

ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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: 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

- Sun Apr 12 Newcomer Followup/Greeter Training (CC) 9 AM & 12 PM
- Wed Apr 15 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- 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
- Fri Apr 24 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Family Support Services (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Apr 25 United Women in Faith Cornerstone Wonder Walk (Crescent Lake)
- Sun Apr 26 TransNetwork Clothing Swap (Community Center) 1-4 PM
- Mon Apr 27 One City Chorus Free Preview Concert (Sanctuary) 7 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST: BRAD HUNSINGER (he/him/his) was born and raised in St Pete, no siblings. Mom and Dad also live locally. Brad lived in Miami for six years, and finished his BA at FIU. He currently lives in Largo with his longtime life partner and their six cats (Clark, Ocarina, Chuckie, Gwar, Brapples, and Chassidore). He is a member of the Tampa Bay branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. Brad is a Registered Nurse working in residential substance abuse treatment. In his free time he enjoys reading, improv, and character work.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & DRAG ARTISTS: piano - Tru Mizzell, guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames organist - Frieda Love, drag artists - Chatty Patty, Blaise Atrayal, Phaedra E. Rose, Veronica Foxx
Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EQUALITY FLORIDA PHONE OUTREACH:

Join us Wednesday, April 15 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.

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. Sign up in the Sanctuary. Your presence helps encourage local leaders to take action.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON:

United Women in Faith will hold a luncheon meeting on Sunday, April 19, in the Wesley Room, featuring Candace Darden speaking on "How to Make Your Church Green." Women and gender-expansive people are invited to attend. Sign up in the narthex.

TRANSNETWORK CLOTHING SWAP:

TransNetwork is collecting clean clothing and new self-care items for a clothing swap for trans and gender-expansive folks on April 26 from 1-4 PM. Donations may be dropped off Sunday, April 26, at noon in the Community Center at Allendale or Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM, at Climate First Bank, 182 37th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Clothing racks are also needed. If you have one they can borrow, drop it off April 26 at noon with your name and phone number on it.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Diane Gibson	Apr 12
Brandi Palmer	Apr 13
Christopher Lepard	Apr 21
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: 212 in-person, 1,886 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Apr 12 at 10:30 AM

Sun May 10 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



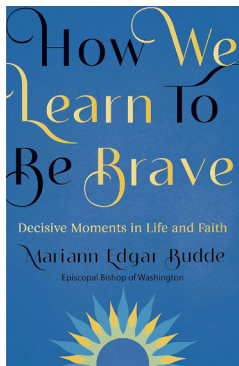
Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

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:

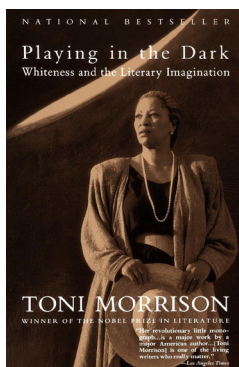
This spring, we're offering two new in-person classes—each creating space to reflect, learn, and grow together.



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.

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 Frieda Love
Yesterday, Today, Forever |James H. Burke|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
For Everyone Born |Brian Mann & Shirley Erena Murray|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Brad Hunsinger
We Are Building Up a New World |Vincent Harding|

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Lynne Hensley & Congregation
SONG Chatty Patty
Get Happy |Judy Garland, by Harold Arlen & Ted Koehler|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG Blaise Atrayal
I'm Still Standing |Elton John, by Elton John & Bernie Taupin|

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE, CONFESSION, & LIBERATION Rev. David Franks
The Lord's Prayer |Mark A. Miller|

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERTORY SONG Phaedra E Rose
He Brought Me |Dorinda Clark Cole|

POEM Veronica Foxx
won't you celebrate with me |Lucille Clifton|

SONG Allendale Band
Jesus Loves Me |Anna B. Warner, William B. Bradbury, Andy Oliver|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING Brad Hunsinger
John 20:19-31

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG Veronica Foxx
I've Got the Victory |Ricky Dillard & New G|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Brad Hunsinger
POSTLUDE Organist Frieda Love
Down From Jesus' Glory |E. Di CaPau & Harold DeCou|

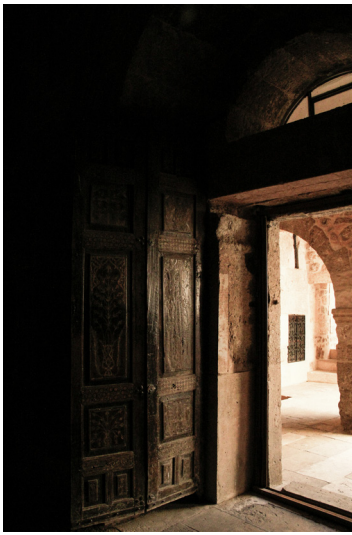


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INSPIRED BY JOHN 20:19-31

In John 20, the disciples are gathered in a closed room, each carrying something different—fear, grief, doubt, or fragile hope. Jesus enters that space. He offers peace to anxious bodies, shows his wounds, and breathes new life into a community trying to hold itself together. Even Thomas, who refuses secondhand faith, is met with honesty, not shame. This passage presents resurrection as a series of gifts: a place to belong, peace that holds under pressure, wounds that still tell the truth, questions that are welcomed, and a courage that sends people back into the world.

What begins in that room does not stay there. The same breath that steadies the disciples also sends them outward—to live, speak, and embody what they have experienced. Resurrection, then, is not only something to believe, but something practiced in real time: in communities where people can breathe again, in truth that refuses to be hidden, and in love that moves people toward one another. If God is not always visible, God is still knowable in what is set in motion—in the ways people become more alive, more honest, and more whole together.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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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 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)

Mon Apr 13

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Apr 14

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Apr 15

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

Thu Apr 16

7 PM FAST Nehemiah Action

Fri Apr 17

Sat Apr 18

Sun Apr 19

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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 - 4/19 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 15

Baked Ziti, Roasted Brussels Sprouts,
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert