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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

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-Thu 9-4

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.

ASL Interpretation is available during worship to help make our service more inclusive and accessible. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* www.allendaleumc.org/asl

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue Sep 16 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM

Fri Sep 26 Charity Drag Bingo Night (Sanctuary) 6 PM

Sun Oct 26 Youth Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM - Youth leading worship

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

JAMIE RILEY, M.DIV. M.ED. (he/him/his)

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JOHN STEWART (he/him/his) is a second-generation Floridian. He was born in Lakeland and grew up in Seminole after his father bought a grocery store at John's Pass. He retired after 37 years teaching in Pinellas County high schools, where he taught English, creative writing, humanities, and Advanced Placement Art History. His passions for social justice include activism and volunteering at a weekly breakfast for unsheltered people. He is a volunteer docent at the Dali Museum, the Ringling Museum, and the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts. Among his interests are camping, reading, movies, watching meteor showers, and travel. He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife, Sheila Stewart and yard cat Ole Oliver Gray.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

organist - Bill Lee

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Shannon Tierney

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

SELF-CARE IN THE CHAOS:

Join Lynne Hensley and Mary Ann Holtz for a Wednesday evening class on Contemplative Prayer and other ancient practices in the Sanctuary at 6 PM throughout September following Wednesday Night Dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURAGE, CONNECTION AND CARE:

David Franks is leading a four-week Sunday night series, Courage, Connection, and Care in Times of Upheaval, beginning September 14. Sessions will take place from 5-6 PM and explore themes such as anger, dreams, art, and pathways from overwhelm to hope. Each week offers a unique lens on navigating challenging times.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Allendale United Methodist Church will join Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP) for a vigil opposing the scheduled execution of David Pittman on Wednesday, September 17, 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North in Pinellas Park. Signs provided; canceled if a stay is granted. Details: fadp.org.

ALLENDALE MEN/NON-BINARY MEETING:

The Allendale Men/Non-Binary group will meet Thursday, September 18 at 6 PM in the Wesley Room. The evening includes a potluck meal and discussion on the topic, "Are we a nation of joiners or loners?" Please bring food to share.

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE CLASS:

Join Dr. Kate Pravera and Dylan Dames for a five-week class on nonviolent civil resistance and the transformative power of love. Sessions take place Wednesday nights in October at 6 PM in the Community Center, following the 5 PM community dinner, beginning October 1 and continuing through October 29. Each week will offer thoughtful discussion, shared experiences, and reflections on how love can confront hate and affirm the sacred worth of all people. The first session will include an Ice Cream Social from 5:45 to 6:15 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Campbell Horn | Sep 15 |
| Cameron Helwege | Sep 20 |
| Parker Hutton | Sep 21 |
| Lois Lehman | Sep 23 |
| Elijah Marks | Sep 24 |
| Scott Hensley | Sep 25 |
| Craig Bowman | Sep 26 |
| Renee Burk | Sep 29 |
| Terry Fitzgerald | Sep 29 |
| James Kelchner | Oct 2 |
| Debbie Duty | Oct 3 |
| Trista Miller | Oct 3 |
| Michaela George | Oct 4 |

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor

Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/andy*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/david*

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 121 in-person, 684 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Sep 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

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.

In the gospels, Jesus is often called the Great Healer. He met people in their pain and struggles: those who were sick, excluded, or pushed to the margins. He offered compassion, presence, and love. His healing restored dignity, community, and hope.

For centuries, medical professionals have drawn inspiration from Jesus' ministry of healing. Doctors, nurses, caregivers, and researchers have given their lives to reducing suffering, improving quality of life, and seeking knowledge that brings relief to millions. In the United States, institutions like the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control grew out of that same desire to care for human well-being. Their work has saved lives, extended lifespans, and opened new possibilities for people of every ability.

Today we light the Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice for the scientists and public health workers whose research is threatened by budget cuts, for doctors, nurses, and caregivers who continue to serve with courage and integrity, for researchers whose jobs and discoveries are at risk, and for children, youth, and adults who are being denied access to lifesaving healthcare, including vaccines.

We light this candle in hope that our healthcare system will follow wisdom, evidence, and compassion. We light this candle in peace, trusting that Christ's healing love is alive in and through the church. We light this candle in justice, believing that all people deserve the care they need to live full, abundant lives.

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.

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 Organist Bill Lee
Our Refuge & Strength (Psalm 46) | Callender |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation
We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down | Black Traditional |

SONG Allendale Band
Pray With Our Feet | Paul M. Vasile |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
Free | William Matthews & Gungor |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Breathe on Me, Breath of God | Edwin Hatch, Robert Jackson |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
Speak Now | Leslie Odom Jr. |

SCRIPTURE READING John Stewart
Exodus 32:7-14

SERMON Jamie Riley, M.Div. M.Ed.

SONG Congregation
A Beautiful Noise | Alicia Keys, Brandi Carlile |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION John Stewart

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Triumphant Finale | Bliss |



We know that we can take accountability, and Moses reminds us that we don't have to be spoken to in violent or careless ways. To take accountability for the ways we have caused harm is to move in power. To beg power to spare us is disempowered. The strength and might of God can be unparalleled without them wielding it against marginalized peoples. Perhaps God is more than strong and mighty. Perhaps we serve a God who sobs and crumbles with devastation. Perhaps God is most upset when we experience Their goodness and still look to that which harms us for deliverance from the trials they caused. We can praise God without prioritizing anger and violence as power. God is choosing against control as a solution to a problem..

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors
Bill Lee | Organist
Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter
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 Sep 14

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)
6 PM Youth Group

Mon Sep 15

Tue Sep 16

6 PM Social Justice Team Meeting (CC)

Wed Sep 17

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)
6 PM Classes (Sanctuary)

Thu Sep 18

6 PM UM Men/Non-Binary (Wesley)

Fri Sep 19

Sat Sep 20

Sun Sep 21

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)
6 PM Youth Group

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group- 9/21 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM
"The Bible With and Without Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy
Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM
Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Young Adult Discord - Online Group
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 5 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 9/16 at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
*Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM
Class: "Self Care in the Chaos"*

DINNER MENU

*Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.
Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.*

Wed Sep 17

Glazed Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Lemon Pepper Broccoli, Sliced Peaches,
Biscuits, Dessert