In obedience to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, given to us by the founder of the Church, Allen Temple Baptist Church seeks excellence in the ministry of Jesus by evangelizing all persons to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, by educating all Christians to grow into the moral and spiritual likeness of Jesus Christ through the aid of the Holy Spirit, and by enlisting all Allen Temple members in personally extending the message and mission of God’s love in Christ, throughout the world.

**Mission Statement**

**Guest Preacher - Rabbi Michael Lerner**

Rabbi Michael Lerner is the editor of *Tikkun* magazine. He is the author of eleven books including two national bestsellers, *Jewish Renewal* and *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country from the Religious Right*. His other books include *The Politics of Meaning*, *Spirit Matters*, *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism on the Left*, and *Embracing Israel AND Palestine*. Rabbi Lerner received Morehouse College’s Martin Luther King-Gandhi Award for his work for peace and nonviolence, the...
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PEN-Oakland award for “courageous work seeking peace and reconciliation between Israel and Palestine.” He was chosen by the Utne Reader as one of the world’s top 100 visionaries, and by Newsweek as “one of the most influential rabbis in America.” In 2019 he was awarded the “Humanitarian Award” from the International Association of Sufism. The magazine he edits, Tikkun, received the “Best Religion Reporting” Award from the mainstream media’s Religion Newswriters Association in 2014 and again in 2015.

Spiritual Life Note from Rev. Ineda Adesanya
Minister of Spiritual Life

Join the Spiritual Life Ministry as we continue to read through the Bible!

Scriptures for the week of November 24, 2019

November 24: Romans 2:1-4:25
November 25: Romans 5:1-8:17
November 26: Romans 8:18-10:21
November 27: Romans 11:1-14:23

November 29: 2 Corinthians 2:5-6:13
November 30: 2 Corinthians 6:14-10:18

If you would like more information on one-on-one consultations, spiritual direction, the March 2020 Companions on the Way Retreat in Malibu, or have Spiritual Life questions, please contact Rev. Ineda Adesanya, Minister of Spiritual Life, at (510) 544-8930 or iadesanya@allen-temple.org

Worship Through Giving

Did you know that there are four ways that you can worship through giving at Allen Temple?

1. Online via Allen-Temple.org/Giving;
2. Via the Allen Temple Mobile App (free for Apple & Android devices);
3. Via Text to Give (send a text to 510-737-0078 with the numerical dollar amount (i.e., $25). You will receive text confirmation and receipt);
4. By using a giving envelope (located in the pews or from the Ushers)

This Week at Allen Temple


Tuesday, November 26 – 7pm – Community Pre-Thanksgiving Worship Service (Sanctuary): We are honored and blessed to join with Bay Area Christian Connection, Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, and St. Benedict Catholic Church for a special Pre-Thanksgiving worship experience! Let’s give our God thanks for all He has done and will do! Don’t miss this special time of praise, prayer, song and The Preached Word! Bring your family and friends! Please note that we will not have Thanksgiving Day worship.

Saturday, November 30 and Saturday, December 7 – 9:00am to 12 Noon – 2019 Reverend Pamela Wilson Memorial Toy Drive Recipient Registration (FLC): Allen Temple is honored to sponsor the 2019 Reverend Pamela Wilson Memorial Toy Drive! Eligible families may register for holiday toys for their children on Saturday, November 30 or Saturday, December 7 between 9am & 12 Noon in the Family Life Center! To register, bring photo ID, proof of Oakland residence (i.e., utility bill or rental agreement), proof of income (i.e., IRS statement or paycheck stub), and proof of age for the children you wish to sign up to receive a toy (i.e., birth certificate, Social Security card, or medical card). Please note: exceptions will NOT be made. You MUST come with these items or we will be unable to accommodate you.
Looking Ahead (continued)

Monday, December 2 through Thursday, December 12 – 2019 Rev. Pamela Wilson Memorial Holiday Toy Drive (FLC Lobby): Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join us as we bless the young people in our community with the joy of Christmas through our 2019 Reverend Pamela Wilson Memorial Holiday Toy Drive! For children 0 to 12, toys valued at $10 or more are welcome; for young people 13 to 16, $10 gift cards from any retailer. Please bring your much appreciated and unwrapped donations to the barrels in the Family Life Center Lobby between Monday, December 2 and Thursday, December 12! We thank you for your generosity!

Monday, December 2 - 6pm - Monday Jazz Jam Session featuring vocalist Scotty Wright (JASSR Fellowship Hall): Join us for delicious food and an evening of cool jazz featuring vocalist Scotty Wright and the Allen Temple Connection Band benefiting the Betty D. Gadling Fine Arts Academy! Doors and concessions open at 6:00 PM; session begins at 7:00 PM. Admission $10 for adults, $5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Food and beverages priced separately. For more information, call (510) 544-8924.

Wednesday, December 4 - 6:30pm - Election of Church Officers and 2020 Budget Hearing Meeting (JASSR Fellowship Hall): All Allen Temple Members are asked to be present so that we may elect our slate of officers as well as ratify our 2020 budget.

Sunday, December 8 - 3:00pm - Service of Pastoral Installation for Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Thompson (Sanctuary): The Allen Temple Family is excited to announce the installation service of our ninth Pastor, Reverend Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson, on Sunday, December 8 at 3pm! We are honored and blessed to welcome as the Installation Preacher Reverend Dr. Gina M. Stewart, Senior Pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee! Bring your family and friends for a special time of praise, worship, prophetic preaching, consecration and celebration! For more information on travel arrangements and discounted rates for hotel and car rental, please visit the Church website.

Help us raise dollars for scholars by purchasing tickets for the Fourth Annual Business & Professional Women’s Society Holiday Raffle! Prizes include a Hilton weekend, $100 gift cards from Target, Macy’s, Walmart, Gap & Safeway, Family Pass to the Oakland Zoo, tickets to the Oakland Symphony and Nutcracker, $100 gas card and more! Tickets $5 each or 5 for $20. Proceeds benefit the Allen Temple Scholarship Fund. Drawing will be held Monday, December 16 in the Family Life Center. To purchase yours, visit the Family Life Center after Sunday worship, see any member of the Business & Professional Women’s Society or contact Dea. Denise Smith at (510) 917-8200.

Save the date of Monday, January 20 for the Fourth Annual Allen Temple Health and Social Services MLK Drum Major for Freedom Breakfast – “A New Era – A New Way” at the Hilton Oakland Airport! Hear from special guest and keynote speaker, Sharon Cooper, Community Activist and sister of Sandra Bland. Ms. Cooper will speak on Sandra’s life, legacy and the HBO documentary “Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland”. Tickets $75; sponsorships available. To purchase, visit 2020mlkjbrbreakfast_athssm.eventbrite.com or contact Sis. Gloria Cox-Crowell at (510) 544-8947 or gcrowell@allen-temple.org

Endeavoring to Provide Thanksgiving Dinner For 200 Families in our Community

Allen Temple Family and Friends are invited to join us as we endeavor to provide 200 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for families in our community! Will you help us to ensure that our neighbors enjoy a hot, homecooked meal by donating the following items?

You may drop off food donation to the Family Life Center Information Booth by Sunday, November 24. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted; please mark your giving envelope or online gift with “Thanksgiving Food Donations.” For more information, email info@allen-temple.org. All excess food will go to the Allen Temple Food Pantry.
**FYI...GOOD INFORMATION TO KNOW**

*The Highland School Parking Lot (86th Avenue and J Alfred Smith Sr Way)* is open every Sunday! We recommend that you park your vehicle at this location as opposed to street parking.

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

*Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now for the 2020 Census.* Census Takers (Enumerators) will start work in the Spring, and the position is temporary, flexible, and pays $25 per hour in Alameda County. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community! To learn more and apply, visit 2020Census.gov and select jobs.

*The Allen Temple Girl Scout Ministry is looking for an energetic person to join our leadership team as a Brownie Girl Scout Leader!* Training is available and no experience is required, just a willing heart. Minimum Qualifications: 1. Love the Lord; 2. Love working with 2nd and 3rd graders; 3. Enjoy working in a team environment with other Allen Temple Leaders. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deaconess Judy Carter, Girl Scout Chairperson, at jcartercm@aol.com

*Census 2020 Working Committee: Have you been involved in working for or volunteering for the Census before? WE NEED YOU!* Allen Temple will be convening a Census 2020 Working Committee and we need you with us to ensure that our community is counted and we do not miss out on needed funding for our community. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sis. Gloria Cox-Crowell at gcrowell@allen-temple.org or call 510-544-8947

*ATKidz’ Children’s Church is seeking those with a heart to minister to children to join them!* For more information, contact Dea. Yolonda Greenwell Reese via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910 or ygreese@allen-temple.org

*Would you like to work with audio, video, worship projection/technology or in the Multimedia Store?* The Multimedia and Worship Projection Ministries welcome you to join them! One service/one Sunday per month! Training available! All skill levels welcomed! Please contact Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at cwilliams@allen-temple.org or (510) 604-5242

*Join the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry!* We meet on the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 12 Noon in the Family Life Center Library! For more information, call Rev. Donald Paul Miller or Bro. Ben Darden via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910

*The For Sisters Only Ministry is seeking new and gently used clothing and accessories for Fall and Winter.* Please bring your much appreciated donation to the Family Life Center Lobby Information booth marked to the attention of the For Sisters Only Ministry.