a thousand years. Now, as I write this over 6 weeks after the storm, what strikes me is the shepherd's singular pursuit of the lost and vulnerable. He steadies the sheep on his shoulders and steps out of the frame toward us. His gaze finds mine, and I almost hear him whisper, 'I will never stop searching for the lost. I will never stop rejoicing when one is found.'"

—from the artist statement for
"Lost and Found" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 30

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Mar 31

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Apr 1

Wed Apr 2

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)

Thu Apr 3

Fri Apr 4

Sat Apr 5

Sun Apr 6

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- 4/6 at 9 AM

This class meets every other Sunday

Aging Group- Tue at 3 PM

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 Apr 2

Shepard Pie, Honey Sriracha Carrots, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian Option