



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 2022

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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

- Wed Oct 5 Help Unload Pumpkins at Clearview UMC 4 PM
- Sun Oct 9 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [allendaleumc.org/join](http://allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Fri Oct 21 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Songs of Unity Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Sat Oct 29 Trunk or Treat (Church Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Sun Nov 6 Roll to the Polls Event at Williams Park 3 PM
- Sat Nov 19 Christmas Tree Lot Setup Day (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Fri Nov 25 Christmas Tree Lot Opens (Parking Lot) 9 AM - 9 PM

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**ANDREW HOLLAND** (they/them & he/him), grew up in St. Petersburg, right around the corner from Allendale UMC. A third generation local, their grandmother and parents still live in the city, and their younger sister, Franci, lives in Melbourne, Australia. Andrew graduated from Shorecrest, and initially went to the Savannah College of Art & Design for video game development. Though he dropped out in 2017, he is planning to return to college for a degree in Community Advocacy and Social Policy in the fall of 2023. Andrew currently lives on the south side with their friend and roommate, Landin, and very opinionated cat, Kiki.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
piano - Tru Mizzell

*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org)  
to join our band or choir*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Oct 9 at 10:30 AM**

*Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown  
LaDonna Hill

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HURRICANE IAN:

We hope you fared well in the storm. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Church Office. We will announce opportunities to help our neighbors to the south soon. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already on the ground in the worst hit areas.

### COFFEE & DONUTS:

Join us for coffee and donuts and some community gathering time in the Narthex before worship on Sunday Mornings starting at 9:45 AM.

### SCRIPTURE PERFORMANCE TROUPE:

We will create partially improvised scenes based on our scripture texts and perform at an upcoming worship service. Rehearsals start on Sun Oct 2 at 9 AM before church. All ages and experience welcome.

*For more information contact Anthony Lenzo  
[anthony@addfilmmakers.com](mailto:anthony@addfilmmakers.com).*

### LOOKING FOR LAWN SERVICE?:

Allendale's lawn is maintained by Steven Green! If you would like a quote for his team to cut your grass as well, *please call him at (727) 641-1415*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Debbie Duty:** cousin's open heart surgery  
**Tom Simpson:** recovering from fractured femur  
**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments  
**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments  
**Vicki Dunn:** knee replacement recovery  
**Bobbie Windle:** cancer treatments  
**Aileen Carey:** Grandma in hospital & rehab

### **BIRTHDAYS:** *(Today through October 9)*

James Kelchner	Oct 2
Debbie Duty	Oct 3
Trista Miller	Oct 3
Micheala Browning	Oct 4
Andrew Fleming	Oct 6
Kelly Moore	Oct 6
Maria Rodriguez	Oct 6
Melissa Nicholas	Oct 7
Andy Oliver	Oct 7
Jean Hopkins	Oct 9
Cet Mohamed-Moore	Oct 9

*Birthday missing? Please contact the office*

### **CARE AND SUPPORT:**

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support  
Office hours Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7  
make an appointment by calling the church  
office at 727-527-6694

### **LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:**

available at Allendale's Counseling Center  
*Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/therapy](http://www.allendaleumc.org/therapy)*

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 63 in-person, 161 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:**

Contact Beth to set up online giving. Thank you so much for your investment in our collective work of liberation.

## WITNESS

### **THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET HABAKKUK:**

Habakkuk lived during the final decades of Israel's southern kingdom during a time of injustice and idolatry. All of his words are addressed personally to God, and the book tells about Habakkuk's personal struggle, his journey of trying to believe that God is good when there is so much evil and tragedy in the world.

Habakkuk's words are actually poems of lament, very similar to the laments you find in the book of Psalms. The poet lodges a complaint and then draws God's attention to suffering or injustice in the world, demanding that God do something

and knowing about this lament form is actually the key to understanding the design and message of this short book.

Chapters 1 and 2 are framed as a back and forth argument between Habakkuk and God and the prophet lodges 2 complaints to which God offers 2 responses. His first complaint is that life in Israel has become horrible. Habakkuk is crying out asking God to do something but nothing seems to change...

Habakkuk depicts himself as a watchman on the city walls, waiting for God's response, which eventually comes. God gives him a vision about an appointed time in the future. God says that the righteous person will live by their faith in this hope and vision.

In a poem near the end of the book, the exodus story of the past has become an image of the future exodus God will perform. God will once again defeat evil and bring down the Pharaohs and the Babylons of this world. God will bring justice to all people and rescue the oppressed and the innocent.

And it's this hope that enables Habakkuk to conclude the book with hopeful praise

that even if the world's falling apart with food shortage or drought or war or whatever he will choose trust and joy in the covenant promises of God.



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*This is Me* | Pasek & Paul|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*God of All Peoples* | Gillette|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Andrew Holland

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*We Are Building Up A New World* |Harding|

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

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Draw The Circle Wide* |Light & Miller|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Andrew Holland

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*How Much Longer?* |Hooker, Hardesty, Orlando|

SCRIPTURE ..... Andrew Holland  
*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

SERMON ..... Ms. Penny Cost

COMMUNION ..... Congregation

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*One Bread One Body* |Foley|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Andrew Holland

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*This is Me* |Pasek & Paul|



**HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

Nope. Not good enough, God.

This is the prophet Habakkuk's initial response when God answers the prophet's urgent cry for help.

And yet, by the end of this short book, Habakkuk is literally singing God's praises. What happened? What changed? And do we accept God's vague answer as sufficient?

Maybe what changes for Habakkuk is the intimacy that comes from generative conflict. It does seem that God not only welcomes the prophet's critical feedback, but affirms their perception that there is something wrong - that the spirit of the proud "is not right within them."

Or maybe it's the reminder that there is a vision, even if it isn't spelled out in this passage. Maybe God has reminded the prophet of what they already know, deep inside them, the vision they already carry that comes from their ancestors and is written into their DNA.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, Hannah Newton,

Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

## THIS WEEK

For a listing of virtual meetings, go to:  
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### Sun Oct 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

### Mon Oct 3

6:00 PM St. Pete Community Band (CC)

6:30 PM UWF Board Meeting (Wesley)

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### Tue Oct 4

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

### Wed Oct 5

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Oct 6

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Oct 7

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

8:30 PM Mixed Media Open Mic (Sanctuary)

### Sat Oct 8

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)

12:00 PM Sew Much Hope (Community Center)

### Sun Oct 9

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

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