

APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY

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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: Tue-Thu 9-4, Closed Mon & Fri. 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 Apr 8 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Sun Apr 12 Easter Drag-led Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sun Apr 12 Newcomer Followup/Greeter Training (CC) 9 AM & 12 PM
- Thu Apr 16 FAST Nehemiah Action at FBC St Pete (1900 Gandy Blvd) 7 PM
- Sun Apr 19 New Book Study: "How We Learn to Be Brave by Bishop Mariann Budde" 9 AM
- Sun Apr 19 United Women in Faith Gathering (Wesley Room) 12 PM
- Sat Apr 25 United Women in Faith Cornerstone Wonder Walk (Crescent Lake)
- Fri Mar 27 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Family Support Services (Sanctuary) 6 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

DAPHNE LAMPLEY (she/her/hers) was born in St. Petersburg, the oldest of three children. She is a graduate of Gibbs High, the University of Florida, and Nova Southeastern University. Daphne is currently VP of Prevention and Community Services at Operation PAR. She has worked at PAR for 34 years, focused on prevention services for youth and their families. Daphne is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and enjoys participating in a variety of community service projects with the organization. Some of her other favorite pastimes are reading, watching the sunset, spending time with family, traveling, and finding moments of joy every day. Daphne is the proud mother of Joanna and Jonathan.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

organist - Bill Lee

We are thankful for our Easter Choir leading us in worship today! *Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir.*

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynn Fruit and Pam Green

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Steve Geis, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederck, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Barbra Balmer, Pam Green, Alan Miller, Edwin Gomez

COMMUNION USHERS:

John & Sheila Stewart, Greg & Gail Gillis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETER AND FOLLOW-UP TRAINING:

Join us for Greeter and Newcomer Follow-Up Training on Sunday, April 12 at 9 AM or 12 PM in the Community Center. This is a great opportunity to connect with others while helping create a warm, welcoming environment for everyone at Allendale. Greeters and follow-up teams serve on Sunday mornings before and after worship, ensuring each guest feels seen, valued, and at home.

EQUALITY FLORIDA PHONE OUTREACH:

Join us Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 AM in the Narthex (the Sanctuary's lobby) for a phone outreach session led by Equality Florida. Participants will call inclusive churches across Florida and invite them to complete a statewide LGBTQ inclusion survey. This effort will help build a coalition of progressive and inclusive churches for future collaboration and organizing.

FAST NEHEMIAH ACTION:

Join Allendale United Methodist Church and other congregations for the FAST Nehemiah Action on Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, 1900 Gandy Blvd. N. This community gathering addresses issues such as youth mental health and affordable housing. Sign up in the Sanctuary and plan to carpool. Your presence helps encourage local leaders to take action.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Lashley Marks	Apr 7
Diane Gibson	Apr 12
Brandi Palmer	Apr 13
Amanda Dietrich	Apr 23
Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2

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: 130 in-person, 1,082 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Maundy Thursday In-Person & Online: 304

Good Friday In-Person & Online: 416

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



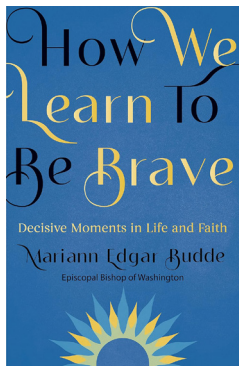
Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

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

NEW CLASSES STARTING SOON:

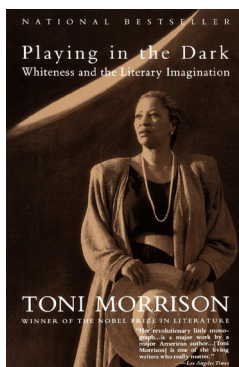
This spring, we're offering two new in-person classes—each creating space to reflect, learn, and grow together.



Sunday Mornings at 9 AM (beginning April 19)

We'll read *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Budde. This class explores what it looks like to face difficult moments with courage—not as a one-time decision, but as something we practice over time. Through scripture and real-life stories, we'll reflect on how we respond to uncertainty and how we can move forward with clarity, compassion, and integrity.

Order the book: www.allendaleumc.org/brave



Wednesday Evenings, 6–7:30 PM (April 22 – May 27)

Journey to Renaissance, Phase 1, led by Dr. Lee Treadwell, is a six-week course engaging *Playing in the Dark* by Toni Morrison. Together, we'll explore themes of race, identity, and imagination—and how those ideas shape the stories we tell and the world we live in.

Order the book: www.allendaleumc.org/journey

Both classes meet in person at Allendale. Wherever you are in your journey, you're invited to be part of the conversation.

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alive in the world

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
Open The Gates of the Temple |Knapp|
- TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD THEME SONG Britt Kusserow
Improbable |Britt Kusserow|
- WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
- SONG Allendale Easter Choir
Christ The Lord is Risen Today/Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
|Charles Wesley & Ludwig Van Beethoven|
- CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Daphne Lampley
He Lives! He Lives! |Alfred H. Ackley|
- PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE Lynne Hensley
- SONG Allendale Easter Choir
What Love Can Do |Mark Burrows|
- TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks
Because He Lives |Gloria Gaither & William J. Gaither|
- OFFERING Congregation
Up from the Grave He Arose |Robert Lowry|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
- POEM Rose Cervantes
Birdsong |Rev. Sarah A. Speed|
- SONG Allendale Band
We Profess We're Easter People |Mark Gruber-Lebowitz|
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Daphne Lampley
Matthew 28:1-10
- SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver
- COMMUNION Congregation
The Lord's Prayer |Mark Miller|
At the Table There's A Place for You |Cameron Helwege|
- CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation
- BENEDICTION Daphne Lampley
- POSTLUDE Allendale Easter Choir
Sing Joy! Make a Beautiful Noise! |Michael Barrett|



"Meet Me in Galilee" by Hannah Garrity

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 28:1-10

Here in this artwork, "Meet Me in Galilee" by Hannah Garrity, the crowd is celebrating.

Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee.

The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the euaggelion, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors.

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Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter

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Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Apr 5

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

Mon Apr 6

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Apr 7

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Apr 8

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
6 PM Scripture Class (Hybrid Room/Zoom)

Thu Apr 9

Fri Apr 10

Sat Apr 11

Sun Apr 12

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
9 AM Greeter Training (Community Center)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12 PM Greeter Training (Community Center)

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 - 4/5 & 4/19 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

"How We Learn to Be Brave" by Bishop Mariann Budde
In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM
Beginning Sun Apr 19

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 Apr 8

Shepherd Pie, Mixed Veggies, Cinnamon Apples, Cheddar Biscuits, Salad, Dessert