



# 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

- Thu Sep 28 TransNetwork- Conversations with Allies (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Wed Oct 4 Celebrate Outreach Drag Queen Bingo (Pesky Pelican)
- Sun Oct 8 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 (Sanctuary) 2 PM
- Sat Oct 28 Trunk-Or-Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Sun Oct 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (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:

**REV. DAVID FRANKS** (he/him/his) is Minister of Pastoral Support. A graduate of Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, Rev. Franks held a number of pastorates in Northern California parishes before moving to St. Petersburg in 2003. He joined the Allendale UMC team after retiring from positions he held with Empath Partners in Care (EPIC), a subsidiary of Empath Health, providing supportive services to people living with HIV.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
bass - Matthew Blaine  
vocals - Erica George

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Our Trunk-or-treat gathering will be on Sat Oct 28 in the parking lot at 10 AM. We are in need of Halloween candy! *Let Theresa know if you'd like to decorate your trunk for the event.*  
[theresa@allendaleumc.org](mailto:theresa@allendaleumc.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRAG QUEEN BINGO:

Get ready for a wild night hosted by the fabulous Bingo mistress Georgia Moore, as Celebrate Outreach brings you an extravaganza filled with laughs, clever wordplay, big prizes and a truckload of outrageous fun—all for a fantastic cause of helping the homeless! Join us Wed Oct 4 starting at 6:30 PM at Pesky Pelican Brew Pub, 923 72nd Street North. *RSVP required. Call 727-302-9600 to reserve your spot!*

### TRANSNETWORK- ALLYSHIP:

Join us for "Conversation with Allies," presented by TransNetwork, on Thursday, September 28 from 7-9 PM at Allendale UMC. This inclusive event features key community leaders—including Nadine Smith from Equality Florida—engaged in crucial dialogue about supporting the Trans community. Whether you identify as Trans or consider yourself an ally, this conversation is designed to energize, inform, and deepen our collective commitment to social justice.

### BANNED BOOK CLUB:

Join the "Banned Book Club for Ferocious Floridians" at Allendale on Sunday, October 15 from 2-4 PM, as they dive into the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1619 Project, a crucial exploration of America's often overlooked Black history. All are welcome to participate fully in this vital discussion.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

**Joe Jacoby:** cancer treatments

### BIRTHDAYS:

Cameron Helwege Sep 20

Dan Leeper Sep 24

Edith Wagner Sep 25

Lewis Wilgus Sep 28

Renee Burk Sep 29

Letty Nazario-Braddock Sep 29

Robin Eastwood Sep 30

James Kelchner Oct 2

Debbie Duty Oct 3

Trista Miller Oct 3

Michaela George Oct 4

Maria Rodriguez Oct 6

*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 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: 77 in-person, 93 online

Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Oct 8 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

## WITNESS

### HEALING FROM RELIGIOUS TRAUMA:

Many of us may have chosen Allendale UMC for its progressive, inclusive stance and affirming atmosphere. However, it's not uncommon at times to still feel tension, anxiety, or fear, especially if you've experienced harm or exclusion in other religious settings. This October, on Wednesday nights at 6 PM, Rev. David Franks will lead a class on Traumatizing Theology.

This class addresses the emotional and psychological wounds that may arise from "adverse religious experiences," a term coined by researchers at the Religious Trauma Institute. These experiences can create a lasting sense of unease or danger, even in places like Allendale that are designed to be welcoming and inclusive.

Matthias Roberts, an author for Sojourners, shared in a recent article about an experience that resonates with many: Despite being in a welcoming environment, his body signaled caution and danger. "Be careful; environments like this aren't safe," his body seemed to say. Even with an affirming congregation and progressive theology, the scars from past experiences can take a toll on one's sense of safety and well-being, not only in "church" but in our relationships with others, i.e. family, friends, coworkers.

Changing one's beliefs does not automatically equate to emotional/spiritual healing. In this class, Rev. David Franks will guide us through the complexities of healing from religious trauma, offering the tools and support needed to progress from intellectual shifts to deep emotional, psychological, and spiritual healing, as well as opportunities to be agents of such healing.



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band

*One Love* |Marley|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*They'll Know We Are Guided By Our Love* |Scholtes|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Lean on Me* |Withers|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*I Will Wait* |Mumford & Sons|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Rev. David Franks

SONG ..... Allendale Band

SCRIPTURE ..... Rev. David Franks

*Romans 14:1-12*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Bloom* |Ady, Larsh|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ..... Olivia Tiffany

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. David Franks

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee



**ROMANS 14:1-12**

Paul warns against “bait-and-switch” hospitality, where communities claim to be welcoming but pressure newcomers to conform. This goes beyond simply inviting people in; it’s about respecting and empowering them to influence the community. Paul advocates for radical hospitality—inviting people to be equal partners in a loving, inclusive community, where judgement is left to the spiritual leader, not dictated by societal norms. This challenges us to reflect on whether our practices are shaped by exclusion or by the inclusive, transformative love that invites all to participate fully.

*Image from Unsplash*

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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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:  
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### Sun Sep 17

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

### Mon Sep 18

6 PM Scripture Class (Room 109 & Zoom)

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

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### Tue Sep 19

### Wed Sep 20

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Wednesday Night Class - Religion

7 PM Wednesday Night Class - Music

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Sep 21

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Sep 22

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Sep 23

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

### Sun Sep 24

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 Sep 20

Pulled Chicken/Pork BBQ, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Vegan/Vegetarian Friendly Options, Salad, Dessert

### Wed Sep 27

Shakshuka (eggs in sauce), Biryani rice, Chickpea/Sweet Potato/Coconut Curry, Pickle chutney w/ pappadam, Corn-blueberry bread pudding