

ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 8, 2022

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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 - Thu, 9 AM to 3 PM

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 Beth in the office at 727.527.6694, office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's correct 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 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.

Masks are required while on campus at Allendale to protect the most vulnerable.

Zoom links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at www.allendaleumc.org/online

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20-22 United Women in Faith (UMW) National Assembly (Orlando)
Register at www.assembly2022.org
- Sun Jun 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at allendaleumc.org/join
- Jun 19-24 Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, NC
Learn more at www.musicartsweek.org
- Jul 11-16 Summer Camp at Warren Willis Camp (Fruitland Park)
Learn more at www.wwumccc.org/programs/classic-camps
- Aug 1-5 Wild Wonder - Vacation Bible School
Learn more at www.allendaleumc.org/vbs

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGIST:

JEFF COX (he/him/his) is a Florida attorney, and the Director of Content and Data Acquisition for UniCourt Inc., a legal technology company providing real-time access to state and federal court records. Jeff is also a Board Member of Bay Area Legal Services and regularly volunteers to improve access to pro bono legal services to those in need of representation. Jeff and his wife, Stephanie, became members of Allendale in 2019 and love the welcoming, inclusive, and reconciling community they couldn't be happier to be a part of.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The white flowers are in memory of mothers and mother-figures who have transitioned to heaven. The red flowers are in honor of our living mothers and mother-figures. God bless them all!

TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

Dylan Dames - vocals/guitar
Chris Marks - bass
Tru Mizzell - piano
Michelle Taylor - vocals
Brandon Wise - drums
*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir*

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?:

The next opportunity:

Sun Jun 12 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALLENDALE CHOIR: Join the Allendale Choir, open to anyone who wants to sing regardless of previous experience. Choir rehearsals will resume Wed May 11 at 7 PM. The choir will perform on Sun Jun 12 for LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

*New choir members sign up at:
www.allendaleumc.org/choir*

CBA PUBLIC MEETING: In 2021, City Council approved the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) program as a major step toward more equitable economic growth. It creates a process that takes into account the social and community impact of major development plans. Residents who are interested in hearing about the first project can attend an overview on Fri May 13 at 5 PM at The Sunshine Center (330 5th St. N.). During the in-person public meeting, members of the community engage in conversation with the developer to shape benefits of the project that meet community needs.

Learn more at www.stpete.org/cba

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Bring non-perishable items to Allendale for distribution to area food pantries. Collection bins are located in the Kitchen or Narthex.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Ruth Spangler: recovering from a fall
David Franks: surgery recovery/healing
Becky Stoops: cataract surgery recovery
Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Anthony Lenzo: Aunt Judy (IN) recovery
Betsy Drouin: Peter Drouin (Betsy's father)

BIRTHDAYS

Jordan L Smoak	May 8
Joshua M Smoak	May 8
Carole Brophy	May 13
Tom Jackson	May 16
Billy Livsey	May 21
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Mary Sinclair	May 26
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 29

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office.

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 89 in-person, 740 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808
Amazon Smile: Allendale United Methodist

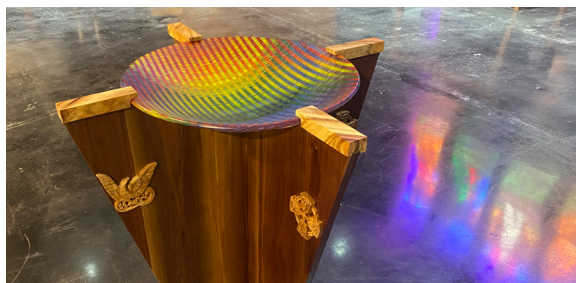
SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Signing up is easy. Our goal for 2022 is to have every pledged giver signed up. Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation. Contact Beth to set up online giving or go to our website www.allendaleumc.org/give.

Give Online



WITNESS



A UNITED METHODIST THEOLOGY OF THE SACRAMENTS - BAPTISM:

The Greek word used in the early church for sacrament is *mysterion*, usually translated *mystery*. It indicates that through sacraments, God discloses things that are beyond human capacity to know through reason alone. In Latin the word used is *sacramentum*, which means a vow or promise. The sacraments were instituted by Christ and given to the church.

Jesus Christ is himself the ultimate manifestation of a sacrament. In the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, God's nature and purpose were revealed and active through a human body. The Christian church is also sacramental. It was instituted to continue the work of Christ in redeeming the world. The church is Christ's body—the visible, material instrument through which Christ continues to be made known and the divine plan is fulfilled. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion have been chosen and designated by God as special means through which divine grace comes to us.

Holy Baptism is the sacrament that initiates us into the body of Christ "through water and the Spirit." In baptism we receive our identity and mission as Christians

Sacraments are sign-acts, which include words, actions, and physical elements. They both express and convey the gracious love of God. They make God's love both visible and effective. We might even say that sacraments are God's "show and tell," communicating with us in a way that we, in all our brokenness and limitations, can receive and experience God's grace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here

PRELUDE Allendale Band
Build Your Kindom Here | Rend Collective |

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SONG Allendale Band
She is Love | Oasis |

CALL TO WORSHIP, PRAYER Jeff Cox

SONG Allendale Band
Give Us Love | Reagan & Washington |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERTORY Allendale Band
Njalo (Always) | Ndebele, Zimbabwe; trans. Matsikenyiri, Damon |

SONG Allendale Band
Another World | Meyer |

SCRIPTURE Jeff Cox
Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

BAPTISM Elijah Marks

SONG Allendale Band
You Are Good | Houghton |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Jeff Cox

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Build Your Kindom Here | Rend Collective |



REVELATION 7:9-17

We're invited to imagine a liberated kin-dom of green pastures, still waters, restored souls, overflowing drink, decadent tables, multicultural celebration, and death that does not signify the end.

Our Creator has the capacity and desire for our pleasure and prosperity. This pleasant, prosperous freedom has already been entitled to us as we learn to take up the responsibility of co-designing the restoration that is ours, even if that means the world we know must come to an end.

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Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Bill Lee | Organist

Kaitlyn Grainger, Madison Redington, &

Adrienne Mitenius | Nursery Attendants

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

Rev. David Franks | Clergy in Residence

THIS WEEK

For a listing of virtual meetings, go to:
www.allendaleumc.org/online.

Sun, May 8 - Mother's Day

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

Mon, May 9

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue, May 10

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

6 PM Wendy Wesley Cooking Class (Kitchen)

7 PM Depression & BiPolar Support (CC)

Wed, May 11

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

7 PM Pride Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7 PM Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu, May 12

6 PM Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM Church Council Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Fri, May 13

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat, May 14

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)

12:00 PM RAMWI Project (Community Center)

Sun, May 15

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth (Wesley, Kitchen & Youth Room)