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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

- Sun Mar 22 CIW Farmworker Justice & Culture event (Community Center) 12 PM
Learn about the Fair Food Program
- Sun Mar 22 12:30 PM - Bus departs to "Alligator Alcatraz" for a vigil
with League of Women Voters of the St. Pete Area
- Wed Mar 25 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Fri Mar 27 Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting Girls Rock St Pete (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Mar 28 Counseling Center Mural Community Paint Day (North Parking Lot) 9AM-2PM
- 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
- Sun Apr 12 Newcomer Followup/Greeter Training following Worship (CC) 12 PM
- Thu Apr 16 FAST Nehemiah Action at FBC St Pete (1900 Gandy Blvd) 7 PM

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JONATHAN SOOTS (he/him/his) is a dedicated Legal Administrative Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs, supporting veterans with compassion and expertise. He shares his life with his husband, Dr. Stephen Hawk, a psychiatrist, and their beloved Silky Terrier, Dusty. Born in North Carolina as the son of a pastor's kid, he graduated from Lee University near Chattanooga, TN, with a bachelor's degree in Biblical-Theological Studies and completed his M.A. in Teaching at Lee University. Additionally, he is a licensed Florida realtor affiliated with LPT Realty. Together with Dr. Hawk, he is active in Equality Florida, advocating for LGBTQ+ rights. His sister owns Rad Red Creative Media in Tampa.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS:

After worship today, stick around for a farmworker justice and culture program hosted by the CIW. Learn about the Fair Food Program and enjoy some delicious snacks.

DRAG BINGO BENEFITTING GIRLS ROCK:

Join Us on Friday, March 27, at 6 PM in the Sanctuary for Drag Bingo Benefitting Girls Rock St Pete! 10 games of Bingo for \$10. Come hungry! The woman-owned Bellies Street Food truck will be there.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT: THE MUSICAL MARCH 27 - APRIL 5, 2026:

Dylan Dames is Ramses in St Petersburg City Theatre's production of The Prince of Egypt. Shows run March 27-April 5. *Learn more and grab tickets at spcitytheatre.org*

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 James Duckett on Tuesday, March 31, 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.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Emily Sands	Mar 24
Madelyn Isoma	Mar 27
Makayla Brown	Mar 29
Tru Mizzell	Apr 1
Lashley Marks	Apr 7
Diane Gibson	Apr 12
Brandi Palmer	Apr 13

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: 128 in-person, 2,407 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun Apr 12 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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS: we are seeking office volunteers to help count money on Tuesday mornings. *If you are interested in helping, contact the church office: 727-527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.*

WITNESS

A MURAL IS COMING TO ALLENDALE:

Allendale's Counseling Center building is getting a mural—and you're invited to help bring it to life.

Artist Cristi López has designed a piece that reflects the spirit of the space. The mural will celebrate mental health, honoring people of many backgrounds, ages, and conditions of ableness. At the heart of the design is a simple message: ***"Know that you are loved for everything you are, everything you have been, and everything you are yet to become."***

To help make the mural a true community creation, we're hosting a Community Paint Day on Sat, March 28, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Allendale's own Eric Schlecht has been preparing the building for the art installation by filling cracks, cleaning, and putting on a fresh base coat of paint. Volunteers will help paint some of the large background color blocks that form the foundation of the artwork. No experience is necessary—just come ready to contribute to something beautiful.

This mural will be a visible reminder of care, healing, and belonging for everyone who passes by or seeks support through the counseling center. We hope you'll join us in helping create it.



**5TH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**rooted in justice, mercy,
& faithfulness**

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
<i>Have Thine Own Way, God</i> Lani Smith	
TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD THEME SONG	Britt Kusserow
<i>Improbable</i> Britt Kusserow	
WELCOME	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>For Everyone Born</i> Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann	
CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Jonathan Soots
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH	Lynne Hensley
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Losing Faith/Finding Faith</i> Brian McLaren	
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Rev. Andy Oliver
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS	Rev. David Franks
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
OFFERING	Congregation
<i>There's A Wideness in God's Mercy</i> Frederick W. Faber give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. David Franks
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Mark Miller	
POEM	Rose Cervantes
<i>The Things That Matter Most</i> Rev. Sarah A. Speed	
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Let Us Remember</i> Anna Strickland, George C. Stebbins	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE	Jonathan Soots
<i>John 8:2-11, Matthew 23:23</i>	
SERMON	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Where Forgiveness Is</i> Sidewalk Prophets	
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY	Congregation
BENEDICTION	Jonathan Soots
POSTLUDE	Organist Bill Lee
<i>Recessional on St. Anne</i> Young	



"Epilogue" by Rev. T. Denise Anderson

INSPIRED BY JOHN 8:2-11

The religious leaders bring the woman to Jesus, trying to trap him—either endorse violence or break the law. Instead, he turns their judgment back on them. What should have been the end of her story becomes a beginning. She stands there—alive, whole, and free to move forward.



"There Is Good" by Hannah Garrity

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 23:23

In the four corners of the artwork, symbols of justice, mercy, and faithfulness echo the clarity of Jesus. Gathering for justice is the work of the gospel.

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All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Mar 22

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Mar 23

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Mar 24

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Mar 25

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Scripture Class (Hybrid Room/Zoom)

Thu Mar 26

Fri Mar 27

6 PM Drag Bingo Fundraiser (Sanctuary)

Sat Mar 28

9 AM Counseling Center Mural Painting

Sun Mar 29

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 - 3/22 & 4/5 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 - Mon at 5 PM

NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Weekly Immigration Vigil w/ FLIC - Sun at 4 PM

at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater
Register at flic.fyi/727vigil.

Social Justice Team - Tue Apr 21 at 6:30 PM

United Women in Faith - Sun Apr 19 at 12 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 Mar 25

Chicken & Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Spanish Salad, Cuban Bread, Dessert