

# 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 27 St. Pete Community Band Concert (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM
- Thu Dec 1 Museum of Fine Arts Tour with John Stewart (MFA) 6:30 PM
- Fri Dec 2 Annual Farmworkers' Ingathering drop-off (6315 Central Ave.) 10 AM
- Fri Dec 2 St. Creaturesburg Mixed Media Open Mic Night (Sanctuary) 8:30 PM
- Fri Dec 9 Still... No Room in the Inn Christmas Caroling (100 Mirror Lake Dr) 7 PM
- Fri Dec 9 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Peace and Joy Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Fri Dec 16 Homeless Persons' Memorial Service (100 Mirror Lake Dr) 4:30 PM
- Sat Dec 17 Brunch With Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Wed Dec 21 Longest Night Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 23 Impromptu Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 25 Christmas Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### **TODAY'S LITURGIST:**

**LASHLEY MARKS** (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators.

### **WORSHIP BAND:**

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

### **WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?**

The next opportunity:

**Sun Dec 11 at 10:30 AM**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ST. PETE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT:**

Kick-off the season with some live Christmas music! Join us this afternoon at 3 PM in the Sanctuary for the St. Pete Community Band Concert.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:**

Our Christmas Tree lot is now open! The tree lot is a fund raiser that supports our youth ministry.

Visit [www.allendalumc.org/tree](http://www.allendalumc.org/tree) for more info.

### **JESUS AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS:**

The images of Jesus at the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) span 1300 years, and each one is a fascinating snapshot of what Christians believed about Jesus when it was created. Join MFA docent, Allendale member, and art history teacher John Stewart for a tour that explores these images. Join us Thu, Dec 1 at 6:30 PM. MFA Tickets are \$12, payable at admission.

RSVP at [www.allendalumc.org/mfa](http://www.allendalumc.org/mfa).

# 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 December 18)

Mark Morrison	Nov 27
Jen Clark	Nov 29
Edwin Hotaling	Dec 4
Scott Brown	Dec 5
Jessica Throop	Dec 6
Michelle Taylor	Dec 7
Tori Nikkel	Dec 9
Donna Vollmer	Dec 9
Brandon Wise	Dec 9
Philip Dinkins	Dec 15
Ed Lally	Dec 15
Jim Light	Dec 17

*Birthdays 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: 64 in-person, 261 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

### **WE ARE BUILDING A NEW ALLENDALE**

Allendale is at a crossroads... the collective financial investment pledges made for 2023 will be consequential in shaping who Allendale will be in the future.

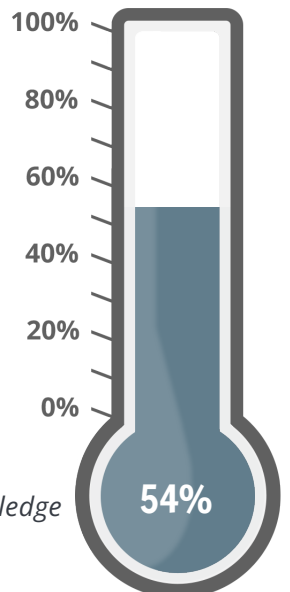
Over the last 6 years we have seen an increase in congregational giving double with pledges for 2022 totaling \$300,000. Your investment in our collective work has born fruit that has reached far beyond the walls of Allendale. We have been building up a new world.

We are a congregation filled with new faces and stories. Our immediate work is to get to know each other, creating a community of care. Post pandemic we will begin to increase opportunities for in-person gatherings, eating, and study. As we strengthen our relationships we will be better equipped to do the hard work of building up a new world of equity and justice.

Your pledge enables us to plan a 2023 budget that will be a faithful response for who God is calling Allendale to be. Our communal resources are to be a living offering. Our shared money, a tool for liberation. Our shared skills, expressions of dedication and love. We pledge what we have that it may be so!

**\$162,159** of our  
**\$300,000** goal  
 has been pledged  
 as of Fri Nov 18.

*Make your pledge at  
[www.allendalumc.org/pledge](http://www.allendalumc.org/pledge)*



# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*There's room for every story*

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

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*From Generation to Generation* |Burns|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Lashley Marks

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES ..... Congregation  
*The Candle of Hope* |Gillette|

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS ..... Lashley Marks

TIME WITH CHILDREN & PASSING OF THE PEACE..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Through the Ages* |Mueller|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ..... Theresa Frost  
*The Lord's Prayer* |Miller|

POEM ..... Rose Cervantes  
*Room* |by Rev. Sarah Speed | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org) |

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*From Generation to Generation Reprise* |Burns|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE ..... Lashley Marks  
*Matthew 1:1-17, Isaiah 2:1-5*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Make Room* |Hall, Maher|Lyrics Adapted|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Lashley Marks

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band



by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

### MATTHEW 1:1-17

These women—despite the loathsome, corrupt systems they were in—found a way to claim their voice and found enough power to survive.



by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

### ISAIAH 2:1-5

Pruning is a seasonal act of trust; it feels so risky, but pruning away what is dead or in excess allows the plant to direct its energy into growing new shoots and branches. And so, in this Advent season, what needs to be plowed or pruned?

*"From Generation to Generation"*  
advent theme, liturgy, and artwork  
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## THIS WEEK

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

### Sun Nov 27

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

### Mon Nov 28

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

### Tue Nov 29

10 AM Women's Sharing & Praying (Zoom)

### Wed Nov 30

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

### Thu Dec 1

6:30 PM Jesus at MFA tour (MFA)  
 7 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7 PM 2nd Winds Practice (Community Center)  
 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Dec 2

7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)  
 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)  
 8:30 PM Open Mic Comedy Night (Sanctuary)

### Sat Dec 3

9 AM Tree Lot (Parking Lot)  
 9:30 AM AA Women's Reflection (Bill W.)  
 2 PM Wedding Edgar & Raphael (Sanctuary)

### Sun Dec 4

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 11:45 AM FAST Community Training  
 5 PM AA Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)  
 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

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