



# 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/Tue/Thu 9-5, Wed/Fri 9-12*

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](mailto:office@allendaleumc.org).

**Gender Pronouns:** Asking and correctly using someone's preferred 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 in the office hallway, 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.

**Zoom** links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

**1924-2024** Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun Feb 4 Woodson Warrior Fundraiser Gala (535 4th Ave N) 3-6 PM  
*featuring guest speaker Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative*
- Tue Feb 6 Community Benefit (St. Pete City Hall) Rally @ 4 PM | Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Sun Feb 11 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*
- Wed Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Feb 22 In Search of Beloved Community - John Lewis Book (Sanctuary) 7 PM  
*with Author Ray Arsenault*
- Sat Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt (Allendale) 10 AM

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S SPEAKER:

**MINISTER ALBERITA JOHNSON** is a holistic coach, spiritual companion, and minister with a passion for music, poetry, and women's empowerment. Her offerings include workshops on Poetry and Paganism, Spoken Word events, and personal growth retreats aimed at guiding individuals to "Destination Joy." As a published and award-winning poet, Albie explores the depth of expression in the silence between words and notes.

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**BOBBIE WINDLE** (she/her/hers) is a native of Massachusetts. She, her husband, Don, and their little dog, "Dollie", are now full time Florida residents. An artist by profession and avocation, she was educated at East Carolina College and through a lifetime of study with various artists.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

**ANARKITTY**, the pride of Girls Rock St. Pete, is a youth band of current campers that showcases the power of collaboration and mentorship. With the support of female instrument instructors, professional musicians, an instrument-lending library, and concert booking, they perform throughout the community to spread the mission and embody the spirit of Girls Rock Camp. This is the second iteration of Anarkitty, following the first band, whose members are now in college and pursuing their musical ambitions. Anarkitty 2.0 members were all new to their instruments just six months ago. Thank you for supporting their success as they learn!

### **LINDA KOEHLER & RISSA MOORE DYLAN DAMES**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GAS PLANT REDEVELOPMENT:**

Plan to join us at City Hall on Feb 6, 2024 at 5 PM, for a critical meeting on the redevelopment of the Historic Gas Plant District and the new Rays baseball stadium. Your presence can influence the council to prioritize housing and economic opportunities for our community.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days before Easter. Stop by in the morning for ashes between the hour of 9:30-10:30 AM outside by the marquee, and join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 6 PM. The service will also be live-streamed on the church website and Facebook page.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments  
**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments  
**Karen Welling:** health issues  
**Eunice Fisher:** health issues  
**Jim Pridgen:** James (friend) is having surgery  
**Joe Jacoby:** cancer treatments

## BIRTHDAYS:

Dee Miller	Jan 28
Maria Davidson	Jan 29
Tara Davidson	Jan 29
Cindy Burns	Jan 31
Megan Lopez	Feb 6
David Preston	Feb 8
Grey Welsh	Feb 10
Erick Zeidenberg	Feb 11
Heather Wynne-Phillips	Feb 17
Mark Frederick	Feb 18

*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/counseling](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)*

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 99 in-person, 204 online  
*Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

## WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:  
**Sun Feb 11 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

### THE COLOR PURPLE:

*"I think it pisses God off if you walk by the  
color purple in a field somewhere and  
don't notice it." - Alice Walker*

This quote reminds us to acknowledge  
and appreciate the beauty and value in  
everyone and everything around us. Next  
Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 AM, we will be  
embracing the words and music of "The  
Color Purple," a story that deeply resonates  
with our journey toward understanding and  
compassion.

At Allendale UMC, we believe in connecting  
faith with art and social justice. This service  
promises to be a tapestry of inspiring  
songs from the acclaimed musical, paired  
with reflective lessons that resonate with  
the themes of overcoming adversity, the  
strength found in community, and the  
journey towards personal empowerment.

Join us as we come together to celebrate the  
enduring spirit of "The Color Purple" and the  
timeless lessons it teaches us about faith,  
resilience, and love.



### WATERMARK'S WAVE AWARD NOMINEE:

Allendale UMC and Andy Oliver, along with  
many of our friends and partners were  
nominated for Watermark's 2024 Wave  
Awards in several categories. Thank you to  
the Watermark readers who nominated us.

Allendale's Nominations include:  
*Favorite Local Trans-Affirming Space*  
*Favorite Local Faith-Based Establishment*

Pastor Andy's nomination:  
*Greatest Ally to the Local Community*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here) or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE ..... Anarkitty

*Just A Girl* | No Doubt|  
*Camp Song* | Girls Rock St. Pete|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Linda, Rissa, and Dylan

*We Are One* | Koehler|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Bobbie Windle

SONG ..... Linda, Rissa, and Dylan

*Belong* | Koehler|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Another World* | Meyer|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

SONG ..... Linda and Rissa

*Buoy* | Koehler|

SCRIPTURE ..... Bobbie Windle

*1 Corinthians 12:12-26*

POEM ..... Reader

*In Darkness, All Things Are Possible* |Atena O. Danner|

MESSAGE ..... Minister Alberita Johnson

SONG ..... Linda and Rissa

*Keep a Song* | Koehler|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Bobbie Windle

POSTLUDE ..... Anarkitty

*Rebel Girl* |Bikini Kill|



### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

In a diverse community, each person is essential, just like different parts of a body. The singer, the bridge-builder, the truth-teller, and the dynamic speaker all contribute uniquely to the common good.

Without diversity, our efforts towards love and justice become monotonous and ineffective. Every role, from the business person to the activist, the doctor to the poet, holds equal value. We especially honor those often overlooked or marginalized, understanding that their contributions are vital for the well-being of the whole community. In our collective experience, every joy and every struggle is shared, enriching our journey with music and dance to uplift our spirits.

*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 of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

## THIS WEEK

### Sun Jan 28

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

### Mon Jan 29

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6:30 PM AA Common Peril (Bill W.)

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### Tue Jan 30

12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)

### Wed Jan 31

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6:30 PM Drag Bingo (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Feb 1

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Feb 2

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Feb 3

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

### Sun Feb 4

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

## DINNER MENU

### Wed Jan 31

Creamy Tomato Rigatoni, Pork Tenderloin

Roasted Green Beans & Potatoes, Bread

Salad, Dessert Dish, Vegan Options Available

## ONGOING CLASSES

Book Study Group - Sun at 9 AM

Grief Support Group - Sun 2/11 at 9 AM

*This class meets every other Sunday*

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

*Join via Zoom: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

Wednesday Night Classes - Wed at 6 PM

*Dinner starts at 5 PM, followed by Classes*