



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2023

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## WELCOME

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### **Office Hours: Mon - Thu, 9 AM to 2 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 the office at 727.527.6694 or 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 recommended 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

- Aug 2-6 Youth End of Summer Bash
- Sun Aug 6 Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sun Aug 13 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Wed Aug 16 Wednesday Night Classes Return
- Sep 8-10 United Women in Faith Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**JEFF COX** (he/him/his) is a Florida attorney, and the Director of Content for UniCourt Inc., a legal technology company providing real-time access to state and federal court records. Jeff is also a Board Member and Secretary of the Board of Bay Area Legal Services and regularly volunteers to improve access to pro bono legal services to those in need of representation. Jeff and his wife, Stephanie, became members of Allendale in 2019 and love the welcoming, inclusive, and reconciling community they couldn't be happier to be a part of.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
organist - Bill Lee  
vocals - Erica George

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

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Pam Green, Lynn Fruit

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

Cindy Burns, Diane Gibson, Debbie Duty,  
Pam Green, Joe Ventimiglia, Holli Hallmark,  
Theresa Frost, Clarissa Silveira, Liam Oliver

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:

We are taking a short break from Wednesday night dinner and classes Aug 2 & 9. Our fall semester of programming begins on Aug 16. Here are some of the classes that will be offered this semester:

#### *Introduction to Methodism*

led by Pastor Andy (August)

#### *Imago Dei: How the Changes in Christianity Changed Depictions of Jesus*

led by John Stewart (August & October)

#### *How to Read Music*

led by Tru Mizzell (September)

#### *Introduction to World Religion*

led by Dr. Amy Mormino (September)

#### *Traumatizing Theology*

led by Pastor David Franks (October)

*See [www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays](http://www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays)  
for more detailed information about our  
Wednesday night classes and dinner.*

### CO-WORKING SPACE AT ALLENDALE:

Need a workspace? The Allendale Equity & Justice Center's Co-Working Space is now available! You can lease a fixed desk in the space for \$300/month or lease a shared desk for \$125/month or \$75 for a week. *Contact the office to reserve a spot: [coworking@allendaleequityjustice.org](mailto:coworking@allendaleequityjustice.org).*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments  
**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments  
**Karen Welling:** health issues  
**Eunice Fisher:** health issues  
**Bobbie Windle:** cancer treatments  
**Amy Wells:** Michael's health concerns (brother)  
**Joe Jacoby:** cancer treatments

## BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Lee	Aug 7
Bob Wallace	Aug 7
Nicole Slaughter-Graham	Aug 15
Holli Hallmark	Aug 16
Sheila Stewart	Aug 18
Will Redlow	Aug 19
Todd Spear	Aug 27
Ricardo Gordillo	Aug 28
Jenny Connor	Aug 29
David Smith	Aug 29

*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 for care 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: 109 in-person, 962 online  
*Livestream:* [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

## WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:  
**Sun Aug 13 at 10:30 AM**  
Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)

## GIFTS

Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)  
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808



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

## WITNESS

### A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Today we bless backpacks destined for the journeys to and from school that our children and youth will undertake. These seemingly simple vessels are much more than just fabric, zippers, and pockets; they are the silent witnesses to the life of a student, carrying the weight of their learning, growth, and exploration.

Within these backpacks, we will find a world of knowledge and discovery. Work to be done and returned, books that unfold new universes, tools that ignite the spark of curiosity—these are the treasures these backpacks will hold. Pens, pencils, compasses, crayons, scissors, glue sticks and other artifacts of education, each tell a story of a mind expanding, a spirit growing, a young life being shaped day by day.

We lift our hearts and voices to the Divine, asking for blessings upon these students who stand at the cusp of a new school year. May they feel the love and care from this congregation surrounding them like a warm embrace every single day as they walk into their classrooms with these backpacks.

Our prayers extend beyond our students. We pray for the teachers and administrators who shoulder the responsibility of educating our young minds. May God's blessings sustain them, guiding them as they navigate the waves of this school year. We honor their commitment to teaching and learning, and extend our communal love and care to them.

As we embark on this new school year, we ask for God's blessings not only upon the backpacks that will accompany our students, but upon each day that awaits them in their journey of learning. May this year be filled with curiosity, wisdom, patience, and God's unending love. Amen.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee

*Blessed Assurance* |Hughes|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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HYMN ..... Allendale Band

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Jeff Cox

HYMN ..... Allendale Band

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

OFFERING ..... Congregation

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HYMN ..... Allendale Band

PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Jeff Cox

HYMN ..... Allendale Band

SCRIPTURE ..... Jeff Cox

*Matthew 14:13-21*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

*Choose Your Own Adventure*

HYMN ..... Allendale Band

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Jeff Cox

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee

*Sing the Glad Song* |Ritter|



### **MATTHEW 14:13-21**

Jesus is trying to get a little alone-time here, and the guy just can't get a break. He has just received news of the state-sponsored murder of his mentor and friend, John, called the Baptist, and whether from grief or fear for his own life, his impulse is to withdraw to a deserted place, to spend some time listening to the still, small voice that speaks through stones and mountains and muddy waters and the mouths of caves.

The deserted place is, of course, where John did his radical work, inviting us out of the centers of commerce, where the dominant culture continually recruits us into service of the imperial status quo, and into the wilderness where it is easier to remember that none of this actually belongs to Rome, least of all our own lives, minds, and souls. Scripturally, the wilderness is the province of free people who are remembering they are free.

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Liturgy from Enfleshed*

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Bill Lee | Organist

Maria Davidson | Nursery Coordinator

Madison Redington, Erin Giblin,

Courtney Ross | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

## **THIS WEEK**

*Subscribe to the Allendale Calendar:  
[www.allendaleumc.org/calendar](http://www.allendaleumc.org/calendar)*

### **Sun Aug 6**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

### **Mon Aug 7**

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### **Tue Aug 8**

### **Wed Aug 9**

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Thu Aug 10**

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri Aug 11**

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### **Sat Aug 12**

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

### **Sun Aug 13**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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