



# 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

- Sun Nov 6 Roll to the Polls Event at Williams Park 3 PM
- Sat Nov 12 Garden Work Day - 9 AM - 12 PM
- Sun Nov 13 Acolyte Training (Sanctuary) 9 AM
- Sun Nov 13 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [allendaleumc.org/join](http://allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Sat Nov 19 Christmas Tree Lot Setup Day (West Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Fri Nov 25 Christmas Tree Lot Opens (West Parking Lot) 9 AM - 9 PM
- Fri Dec 9 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Peace and Joy Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**DIANE GIBSON** (she/her/hers) is one of 9 kids and lived in Indianapolis. After high school, she worked in various office positions and worked her way up to office manager. She married Lewis in 1997, and moved to St. Petersburg with her two children, Thomas and Brittany. She really enjoys spending time with family, especially grandkids, Peyton, Callie and Fisher. Diane lives in Pinellas Park with her two sisters. She has been an active member of Allendale UMC for over 20 years, has had the pleasure of working on various committees and making many wonderful friends while deepening her faith.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP BAND:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Gunnar Foster  
drums - Brandon Wise  
vocals - Michelle Taylor

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

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Nov 13 at 10:30 AM**

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

### SPECIAL GUEST:

Bob Murphy is here with us this week from Gray Panthers with information in the back of the Sanctuary on voting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

All Saints Sunday is the first Sunday in November. We remember those who have gone before us. If you had someone in your life you would like to memorialize, Contact [beth@allendaleumc.org](mailto:beth@allendaleumc.org).

### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Christmas Tree lot which is opening on Fri, Nov 25. The tree lot is a fund raiser that supports our youth ministry. Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/tree](http://www.allendaleumc.org/tree) to sign up.

### BUILDING COMMUNITY AT ALLENDALE:

Plans for new community-building activities are underway, but your ideas are still needed. Join us for our second brainstorming session on Thu, Nov 3, at 7:15 PM via Zoom. We will discuss ideas for "Zoom only" activities as well as in-person. Register for the Zoom meeting at [www.allendaleumc.org/brainstorming](http://www.allendaleumc.org/brainstorming). Contact Kate Pravera at [kpravera@gmail.com](mailto:kpravera@gmail.com).

### MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS TOUR:

Allendale member and art historian John Stewart will lead a tour at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) on Thu, Nov 10 at 6:30 PM on the theme "Jesus at the MFA". Cost is \$12, payable at admission. RSVP at [www.allendaleumc.org/mfa](http://www.allendaleumc.org/mfa). Contact John Stewart at [sjstew@gte.net](mailto:sjstew@gte.net).

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Debbie Duty:** cousin's open heart surgery  
**Tom Simpson:** recovering from fractured femur  
**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments  
**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments  
**Bobbie Windle:** cancer treatments  
**Ruth Spangler:** recovering from a minor stroke

### **BIRTHDAYS:** *(Today through November 27)*

LaDonna Hill	Nov 1
Christine Durrance	Nov 5
Pat Kofflin	Nov 6
Kenn Wiberg Coleman	Nov 8
Vickie Dunn	Nov 10
Ann Preus	Nov 19
Jack Hutto Jr	Nov 20
Reba Younce	Nov 20
Midge Mitchell	Nov 22

*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: 75 in-person, 266 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.



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

## WITNESS

### **A BRIEF THEOLOGY OF HALLOWEEN**

The name itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve," of course, a carnival-like inversion celebrating the shadow side of life — ghosts and ghouls and such — just before the great festival celebrating the saints. Its deep roots may well include folk traditions of honoring the dead, appeasing evil spirits, and marking the end of the summer harvest and the beginning (in the Northern hemisphere, at least!) of the darkest days of the year.

But whatever it's origins, Halloween today is worth thinking about. It's become one of the most popular holidays in North America (second only to Christmas!), and at its best, it's a magical, playful night of community-building and neighborhood-making.

It's easy to grumble about "all that sugar," "marauding teenagers," "a waste of time," and so forth. But think of it: when else do we intentionally spend this kind of time together as a community? When else do we do something as a neighborhood that's this intergenerational? This playful, goofy, and plain old fun?

And there's an even deeper side to all of this, too: in many neighborhoods, lines of social division — segregated lines of race and class, for example — are often crossed on Halloween night. In such moments, Halloween can become an all-too-brief time of sharing experiences and resources, catching sight of a true "commonwealth" too often obscured from view on the other 364 nights of the year.

And after all, what better way to honor the dead, prepare to celebrate the saints, and enter together the darkest time of the year than to embody — with equal parts creativity and joy — the "loving our neighbors as ourselves" to which Jesus calls us every day?

Those mini peppermint patties never tasted so good!

*Read the full article from SALT here:*  
[www.allendaleumc.org/halloween-history](http://www.allendaleumc.org/halloween-history)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*The Ascension* |Wickham|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*For Everyone Born a Place at the Table* |Murray, Mann|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Diane Gibson

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* |Robinson, Wyeth|

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

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

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Let Us Be Known By Our Love* |Massey, Flanigan, Armstrong, Moore|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Diane Gibson

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man* |Gillette, Wesley|

SCRIPTURE ..... Diane Gibson  
*Luke 19:1-10*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Reckless Love* |Asbury, Culver, Jackson|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

PASTOR APPRECIATION ..... Erica George

BENEDICTION ..... Diane Gibson

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*The Ascension* |Wickham|



### **LUKE 19:1-10**

The story of Zaccheus, alongside other Lucan accounts of the rich and powerful, is unflinching about God's judgment on systems of economic disparity and those who profit from them. The twist is the good news that justice and reparations are not only imperative for the poor, but that repentance and restoration are available to the privileged.

Jesus proclaims, "today salvation has come to this house." It is unlikely that Jesus would have gone to Zaccheus' home alone, but would have been flanked by his motley crew of disciples, themselves victims of the system Zaccheus enforced.

Perhaps it's not over a quiet dinner alone with Jesus that Zaccheus has a change of heart and offers repayment and reparations for what he has stolen. More likely, it is when he looks at the broken faces and bodies of those crowded into his home that he is confronted with the harm he has caused.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator  
Madison Redington, Hannah Newton, Erin Giblin,  
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:  
[www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).*

### **Sun Oct 30**

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

### **Mon Oct 31**

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

### **Tue Nov 1**

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

### **Wed Nov 2**

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Thu Nov 3**

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)  
7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri Nov 4**

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)  
8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)  
8:30 PM St. Creaturesburg Open Mic (Sanct.)

### **Sat Nov 5**

9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)  
12 PM Sew Much Hope (Community Center)

### **Sun Nov 6**

9:30 AM Community Circle Caregivers (Wesley)  
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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