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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

- Wed Apr 23 Painting with a Twist (Community Center) 6 PM
Thu Apr 24 TransNetwork Conversation on Fear (Sanctuary) 7 PM
Fri Apr 25 Drag Bingo fundraiser benefitting TransNetwork (Sanctuary) 6 PM
Sun Apr 27 Drag Queen Led Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Tue May 13 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
Sat Jun 28 Allendale is Marching in the St. Pete Pride Parade
Sun Jun 29 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:

MARGARET GINA GIBBS (she/her/hers)
Pinellas County born, raised and returned. She's a LCSW psychotherapist in private practice, with an office on the Allendale UMC campus. She lives in Largo with her wife, Deborah, and Pumpkin (the cat), and a colossal number of plants, unfinished books, and craft projects.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
organist - Bill Lee
choir - Allendale's Easter Choir
Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S THEME: *grief & hope*

Grief is a healthy response to Jesus' death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning. And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning. The other disciples don't believe the women's message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Grieving doesn't have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Join us again next Sunday for worship led by Drag Queens. The following Sunday, May 4, we will have a hymn sing and guest preacher Dr. Kate Pravera. The Sunday after that, on Sunday, May 11, we will have Rob Lorei former host of WEDU's *Florida This Week* and co-founder of WMNF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSNETWORK CONVERSATION:

Join TransNetwork for "Living Through the Fear," a conversation on navigating fear with courage, care, and community. This gathering will take place April 24 from 7-9 PM in the Sanctuary at Allendale. All are welcome to share, listen, and be real in this affirming space.

DRAG QUEEN BINGO THIS FRIDAY:

Join us Friday, April 25 at 6 PM for Allendale's monthly Charity Drag Bingo. Bingo is \$10 for 10 games, with proceeds benefitting TransNetwork! Our monthly drag bingo events are now moving to the last Friday of the month and will now be in the Sanctuary.

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.*

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:

Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2
Henry Brown	May 12
Tom Jackson	May 16
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 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: 116 in-person, 281 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

GRADUATION SUNDAY:

Graduation Sunday is May 25. If you or a loved one is graduating, please contact the church office at office@allendaleumc.org. Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown to worship that morning as we celebrate this milestone together.

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.

This morning, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice—for all who are being labeled “alien enemies” and deported, shackled by fear that they will be next, or waiting for news that their loved one is okay. We continue to pray for Kilmar Abrego Garcia, whom the Supreme Court has ordered must be returned home after our government unlawfully deported him to El Salvador. We lift up Arturo Suárez Trejo, who was denied the chance to meet his newborn daughter and instead sent from a Texas detention center to El Salvador. And we remember the 236 other men living in cage-like conditions at the Terrorism Confinement Center—despite only 32 of them having been convicted of any serious crime.

Scripture tells us that on Good Friday, Jesus promised a thief hanging beside him that they would be together in paradise. While we do not expect paradise from our government, we do expect due process. While we do not need our leaders to emulate the grace of Jesus, we yearn for any official who wears a cross to speak words that mirror Jesus' mercy and compassion instead of Pontius Pilate's fear and contempt.

Jesus declared, "The truth will set you free." So, God, make every government official tell the truth: that these detention centers have more in common with concentration camps than with prisons. Because a prison, by definition, operates within a judicial system. A person is arrested, charged, tried, and—if found guilty—sentenced. A concentration camp, on the other hand, functions outside the law. People are detained without trial, without conviction, and held indefinitely—not for what they've done, but for who they are: for their religion, their ethnicity, their politics, or their identity as part of a group deemed a threat.

We pray not only for justice, but for truth.

We hope not only for mercy, but for a complete transformation of our government's barbed-wire ways.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY



everything
[in] between

grief & hope

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

PROCESSIONAL SONG Congregation
Woke Up This Mornin' | African-American Traditional |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Choir
Christ The Lord is Risen Today/Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee | Shirley Murray |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Gina Gibbs
We Are Building Up a New World | Vincent Harding |

THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Choir
A New Way | Mark Burrows |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks
The Lord's Prayer | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Draw The Circle Wide | Mark Miller |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes
In the Direction of Hope | Rev. Sarah Speed |

SONG Allendale Band
The Impossible Dream | Andy Williams |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Gina Gibbs
Luke 24:1-12

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation
We Profess We're Easter People | Mark Gruber-Lebowitz |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Gina Gibbs

POSTLUDE Allendale Choir
Peace I Leave With You | Matt Podd |



"The Empty Tomb" by He Qi

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus. While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen.

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

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 20

6:45 AM Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Apr 21

Tue Apr 22

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

Wed Apr 23

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)

Thu Apr 24

7 PM TransNetwork Conversation (Sanctuary)

Fri Apr 25

6 PM Drag Bingo (Sanctuary)

Sat Apr 26

Sun Apr 27

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 & 5/4 at 9 AM

This class meets every other Sunday

Aging Group - Led by Gina Gibbs

In the Wesley Room - *Tue at 3 PM*

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy

Virtual on Zoom - *Mon at 6 PM*

Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

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 23

Creamy Farfalle w/ Sausage, Caesar Salad, Crusty Bread, Dessert Dish

Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities will go on Summer break from May 25 - July 31.

Our last dinner is May 21 and we will start back up on August 6.