

ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: *Mon/Tue/Thu 9-5, Wed/Fri 9-12*

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri Nov 17 "Rustin" Outdoor Movie Screening (Courtyard) 7 PM
- Sat Nov 18 Work Day: Playground Weeding & Cleanup (Playground) 9 AM
- Sat Nov 18 Community Circle of Caregivers Training (Wesley) 10 AM
- Mon Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil (175 5th St N) 6:30 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Celebrate Outreach Christmas Caroling (100 Mirror Lake Dr N) - 7 PM
- Fri Dec 8 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Sun Dec 10 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sat Dec 16 Brunch With Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Thu Dec 21 Longest Night Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Dec 23 Christmas Eve Eve Impromptu Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM

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 41 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
vocals - Erica George
organist - Bill Lee
Sing in our choir! The first rehearsal is Wed Nov 15 at 7:30 PM.

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

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE!:

The rosebud on the altar honors Ezequiel Terry-Luis Rivers born November 2, 2023 to Yadi and Robert, and siblings Maya, Jackson, and Payton. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

We honor and remember our siblings who lost their lives due to anti-trans violence. On Mon Nov 20 at 6:30 PM, gather at the Sunshine Center (330 5th St N), for a short candlelit procession to the steps of City Hall (175 5th St N), for a memorial service.

OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREENING:

This Fri Nov 17 at 7 PM Bring a chair and settle in for a movie in the courtyard. We'll be screening "Rustin," a movie about Bayard Rustin a civil rights leader and advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. who was kept out of the spotlight because he was openly gay.

COLD NIGHT SHELTER:

Allendale is going to be a cold night shelter for our unhoused neighbors on frigid nights this winter. In order to make this happen, we need volunteers to help with meals, activities, and hosting overnight at Allendale.
Sign up at: www.allendaleumc.org/coldnight

FARMWORKERS INGATHERING:

Allendale United Women in Faith is collecting new toys, non-perishable food, new clothing for infants and children and Walmart or Dollar Tree gift cards. Bring donations to Allendale by Sun Dec 3rd.
Contact dianegibson@hotmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

Joe Jacoby: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Pam Green Nov 13

Kenaya Edghill Nov 16

Reba Younce Nov 20

Midge Mitchell Nov 22

Mark Morrison Nov 27

Jen Clark Nov 29

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: 98 in-person, 177 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Dec 10 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



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

DECORATING THE ALTAR:

Allendale United Women in Faith is decorating the altar on Sat Nov 18 for Thanksgiving and would like donations of fruit and vegetables. Please bring them to the Church Office no later than Thu Nov 16

WITNESS

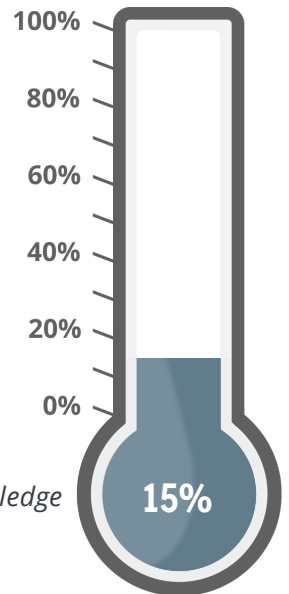
MAKE A FINANCIAL PLEDGE FOR 2024:

We are a congregation filled with new faces and stories. Our immediate work is to get to know each other, creating a community of care. As we strengthen our relationships we will be better equipped to do the hard work of building up a new world of equity and justice.

Your pledge enables us to plan a 2024 budget that will be a faithful response for who God calls Allendale to be. Our communal resources are to be a living offering. Our shared money, a tool for liberation. Our shared skills, expressions of dedication and love. We pledge what we have that it may be so!

\$48,100 of our **\$325,000** goal has been pledged as of Fri Nov 10.

Make your pledge at www.allendalumc.org/pledge



ONGOING CLASSES

Poverty, By America Book Study - Sun 9 AM

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon 6 PM

Join via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Wednesday Night Classes - 11/15 & 11/29 6 PM

November Wednesday Night Classes:

Imago Dei Art History

Activism and Organizing

Reminder: No Wednesday Night Dinner or Classes on Wed Nov 22 for Thanksgiving Break.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

Humanity (Love the Way It Should Be) | Legend, The Roots |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG Allendale Band

Give Us Love | Reagan, Washington |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Dr. Kate Pravera

OFFERING Congregation

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness | Chisholm |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG Allendale Band

I Need You To Survive | Walker |

SCRIPTURE Dr. Bob Wallace

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON Theresa Frost

SONG Allendale Band

Count On Me | Mars |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Dr. Bob Wallace

POSTLUDE Bill Lee



MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Divine seems to be asserting their supremacy over and over. It is the Divine who makes commands and decrees for the commonwealth of the people. The Divine makes silly geese of enemies who threaten Her beloveds. The Divine exercises authority over who is included and excluded in a liberated community. This can cause us to become concerned that our Creator seeks to dominate and oppress with this unparalleled power, but when this power is juxtaposed with that of earthy conquerors who think themselves divine, we can take comfort in our Great Vindicator's presence being one of justice, redemption, and reversal for all who are targeted in this life.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, 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 Nov 12

9 AM Poverty, By America Book Study (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

Mon Nov 13

5 PM Community Qi Gong (Community Center)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.)

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

Tue Nov 14

6 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

Wed Nov 15

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Imago Dei Art History Class (CC)

6 PM Organizing and Advocacy Class (Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

Thu Nov 16

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6 PM Finance Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Nov 17

7 PM Rustin Movie (Courtyard)

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

Sat Nov 18

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

Sun Nov 19

9 AM Poverty, By America Book Study (CC)

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 Nov 15

Ziti al Forno (Baked ziti), Caesar salad, ciabatta bread, Mediterranean style Orange slices, Dessert dish

Wed Nov 22

No dinner/classes during Thanksgiving break