



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: Mon - Thu, 9 AM to 2 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 the office at 727.527.6694 or 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 recommended 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

- Wed May 3 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- Sat May 6 UWF Cornerstone Wonder Walk (Crescent Lake Park) 10 AM
- Sun May 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat May 20 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- May 28-Jun 4 Allendale Hosting Families for Family Promise
- Jun 12-16 Vacation Bible School (Allendale) 9 AM - 12 PM
- Sat Jun 24 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride - Parade starts at 6 PM
- Jul 3-8 Warren Willis Summer Camp

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

MALLORY EDGHILL (she/her/hers) grew up in Tampa, FL. She studied abroad in Buenos Aires in her early twenties where she fell in love with Spanish and political activism. She continued those passions at Pitzer College in California. After college, she spent two years in Americorps then returned to the Tampa Bay area where she now works as a virtual first grade teacher. Her family includes her cousin Roger, her spouse Kenaya, and their two beautiful sons, Elijah (2) and Emmett (6 months). She is thankful to be part of a community that is a safe space for all.

TODAY'S MUSICAL GUEST:

MOMMA ASHLEY ROSE (any/all) aka Jason De Shazo is the founder and president of Rose Dynasty Foundation Inc., a non-profit whose mission is to provide a safe and family friendly atmosphere for all people, embodying the message that you are "Loved, Accepted, and Wanted!"

TODAY'S WORSHIP MUSIC:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Momma Ashley Rose

*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:

On Apr 30 immediately following Worship, we will have a Child Protection Training session in the Wesley Room. Anyone who wants to volunteer in the nursery, with youth, children, or with vulnerable adults must take this training course. *Contact: theresa@allendaleumc.org.*

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Governor DeSantis recently signed a death warrant for Darryl Barwick. We oppose the death penalty and will join other organizations nationwide by holding a vigil in protest, Wed May 3, near the Pinellas County Jail and Courthouse at 49th St N and Ulmerton Rd from 5-6 PM, the hour leading up to the scheduled execution.

WALK WITH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Allendale United Women in Faith are raising money for the Cornerstone Wonder Walk, which benefits Cornerstone's work with low-income children and daycare in the area. We will meet on Saturday, May 6 at Crescent Lake Park by the playground area at 10 AM for an easygoing walk around the lake. All are welcome to walk. *Give to this project at: www.allendaleumc.org/walk.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Bobbie Windle: cancer treatments
Ruth Spangler: recovering from a minor stroke
Nina Dauzet: Jimmy's cancer treatments (friend)
Nina Dauzet: Jeannie's health concerns (friend)
Nina Dauzet: Ted's health concerns (son)

BIRTHDAYS:

Carole Brophy	May 13
Tom Jackson	May 16
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Chris Marks	May 28

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CARE AND SUPPORT:

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support is unavailable until the end of May.

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/therapy

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 78 in-person, 129 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun May 14 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

SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Contact the office to set up online giving.
Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation.



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

WITNESS

A HEART-WRENCHING STORY:

While Andy was in Africa this week, he met Rev Stanley Mwiti Rimngeera who shared a story with Andy about his cousin Stella whom he grew up with. Stella was a transgender woman who faced immense stigma and discrimination in her community. Born in the late 1950s in Kenya, Stella was raised as a girl despite her physical appearance becoming increasingly masculine over time. She struggled to find acceptance throughout her life.

Stella's struggle was exacerbated by the lack of understanding and tolerance within her community. Her attempts at farming and selling livestock were met with rejection, and even her own church members considered her an abomination, leading to her withdrawal from church life.

As Stella's health declined due to depression, she made a request to her cousin Stanley, who had become a pastor. She asked that, when she passed away, he would bury her and speak kind words to God, knowing that others wouldn't. This request deeply touched Stanley.

Sadly, Stella passed away in the early 1970s. Stanley honored her request, and her burial became a transformative experience for him. He began to question how many others like Stella were suffering in Africa, and he resolved to use his own life to help those in need.

Stanley now urges the world to expand its understanding of love and to embrace those like Stella, people made in the image of God. He implores his global siblings to take a stand and fight for the countless "Stellas" around the world.

Watch the video of Stanley sharing Stella's story:
www.allendaleumc.org/stella.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Allendale Band

Revolution |Pasek, Paul|

WELCOME Theresa Frost

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SONG Allendale Band

Take Me As I Am |Brimlow|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Mallory Edghill

SONG Allendale Band

Be Thou My Vision |Landis, Young|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

OFFERING Congregation

Building Up A New World |Harding|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Mallory Edghill

SONG Allendale Band

Come and Tear Down the Walls |Wahlström, Schoolmeesters|

SCRIPTURE Mallory Edghill

Acts 2:42-47 & John 10:7-16

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Momma Ashley Rose

What If |DeShazo, Hurter|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Mallory Edghill

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

Revolution |Pasek, Paul|



ACTS 2:42-47 & JOHN 10:7-16

I see this text as an invitation to challenge what we “believe” individually and communally—to observe where we get stuck in our capacity to dream new dreams into materiality and why? I feel this involves a real tension between the self and the community. Anytime we start to gather with other humans we inevitably experience the tension of interpersonal dynamics, and we can get stuck in the heaviness of all of it.

*Image from Unsplash
Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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- Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator
- Madison Redington, Erin Giblin,
- Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants
- Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence
- All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

*Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar:
www.allendaleumc.org/calendar*

Sun Apr 30

- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon May 1

- 6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)
- 7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue May 2

- 6 PM W. Wesley Cooking w/ Friends (Kitchen)

Wed May 3

- 5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
- 5 PM Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (offsite)
- 6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)
- 6 PM Welcome Statement Class (CC)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu May 4

- 9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)
- 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri May 5

- 7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat May 6

- 9:30 AM AA Women’s Reflection (Bill W.)
- 10 AM United Women in Faith Walk (offsite)

Sun May 7

- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

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 May 3

Chicken Teriyaki, Rice, Spring Rolls,
Stir-fry Veggies, Tropical Fruit Salad

Wed May 10

Chicken Alfredo, Lemon Pepper Broccoli,
Cinnamon Apples, Salad, Dinner Roll