



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024

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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-Wed 9-5, 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.

1924-2024 Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun Apr 14 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- Sun Apr 20 LWV Yes on 4 Florida teach-in (Sanctuary) 10 AM
- Tue Apr 30 FAST Nehemiah Action (1900 Gandy Blvd N) 7 PM
- Sun May 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sign-up at www.allendaleumc.org/join
- June 17-21 Inclusive Vacation Bible School - "Just Like Me"
- Sat Jun 22 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride Parade
- July 8-13 Youth at Warren Willis Camp for Summer Camp
- Sat Oct 12 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 13 Allendale 100th Anniversary Homecoming

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

REV. DAVID FRANKS (he/him/his) is Minister of Pastoral Support. A graduate of Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, Rev. Franks held a number of pastorates in Northern California parishes before moving to St. Petersburg in 2003. He joined the Allendale UMC team after retiring from positions he held with Empath Partners in Care (EPIC), a subsidiary of Empath Health, providing supportive services to people living with HIV.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Erica George

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YES ON 4 SUPER SATURDAY TEACH-IN:

The League of Women Voters of the St. Pete Area will have a teach-in at Allendale from 10 AM-Noon on Sat Apr 20. This will help give you the tools to protect human rights, privacy, and autonomy.

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

Each year, Faith & Action for Strength Together (FAST) gathers a large number of people at the Nehemiah Action assembly to negotiate solutions with our public officials. This year, the Nehemiah Action will be held on Tue Apr 30 at 7 PM at First Baptist St. Pete (1900 Gandy Blvd.).

DRAG QUEEN BINGO:

Join us on Wed Apr 24 for our monthly Drag Queen Bingo with Candy Von Sparkle. This time, we are celebrating Candy's birthday! Bring a small wrapped white elephant gift. For Bingo: \$15 donation for 10 games. Prizes are small trinkets. Proceeds benefit Paws & Pals and Sponsoring our Neighbors Unhoused.

MORE DRAG QUEEN BINGO:

Celebrate Outreach is also having a drag bingo night on Tuesday, April 23 at The Study with drag queen Georgia. RSVP for the Celebrate Outreach bingo night by calling 727-385-7721



STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues
Steven Geis: brother Glenn's cancer treatments
Lettie Dasgoswami: *"My husband and I are expecting our first child next month and would love many prayers for a healthy delivery and baby!"*

BIRTHDAYS:

Stephanie Lindeman	Apr 14
Ellen Mowbray	Apr 15
Mia Devillasee	Apr 19
Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Farrar	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: 175 in-person, 936 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Apr 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



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

WITNESS

DRAG QUEENS AND THE LIVING CHRIST:

While some target the drag community with fear and hate, Allendale has made our home with these prophets of love. No matter what the state or church says... Drag Royalty are beloved children of God.

Drag artists are where the resurrected Christ is found. To paraphrase Cone, either God is identified with the dehumanized to the point that their experience becomes God's experience, or God is a bully. The risen Jesus is revealed through their liberation. This is not a statement just for those on the margins, but this is the hope of salvation for the whole church—the oppressed and the oppressor—building Beloved Community.

The Black Jesus, the Palestinian Jesus, the unhoused Jesus, HIV positive Jesus, Jesus on the southern border, transgender Jesus, death row Jesus, and Jesus in a mini skirt may all be ahistorical to differing degrees to 1st century or "normative" standards, but they all imagine a living God who is still enfleshed and found on the margins for the salvation and liberation of all people.

This past Sunday, these drag queens led us in worship through song, poetry, and word. Our worship numbers eclipsed Easter's attendance because people are hungry to be with a Jesus who still dines at the communion table with those who the world despises.



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 Allendale Band
God of Your Word |Maverick City|

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SONG Allendale Band
Great is Thy Faithfulness |Chisholm|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Rev. David Franks

SONG Allendale Band
They'll Know We Are Guided By Our Love |Scholtes|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost

100 YEARS OF ALLENDALE Amy Mormino

OFFERING Congregation
I Am Light |Arie|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. David Franks

SONG Allendale Band
Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day |Gillette|

SCRIPTURE Rev. David Franks
Luke 24:13-40; 50-52

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
O Christ, Your Friends Were Gathered |Gillette, Wesley|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION Rev. David Franks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
God of Your Word |Maverick City|



LUKE 24:13-40; 50-52

In this passage, we witness a profound transformation from confusion and despair to recognition and joy.

Initially, the disciples on the road to Emmaus are consumed by their inability to understand the events surrounding Jesus' death and the mysterious reports of the resurrection. When Jesus joins them, unrecognized, He gently guides them through the scriptures, revealing how the Messiah's suffering was a necessary path.

The disciples' eventual recognition of Jesus during the breaking of the bread is a powerful metaphor for the recognition of the sacred in our lives, often in the most ordinary moments. Finally, the disciples' return to Jerusalem, transformed and joyful, reminds us of our call to spread love and acceptance, helping to transform society into a more inclusive community where all are valued and embraced.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Apr 14

9 AM Black History Teach-In (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Apr 15

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Tue Apr 16

12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Apr 17

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Gentle Caregiving (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Apr 18

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Apr 19

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Apr 20

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Apr 21

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - Sun 4/21 at 9 AM

This class meets every other Sunday

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

Join via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Wednesday Night Classes - Wed at 6 PM

Dinner starts at 5 PM, followed by Classes