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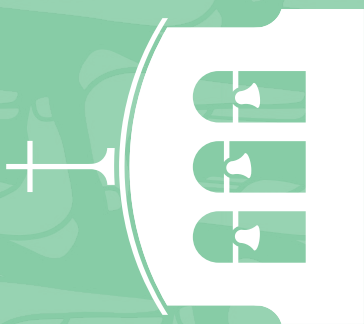
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ALLENDALE

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 ability, 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

- 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
- Wed Apr 23 Painting with a Twist (Community Center) 6 PM
- 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:

DON WINDLE (he/him/his) Don is a seventh generation Texan and lifetime member of the United Methodist Church. Don now lives full time in Florida with his wife Bobbie and their dog "Dollie". Don is a retired Texas state judge, attorney, aviator, and volunteer. He was educated at Texas Tech University Law, University of North Texas, et al. Don's special interest in addition to Law, aviation, Volunteer service, and country music is the podcast NO HATE RADIO now in its second season. He serves as Co Lay Leader here at Allendale UMC..

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Ashton Wilkins
vocals - Beth Heisel
organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S THEME: *shouting & silence*

Jesus doesn't instigate his own parade. Instead, just his quiet presence alone inspires the multitude to shout out and praise God. When the religious leaders try to silence the crowd, Jesus tells them that the noise level isn't the point—even the stones would cry out if they were silent. It takes wisdom to know when our voice is needed and when it's just noise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING TUESDAY:

Join us in the Community Center at 6 PM for our monthly Social Justice Team meeting. Whether you're looking to support marginalized communities, engage in local advocacy efforts, or connect with others working for justice, this is a great opportunity to get involved and take meaningful action alongside experienced leaders.

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. This class will be limited to 20 participants. *Sign up at www.allendaleumc.org/painting.*

"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.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP) and others in opposing the scheduled execution of Gulf War veteran Jeffrey "Ranger" Hutchinson on Thursday, May 1. A vigil will be held from 5-6 PM at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North in mid-Pinellas County. Signs will be provided. Visit fadp.org for more information and to sign a petition.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Ellen Mowbray	Apr 15
Mia Devillasee	Apr 19
Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2

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: 116 in-person, 337 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

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 Kilmar Abrego Garcia who our government admitted was mistakenly deported since he is an immigrant with protected status. For Jennifer Vasquez Sura, Abrego Garcia's wife, and their five-year-old autistic son, who wait for news that their beloved spouse and father can come home. For the hundreds of Venezuelan and Salvadoran siblings who were sent alongside Abrego Garcia to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador where their heads were shaved, ankles shackled, and bodies bent as cameras recorded the inhumane treatment. For those wrongly accused of being a violent member of the MS-13 gang because of the color of their skin, chosen tattoo, or country of birth. For Erez Reuveni, a Justice Department attorney who was placed on leave after naming in court how Abrego Garcia "should not have been removed" since "The absence of evidence speaks for itself."

We pray for hearts of stone to be softened within those who are more concerned about setting a precedent of overstepping executive power than setting victims of injustice free. We pray for Attorney General Pamela Bondi to be filled with the compassion of Christ and justice of Jesus, one she professes to follow through the cross we often see her wearing. We pray for judges who sit on benches in federal courts to stand firm as they seek to uphold the law of the land. And we pray for an immediate halt to any person being deported without a hearing or review.

Forgive us for any time we have failed to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick and imprisoned. Forgive us for choosing to be silent in the face of oppression instead of remembering how you have been asking people of faith to welcome the alien, foreigner, and stranger in our midst with mercy and compassion for thousands of years. Jesus, please break open our hearts of stone until they beat in sync with your heart alone.

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.

PALM SUNDAY



shouting & silence

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

I Love to Tell the Story |in memory of Thom O'Bryant|

SONG & WAVING PALM BRANCHES Allendale Band

Come Into the Streets With Me! |Shirley Murray|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

Come Into the Streets With Me! (Reprise) |Shirley Murray|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Don Windle

Come Into the Streets With Me! (Reprise) |Shirley Murray|

PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH Congregation

Holy, Holy, Holy, Love Now Ascending |Jim Burklo|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer |Mark Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing |Robert Robinson|

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes

If You Really Listen |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG Allendale Band

The Stones Cry Out |Hannah C. Brown|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Don Windle

Luke 19:29-40

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Breathe, Listen, and Notice |Paul Vasile|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Don Windle

POSTLUDE Bill Lee

Day of Triumph |Broughton|



*"I Believe" by Steve Prince
inspired by Luke 19:29-40*

"Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant."

—from the artist statement for
"I Believe" by Steve Prince

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 13

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Apr 14

Tue Apr 15

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

6 PM Social Justice Team (Community Center)

Wed Apr 16

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)

7:30 PM Easter Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thu Apr 17

6 PM Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

Fri Apr 18

12 PM Good Friday Reflection (Zoom)

Sat Apr 19

10 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Community Center)

1 PM Easter Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sun Apr 20

6:45 AM Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park

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- 4/20 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 16

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian Option