



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023

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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

- Sun Aug 20 Celebration of Life for Marjorie Footlick (Sanctuary) 3 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:**

**LIAM OLIVER** (he/him/his) is a freshman at St. Pete High. He is enrolled in the IB program, and has a passion for history.

### **TODAY'S MUSICIANS:**

piano - Tru Mizzell  
vocals - Erica George  
drums - Bianca Goolsby  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

*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

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:**

Join the Allendale Social Justice Committee at the church on Tuesday, August 29 at 6 PM for updates on the Gas Plant campaign, the death penalty campaign, and more.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

Allendale depends on different types of people to use their gifts to serve to make us a better community. Consider self-nominating to serve on a leadership team for 2024. We have openings on our building/maintenance, personnel, finance, and program/administration teams. Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/nominations](http://www.allendaleumc.org/nominations) to fill out your self-nomination before Sep 5.

*This year's Nominations committee will meet Tue Sep 5 at 6 PM.*

### **CO-WORKING SPACE AT ALLENDALE:**

Need a workspace? The Allendale Equity & Justice Center's Co-Working Space is still 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).

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:**

Join us on Wednesdays! 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 offered this semester.

# 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:

Sarah Brownell Aug 27

Todd Spear Aug 27

Jenny Connor Aug 29

Betsy Drouin Sep 1

Tami Goucher Sep 5

Kara McKlemurry Sep 8

Gina Gibbs Sep 11

Kirsten Anderson Sep 11

*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: 82 in-person, 198 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

### The Journey Toward A Church For All:

*Adapted from the Author's Note published in "A Church for All," which is the book being read for today's Time With Children.*

Years ago, a friend encouraged me to attend a service at a unique church, and I was VERY reluctant. Raised in a church that was not accepting of LGBTQ+ people, as an adult, I struggled to find a spiritual community where all people, including those in the LGBTQ+ community, like myself, were welcome.

However, this church was different. My friend, who is a lesbian, said "You'll love it, and "It's a rock-your-world-experience". It did, in fact, rock my world! For the first time, I had found a spiritual community that fully accepted and embraced LGBTQ+ people. That's the feeling I wanted to capture in "A Church for All."

Since the mid-20th century, that church has been known for its commitment to civil rights and social justice, especially serving the urban community. It became a pioneering site for dialogue on LGBTQ+ issues and has been performing same-sex marriages as an act of justice since the 1990s. The church's choir also became a symbol of diversity, acceptance, and love.

Today, many churches around the country have embraced the vision of inclusivity. They are often called "Inclusive Churches" or "Open and Affirming Churches". Many indicate their commitment with banners featuring a rainbow flag or slogans like "All Are Welcome."

The spirit of this mission has greatly inspired me, and I'm grateful to all spiritual communities across the globe, from every denomination, that welcome, accept, embrace, and celebrate us for who we are.

*-Gayle E. Pitman, PhD (Adapted)*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band

*God Is* |The Outer Banks|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*What Does the Lord Require of You?* |Miller|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Liam Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*God of All Peoples* |Gillette|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Give Us Love* |Reagan, Washington|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Liam Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Come and Tear Down the Walls* |Wahlström, Schoolmeesters|

SCRIPTURE ..... Liam Oliver

*Isaiah 56:1-8*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*God Has Work For Us To Do* |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Liam Oliver

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band

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**ISAIAH 56:1-8**

Today's Scripture helps us understand how we can take seriously the complex work of reconciliation. We seek unity with one another which is not to be misconstrued for sameness. We need not become enemies with our kinfolk due to difference, but unity doesn't demand that we disregard harm. Reconciliation is the dance of community - a commitment to co-creation through conflict. It is the commitment to returning to those who hold the capacity to harm us, choosing to trust that our humanity is innately good. This work is sacred, Biblical, and abundant.

*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 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)

### Mon Aug 21

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 22

6 PM - Staff Parish Relations (Zoom)

7 PM - Trustees (Zoom)

### Wed Aug 23

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Aug 24

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6 PM Finance (Zoom)

7 PM Church Council (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Aug 25

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Aug 26

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

### Sun Aug 27

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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 23

Gazpacho (Chilled tomato soup), Build your own Chef Salad, Garlic Bread, Fresh Fruit, Dessert

### Wed Aug 30

Egg Curry, Sambhar (vegetable stew), Rice, Salad, Payasam (milk pudding) Fruit Salad