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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

Mon Feb 23	Cutting Through the ICE - Immigration Justice & Community Action 6:30PM
Wed Feb 25	Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (<i>Every Wednesday</i>)
Fri Feb 27	Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting the Youth Group (Sanctuary) 6 PM
Thu Mar 12	Church Council Meeting (Hybrid Room) 7 PM
Sun Mar 15	Baptism of Murphy Aaron Giblin (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Sun Mar 22	CIW Farmworker Justice & Culture event (Sanctuary) 12 PM Learn about the Fair Food Program
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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

PHILIP DINKINS (he/him/his) and his husband Ed Lally joined Allendale in December, 2020. A native of Columbus, Indiana, Phil and Ed moved to Tampa in 1979 and to Saint Petersburg in 2015. Phil's parents were founding members in 1955 of Asbury United Methodist Church in Columbus, IN. A graduate of Indiana University, Phil spent his career as a commercial real estate broker handling office building leasing in downtown Tampa. He is retired from Cushman & Wakefield. Phil & Ed spend the summers in Camden, Maine and have a shelter tabby cat, Joey.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

organist - Bill Lee
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

LENT DEVOTION BOOKS & CARDS: Lent Devotional booklets and Daily Devo cards are available in the Narthex in a limited supply. *A digital lent devotion book is available online at www.allendaleumc.org/lent26*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUTTING THROUGH THE ICE: Join us in the Sanctuary on February 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Learn about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), hear a first-hand family story, receive updates on deportation issues, and explore advocacy and the 287(g) initiative. *This event is co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, FIRED UP Pinellas, Florida Institute for Community Studies, Florida Immigrant Coalition, National Lawyers Guild, Indivisible FL-13 St. Pete Area and Allendale UMC.*

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL: Join Allendale United Methodist Church and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for a prayer vigil opposing the execution of Melvin Trotter on Tuesday, Feb 24, from 5-6 PM at the corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Signs will be provided. *Petitions and details are available at fadp.org.*

WEEKLY IMMIGRATION VIGIL WITH FLIC: Join the Pinellas/Hillsborough Florida Interfaith Coalition and partners each Sunday from 4-5 PM at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater for a peaceful Freedom Vigil. The vigil includes interfaith clergy, moments of reflection, and a Mutual Aid collection for the Hispanic Outreach Center. *Register at flic.fyi/727vigil.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Deborah Eldred	Mar 6
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12

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: 129 in-person, 1,828 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun Mar 8 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

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD:

This season at Allendale, we're leaning into a simple but powerful question: *Can the good news still sound like good news?*

Our Lenten series, "**Tell Me Something Good**," centers on the heart of Jesus' life and teaching—radical welcome, love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and choosing nonviolence in the face of injustice. At its core, this is a faith shaped not by fear or exclusion, but by love, mercy, and liberation.

In a world overflowing with bad news, Lent invites us to return to our roots. To slow down. To listen again for what truly gives life. The good news Jesus shared wasn't abstract or distant—it showed up in shared meals, unexpected joy, deep compassion, and people discovering they mattered.

Throughout Lent, we'll explore how this good news is still alive among us—and how it might shape the way we live, love, and show up for one another today. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you're invited to be part of the conversation.

Come as you are. Let's tell each other something good.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



so good, it catches
us by surprise

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

A Lenten Meditation | Rogers |

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD THEME SONG Britt Kusserow

Improbable | Britt Kusserow |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Holy Is The Refugee | Mark A. Miller |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philip Dinkins

PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH Congregation

SONG Allendale Band

This Is The Day | Les Garrett |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Philip Dinkins

The Lord's Prayer | Mark Miller |

OFFERING Congregation

Tell Me Something Good | Rufus & Chaka Khan |

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Kirsten Anderson

Start With A Wedding | Rev. Sarah A. Speed |

SONG Allendale Band

In Cana at a Wedding Feast | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Philip Dinkins

John 2:1-11, Matthew 13:31-32

SONG Allendale Band

In A Neat & Tidy Garden | Anna Strickland, Robert Lowry |

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

Indescribable | Laura Story, Jesse Reeves |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Philip Dinkins

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee

Thanks Be To God | Sheppard |



"Messianic Secret" by Rev. T. Denise Anderson

INSPIRED BY JOHN 2:1-11

From the artist: "I invite the viewer to focus on this servant and all his curiosity and expectation, and think of a time when you were surprised by something God did.

What actions preceded the miracle? Did it make sense? What did you know, and what was hidden from you?"



"We Are Small, We Are Numerous, We Are Deep" by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 13:31-32

"These tiny, unassuming specks hold the audacious hope that wherever we go, we already have what we need to take root and flourish in strange and foreign soils.

May our faith and our hopes be just as audacious, resilient, and uncontainable as the seeds which hold the fruits of our faith."

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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 Feb 22

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Feb 23

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

6:30 PM Cutting Thru ICE Action (Sanctuary)

Tue Feb 24

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Feb 25

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Feb 26

Fri Feb 27

6 PM Drag Bingo (Sanctuary)

Sat Feb 28

Sun Mar 1

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 - 2/22 and 3/8 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

"Queerness, Leadership & the Book of Jeremiah"

Led by Rev. A Leon Tredwell, PhD

In Person - Wed at 6 PM

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 - 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 Feb 25

Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Roasted Broccoli,
Sliced Peaches, Roll, Dessert