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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 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:

NICK CAREY (he/him/his) Allendale has been Nick and his wife, Aileen's, church home since 2018, becoming a space that connects their faith and belief in justice. Nick serves as a Community Organizer in Pinellas County with Faith in Florida, working with faith communities and working people to guarantee housing, safety and access to democracy. Nick lives in the Euclid Heights neighborhood. You can usually spot him with Aileen walking their two dogs, Wilbur and Rylie.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Erica George
organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz & Lynn Fruit

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Jim Pridgen, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Gail Gillis, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

ROSEBUDS ON THE ALTAR:

The two yellow rosebuds on the altar honor twin boys, Grant and Ethan, born March 30, 2025, to Ian and Jessica, big brother, Owen, and grandparents, Steven and Sandra Geis. They weighed in at 5 lbs, 15 oz, and 6 lbs, 6 oz. Allendale's congratulations and blessings go out to the entire family!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

The FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together) Nehemiah Action is on Monday, April 7 at 7 PM at First Baptist Church (1900 Gandy Blvd).

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 on Sun, Apr 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.*

"trans / clay / body" EXHIBIT:

The trans / clay / body show is at the Morean Center for Clay (420 22nd St. S) through April 27. The exhibit features work by Allendale's own Nela and was supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Gallery hours are Wed-Sat, 10 AM-5 PM, and Sun, 12-4 PM. Reach out to the church office to be connected with Nela for a guided visit.

FADP ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Stand in opposition to the scheduled execution of Michael Tanzi on Tue, Apr 8. A vigil will be held from 5-6 PM on the NW corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Lashley Marks	Apr 7
Diane Gibson	Apr 12
Ellen Mowbray	Apr 15
Mia Devillasee	Apr 19
Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2

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: 116 in-person, 389 online
Live stream: 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

TODAY'S THEME: *righteousness & mercy*

The crowds grumble at Jesus' self-invitation to stay with Zacchaeus, and their righteous indignation isn't without cause. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus has extorted money and acted in collusion with the empire, using his position to oppress his own people. It is important to call out oppression, and yet, Jesus offers mercy. That mercy then begets more mercy as Zacchaeus, unprompted, offers to return what he took, and then some.

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808
Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts

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 all transgender and non-binary persons who face prejudice, violence, and discrimination in a world that too often denies their intrinsic belovedness and dignity. We pray for those who have courageously made the choice to live in truth and authenticity, knowing that their identity is a sacred gift from God.

For transgender athletes of all ages, denied the opportunity to participate in the sports they love, and which offer them joy, belonging, and purpose. For those who feel acute pain every time the letter "T" is removed from LGBTQ. For targets of misgendering, harassment, and humiliation at their workplaces and schools, in the halls of Congress, and in other public spaces by those emboldened by executive orders which narrowly define biological sex and gender. For those who live with limited access to restrooms and delayed receipt of essential federal identity documents aligned with their identity. For youth who need gender-affirming care that is now being threatened or deemed illegal.

Holy God, three-in-one, the original they/ them, may you help us remember that you are neither male nor female and that you have always left space for beautiful creation outside of binaries—for there are beaches between water and land, and there is dawn and there is dusk between day and night. God help us to embrace, love, and protect our transgender and non-binary siblings and always proclaim them as your beloved children.

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.



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



everything
[in] between

righteousness & mercy

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Bill Lee

Lenten Meditation | Rogers |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

God's Love Is Wide/There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

| Matthew & Rev. Emily Ratering-Youngberg, Frederick W. Faber, Lizzie S. Tourjee |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nick Carey

God's Love is Wide (Reprise) | Matthew and Rev. Emily Ratering-Youngberg |

PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH Congregation

God Is | The Outer Banks |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Let Us Be Known By Our Love

| Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore |

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes

Call Me In | Rev. Sarah Speed |

SONG Allendale Band

Righteous Mercy | Anna Strickland |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Nick Carey

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation

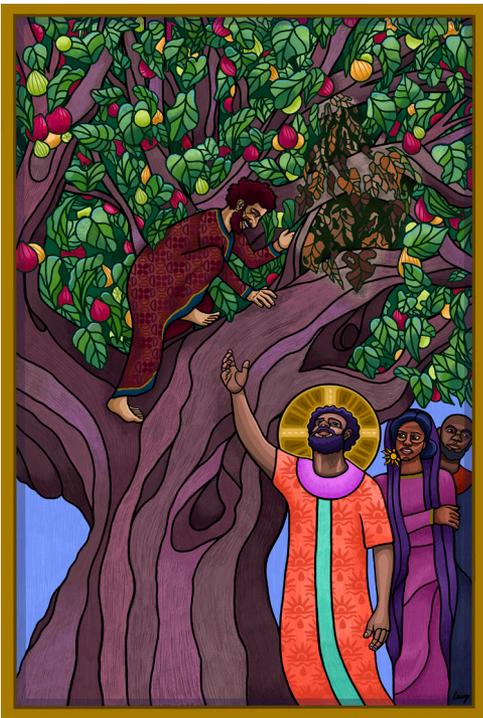
Breathe, Listen, and Notice | Paul Vasile |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Nick Carey

POSTLUDE Bill Lee

Chanson Triste | Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky |



"Zacchaeus" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
 Inspired by Luke 19:1-10

"Jesus calls Zacchaeus out of his identity as 'sycophant' [from the same root as 'sycamore'] into his new identity as 'repentant host' who invites Jesus into his home and redistributes his ill-gotten wealth. Zacchaeus's clothing holds a repeated pattern of four figs and halves of coins, referencing the fruits of his transformation.

The area where Zacchaeus sat in the tree is fruitless and dying. His actions were destructive and oppressive to his own community. The crowd is correct in grumbling about him; their anger is righteous, but Jesus offers mercy. In this visual metaphor, Jesus removes him from the tree so it has a chance to heal and nourish the whole community."

—from the artist statement for
 "Zacchaeus" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art (portions adapted by Allendale)

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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 Apr 6

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12 PM What is your Peace? (CC)

Mon Apr 7

7 PM FAST Nehemiah Action (1900 Gandy)

Tue Apr 8

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

Wed Apr 9

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)
 6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)
 7:30 PM Easter Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thu Apr 10

Fri Apr 11

Sat Apr 12

1 PM Easter Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sun Apr 13

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 & 4/20 at 9 AM
This class meets every other Sunday

Aging Group- Tue at 3 PM
 Led by Gina Gibbs

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 9

Chicken and Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Peas, Plantains, Salad, Cuban Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian Option