



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WELCOME

**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 AM to 3 PM**

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today! To learn more about the life of the church, if you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact Beth in the office at 727.527.6694, office@allendaleumc.org.

**Gender Pronouns:** Asking and correctly using someone's correct 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 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.

**Masks** are required while on campus at Allendale to protect the most vulnerable.

**Zoom** links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20-22 United Women in Faith (UMW) National Assembly (Orlando)  
*Register at [www.assembly2022.org](http://www.assembly2022.org)*
- Sun Jun 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [allendaleumc.org/join](http://allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Jun 19-24 Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, NC  
*Learn more at [www.musicartsweek.org](http://www.musicartsweek.org)*
- Jul 11-16 Summer Camp at Warren Willis Camp (Fruitland Park)  
*Learn more at [www.wwumccc.org/programs/classic-camps](http://www.wwumccc.org/programs/classic-camps)*
- Aug 1-5 Wild Wonder - Vacation Bible School  
*Learn more at [www.allendaleumc.org/vbs](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vbs)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### LITURGIST:

**LYNN HAWKINS** (she/her/hers) was born in Colombia, South America. Her family immigrated to the US when she was two, and she grew up in Tampa. She has a daughter, Celina Hawkins, a cat, and two 8 month old kittens. Lynn's career is that of a Technology Project Manager. She previously served as Co-Chair of Allendale's Church Council for two years.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

Matthew Blaine - bass  
Dylan Dames - vocals/guitar  
Tru Mizzell - piano  
Křístellys Estanga - vocals  
Joshua Throop - drums  
*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org)  
to join our band or choir*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?:

The next opportunity:  
**Sun Jun 12 at 10:30 AM**  
*Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALLENDALE CHOIR:** Join the Allendale Choir, open to anyone who wants to sing regardless of previous experience. Choir rehearsals will resume Wed May 11 at 7 PM. The choir will perform on Sun Jun 12 for LGBTQ+ Pride Month.  
*New choir members sign up at:  
[www.allendaleumc.org/choir](http://www.allendaleumc.org/choir)*

**POETRY SHOWCASE:** Join Hannah Newton & Rose Cervantes at The Factory on May 27, 2022 for The Fig & The Rose: Dreaming in Moonlight Poetry Showcase! This poetic event illuminates our journey as we grapple with the impact and the divinity of the moon, all it symbolizes and casts on our shared human existence. The show begins at 7 PM. Light desserts will be provided. The event is free to the community, but donations are greatly appreciated, as we are working poets. We hope you'll join us on this galactic expedition.  
*Donate on Venmo: @tabitha-cervantess.*

**HELP ADVOCATE FOR OUR COMMUNITY:** The City of St. Petersburg spends less than 1% of its budget on housing. Residents deserve more! Join the People's Council of St. Petersburg in telling City Council to Invest in people by investing in housing. Join us at the St. Pete Budget Open House on Mon May 16 at 6 PM at City Hall (175 5th St. N).  
*Register here: [bit.ly/spbudget516](https://bit.ly/spbudget516)*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Ruth Spangler:** recovering from a fall  
**Greta Williamson:** Gene's heart recovery (brother)  
**Greta Williamson:** Cindy's chemotherapy (friend)  
**Matt Blaine:** kidney stone treatments  
**Tom Simpson:** recovering from fractured femur  
**MaryEllen Simpson:** loss of Kitty McQuillen (sister)  
**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments  
**Lorin Baxla:** loss of Rita Shonkwiler (sister)  
**Marla Radigan:** knee replacement recovery  
**Keith Glasscock:** Mary's health concerns (mother)  
**Kate Pravera:** sister's breast cancer recurrence  
**Betsy Drouin:** loss of Peter Drouin (father)  
**Kenaya Edghill:** father's cancer treatments  
**Kayte Robbins:** pray for those struggling with loss and major life transition

## BIRTHDAYS

Tom Jackson	May 16
Billy Livsey	May 21
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Mary Sinclair	May 26
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 29

*Birthday missing? Please contact the office*

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 79 in-person, 174 online  
*Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

## GIFTS

**Give online:** [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)  
**Text-to-give:** Text amount to 727-312-0808  
**Amazon Smile:** Allendale United Methodist

## SETTING UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING:

Signing up is easy. Our goal for 2022 is to have every pledged giver signed up. Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation. Contact Beth to set up online giving or go to our website [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give).

*Give Online*



## WITNESS



In a trance, Peter experiences a terrifying vision that changes him forever. The Greek word for trance here is the word, *ekstasis*, which is where we get the word *ecstasy*. The word refers to being thrown out of place.

Reading along with this story we can learn, as Peter learns, to include those who are different from us into spaces where others are not typically included. This is how this story is often applied among progressive Christians today. Reading beyond the story and this popular interpretation, however, we must also critique the power dynamics at play when one group consistently has the power to exclude or include others into their space. We must maintain our suspicions when we constantly see white leaders including Black, Indigenous, people of color, men including women, cishet leaders including queer people, abled leaders including disabled people, and so on. When a dominant group maintains the power to allow or take away space for others, then their "inclusiveness" is not enough. Instead of persuading the few in power to use their power justly, we must share the power we have. This must also be considered when we experience Christians including people of other faiths in spaces that remain dominated by Christianity.

*-excerpt from this week's commentary by [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com) and Damon Garcia*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here)*

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*You Are Good* |Houghton|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Ceasefire* |For King and Country|

CALL TO WORSHIP, PRAYER, CREED ..... Lynn Hawkins  
*The World Methodist Social Affirmation*

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*We Stand Together* |Schoolmeesters & Green|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

OFFERTORY ..... Allendale Band  
*Draw the Circle Wide* |Miller|

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Holy Spirit* |Torwalt|

SCRIPTURE ..... Lynn Hawkins  
*Acts 11:1-18*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Spirit of God* |Wickham|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Lynn Hawkins

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*You Are Good* |Houghton|



### **ACTS 11:1-18**

This week's texts collaborate like movements of a symphony singing the sacred strength of community. This community includes all. The mountains, wind, birds, bugs, every animal that is eaten or not. Humans' highest praise and glory to our Holy Parent is achieved when we release our indoctrinations to worship together in all of our harmonic difference. God of Abundance, witnessing us all in ecstatic praise, cannot help but join us in completing the eternal song that everyone knows because we are all composers.

*Photos from Unsplash  
Liturgy that Matters by Enfleshed*

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Bill Lee | Organist  
Kaitlyn Grainger, Madison Redington, &  
Adrienne Mitenius | Nursery Attendants

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel  
Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence  
Rev. David Franks | Clergy in Residence

## **THIS WEEK**

*For a listing of virtual meetings, go to:  
[www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).*

### **Sun, May 15**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)  
5:30 PM Youth (Wesley, Kitchen & Youth Room)

### **Mon, May 16**

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)  
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### **Tue, May 17**

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)  
7 PM Depression & BiPolar Support (CC)

### **Wed, May 18**

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)  
7 PM Pride Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7 PM Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Thu, May 19**

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)  
8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Fri, May 20**

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)  
8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Sat, May 21**

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)  
12:30 AM Narrative Healing Wrkshp (Wesley)

### **Sun, May 22**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)  
5:30 PM Youth (Wesley, Kitchen & Youth Room)