



# 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 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

- Wed Aug 16 Wednesday Night Classes Return
- Wed Aug 23 Nikki Fried Take Back Florida Tour (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Mon Aug 28 Community Mural for ALSO Youth (Community Center) 6 PM
- Sep 8-10 United Women in Faith Spiritual Enrichment Retreat
- Sun Sep 10 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Sun Oct 15 Banned Book Club For Ferocious Floridians

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

**ERIN GIBLIN** (she/her/hers) grew up in the United Methodist Church and is so grateful to be a part of the Allendale community. She is married to Betsy Drouin. They have three children: Aiden (13), Daniel (9) and Jolene (2). Erin is a firefighter/paramedic who recently started in a new position at her fire department as the coordinator of their community outreach program. Betsy is a flight nurse. They met while both working at an ER in Tallahassee.

### **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*

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:**

New classes begin on Aug 16 Dinner starts at 5 PM and classes begin at 6 PM. Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays](http://www.allendaleumc.org/wednesdays) for 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).

### **SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT:**

The United Women in Faith sisterhood will travel up to Leesburg, FL for a weekend retreat September 8-10. Rev. Juana Jordan is facilitating the retreat with the theme, "answering our call to action today." Cost is \$169. Contact: Diane at [dianegibson@hotmail.com](mailto:dianegibson@hotmail.com) if you're interested in attending..

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

**Bobbie Windle:** cancer treatments

**Joe Jacoby:** cancer treatments

Prayers to the family of **Marjorie Footlick** (100) who passed away August 7. A Celebration of Life will be held at Allendale on Sun Aug 20 at 3 PM in the Sanctuary.

### BIRTHDAYS:

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: 83 in-person, 369 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



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

## WITNESS

### Why Do We Never See Bilhah and Zilpah?:

*(Written by Temple Emanuel: a Jewish Community in Massachusetts)*

The Jewish people are missing two of our mothers. We don't see them. We don't talk about them. We act as if they don't exist. We don't say their names.

Tomorrow morning, we will.

### *Bilhah and Zilpah.*

Here are the incontrovertible facts. They are the mothers of one third of our people. Bilhah is the mother of Dan and Naphtali. Zilpah is the mother of Gad and Asher.

Each had as many children as Rachel (Joseph and Benjamin). They are both the wives of Jacob. The Torah says so explicitly.

Yet.

Hardly any midrash mentions them.

When we bless our daughters, we say: "May you be like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah." We do not say their names.

In 1998, when Siddur Sim Shalom [a prayer book] added the matriarchs in the Amidah [a central prayer of the Jewish liturgy], it added: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. We do not say their names.

In 2016, when Siddur Lev Shalem [another prayer book] came out, that is only [seven] years ago, again: we do not say their names. Only Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Why do we still not see the mothers of one third of our people? Maybe in biblical times, or ancient rabbinic times, it was a patriarchy.

But today?

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*God's Love is Wide* |Ratering-Youngberg|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Erin Giblin

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Open My Eyes* |Manibusin|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Come Thou Fount* |Robinson|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Erin Giblin

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Joseph Was His Father's Favorite* |Gillette|

SCRIPTURE ..... Erin Giblin

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Let Us Be Known By Our Love* |Massey|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost, Billy Branca

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Erin Giblin

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee



**GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28**

What do we do when our sacred scriptures depict our “Protector” placing some people under peril? How can we reconcile our belief in one who appears to stand by while we are thrust into jeopardy? In moments when we feel as though we’re being engulfed by stormy seas, crying out for grace and finding none, how must we respond? It’s time to face the understanding that neither God nor Her cosmos are obligated to grant us continuous comfort or even personal security. These natural laws might restore equilibrium, but they can also cause imbalances leading us to disaster. Can we not passionately cry out to God to treat us justly? Or is it time to seek wisdom from our spiritual predecessors, taking control through our own divine agency? The answers to these questions may challenge our faith, but it is a challenge we must meet, embracing the complex truths within our beliefs.

*Image from Unsplash*

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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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 13

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

### Mon Aug 14

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 15

### Wed Aug 16

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Aug 17

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Aug 18

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Aug 19

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

### Sun Aug 20

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12 PM Dames Wedding Shower (CC)

3 PM Marjorie Footlick Celebration of Life

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

## DINNER MENU

*Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center. \$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available.*

### Wed Aug 16

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Italian Cut Lemon Pepper Green Beans, Salad, Dessert