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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 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-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

- Wed Jan 7 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Mon Jan 19 The Power of a Dream! 39th Annual St Pete MLK Parade (1st Ave S) 11 AM
- Sat Jan 17 Allendale Leadership Retreat - 9:30 AM - *rsvp: allendaleumc.org/leadership*
- Fri Jan 30 Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting PFLAG (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Apr 2 Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Apr 3 Good Friday Service 12 PM
- Sat Apr 4 Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM
- Sun Apr 5 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park 7 AM
Easter Service with Choir (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sun Apr 12 Easter Drag-led Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

DON WINDLE (he/him/his) is a seventh generation Texan and a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church. He has resided full time in Florida with his wife, "Bobbie", and their canine companion "Dollie". They are in the process of returning to live back in Texas. Don is a retired Texas state Judge, active attorney in TX, NM, AR, Aviator, and Volunteer. He was educated at Texas Tech University Law, University of North Texas, et al. His special interests include Law, aviation, volunteer service, and country music. He and Bobbie have been participants here at Allendale in various capacities for most of 9 years.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Beth Heisel
piano - Tru Mizzell
organist - Bill Lee

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING:

UWF will meet on Monday, January 12 at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room. All women are invited to attend this gathering.

THE FAITH WE SING:

Hymns carry our faith in language that has traveled with us across generations—words we learned by heart before we could fully explain them, and lines that still find us when we need them most. In this worship series, The Faith We Sing, we slow down and listen closely to the poetry that has shaped our prayers, our hope, and our courage. Each week, we'll take a familiar hymn and explore how its words speak to our lives today, especially when faith feels fragile or hard-won.

NEW YEAR, NEW BOOK STUDY: We will begin a new book study next Sunday morning and Monday night. Together we'll read "*Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness*" by Kevin Nye. Books are now available to purchase. We are reading through the introduction on Jan 11 at 9 AM in-Person, and Jan 12 at 6 PM on Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/mondayclass.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Lynn Fruit	Jan 12
Aiden Daly	Jan 15
Nova Redlow	Jan 17
Edward Miller	Jan 18
Bee Hopwood	Jan 21

Birthday 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, is on sabbatical. He will return March 1.

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 117 in-person, 1,298 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Jan 11 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.

This morning, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for the people of Venezuela—for all who grieve the loss of loved ones killed during lethal boat strikes near the nation's shores; for all who have been harmed, killed, or deprived of something precious when bombs fell on Caracas; for those who feel relief at the forced removal of a dictator who tortured many, while also carrying fear and anxiety about what a season of deep unrest and instability may bring; and for the more than 30 million residents now governed by decisions made by leaders from our own nation, who believe they know what is best for Venezuela—even from afar and without the work of formal diplomacy.

God of mercy, bring peace and justice to Venezuela—and to every nation.

Grasp the hand of each of your children as you guard them from harm and call them your beloved.

Summon our leaders to make our country a light to all the nations—and never a bully or threat.

And equip us to play a role in leading people out of dark dungeons, not into deeper captivity.

Come, Prince of Peace, for we long for the day when war is no more.

We light this candle proclaiming the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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
Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones |Lani Smith|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
Carry Me Through |David Barnes|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Don Windle

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Freedom |Beyoncé|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Another World |Rev. Kerri Meyer|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

SCRIPTURE READING Don Windle
Psalms 96

SONG Allendale Band
O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing |Charles Wesley, Mark Miller|

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Speak Now |Leslie Odom Jr.|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Don Windle

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Triumphant Finale |Bliss|



O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
by Charles Wesley

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name,
the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.*

*He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe,
the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

"The Faith We Sing" Series and Liturgy by Allendale UMC

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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 Jan 11

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Jan 12

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)
6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

Tue Jan 13

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Jan 14

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
6 PM Movie (Community Center)

Thu Jan 15

Fri Jan 16

Sat Jan 17

Sun Jan 18

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
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.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 1/11 & 1/25 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

"Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness" by Kevin Nye
In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM
Virtual Class via 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 4:30 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 3rd Tue at 6 PM

United Women in Faith - 1st Mon at 6:30 PM

United Methodist Men/Non-Binary - 3rd Thu 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 Jan 14

Chicken & Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Lemon Peas, Spanish Salad, Cuban Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian Option