



# 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.

**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

- 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*
- Fri Mar 8 International Women's Day with S.L. Wisenberg (Temple Beth-El) 6 PM  
*A Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture "Celebrate the Women"*
- Sat Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt (Allendale) 10 AM
- Sun Mar 31 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake 7 AM, Easter at Allendale 10:30 AM
- Sun Apr 7 Drag Queen led Gospel Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sat Oct 5 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 6 Allendale 100th Anniversary Homecoming

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**ERICA GEORGE** (she/they) is a Georgia native, but has lived in St Pete most of her life. She holds a Master of Social Work and works with individuals experiencing mental health crisis. She loves spoiling her cats, Cooper and Willow, Sunday brunches, and trying all kinds of coffee shops with her wife, Michaela. They serve Allendale as Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and sometimes you can also spot them singing or playing guitar on the Worship Band.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

bass - Matthew Blaine

piano - Tru Mizzell

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

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown & Pam Green

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

Debbie Duty, Deborah Eldred, Steve Geis, Pam Green, Amy Mormino, Joe Ventimiglia, Theresa Frost, Liam Oliver

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BACKGROUND CHECKS:

In order to help keep our children and youth safe, we background check all of our adult leaders. We just learned that the fee running a background check is going to be increasing on March 1. If you are interested in working with children and youth in the near future, let Theresa know so that we can complete a background check before the rates increase.

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Allendale United Women in Faith are having their first 2024 meeting on Mon, Feb 5 at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room. All are welcome as we will enjoy fellowship and talk about the UWF mission of helping women and children around our community and the world.

### COMMUNITY QI GONG:

On Monday Nights from 5:30-6:30 PM, Andrea Smith leads Community Qigong, an hour of guided relaxation and movement, in the Community Center at Allendale. This class is a love offering for the trans community and allies. This class is free!

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

### BIRTHDAYS:

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
Debbie Bennett	Feb 19
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Rev. Karen Welling	Feb 21
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26

*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: 118 in-person, 192 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:

Today's special service ties together themes from Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" with words and music. Through these words, we imagine the Divine not as a distant figure, but as an intimate presence within and around us, transcending traditional boundaries of race, gender, and form. This literary exploration challenges us to see the sacred worth in all people and the world, echoing our welcome statement's affirmation that everyone is a beloved child of God, deserving of love and acceptance without exclusion.

Through Celie's journey from pain to empowerment, and her conversations with Shug about the nature of God and love, we are inspired to foster a community that celebrates diversity, questions injustice, and seeks to heal wounds inflicted by exclusion and prejudice. This service is an act of solidarity, a declaration that we stand with the marginalized and the oppressed, and a reaffirmation of our commitment to building a sanctuary where the love of God is manifested in our love for each other.

Your story matters too. We honor the sacredness in each other's stories but also commit to being active participants in the ongoing work of liberation and reconciliation, embodying the inclusive love of Christ in our daily lives.



# 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 ..... Allendale Band  
*Keep it Movin' |The Color Purple (2023)|*

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine |Hoffman, Snowalter|*

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Erica George

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*What About Love? |Bray, Willis, Russell|*

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Maybe God Is Tryin' To Tell You Something |Jones|*  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Erica George

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*I'm Here |Bray, Willis, Russell|*

SCRIPTURE ..... Erica George  
*Psalms 30:1-5*

LETTERS FROM CELIE ..... Cet Mohamed-Moore  
*The Color Purple (Reprise) |Bray, Willis, Russell|*

COMMUNION ..... Congregation  
*Can't Give Up Now |Mary Mary|*

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Erica George

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*Keep it Movin' |The Color Purple (2023)|*



### PSALM 30:1-5

Celie's spiritual journey mirrors that of Psalm 30 with themes of transformation from despair to empowerment with divine support. Through her letters to God, Celie seeks solace and understanding, echoing the psalmist's cries for help and healing. The novel reveals God's presence in all aspects of life, intertwined with the natural world and human relationships. God is found in everything around her—especially in the beauty of creation and the love of those who stand by her. Much like the psalm's transition from night's tears to morning's joy, Celie's journey towards self-discovery and the joyous liberation of her spirit, underscores the belief that, despite life's darkest moments, there is always a path toward light, guided by divine love and presence.

*Image from Unsplash*

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | [aaron@allendaleumc.org](mailto:aaron@allendaleumc.org)

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 Feb 4

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

### Mon Feb 5

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin & Tubman)

### Tue Feb 6

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

### Wed Feb 7

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Guided Poetry Class (Community Center)

6 PM Visio Divina Class (Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Rustin)

### Thu Feb 8

9 AM Chit Chat (Zoom)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Feb 9

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Rustin)

### Sat Feb 10

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

2 PM Youth Basketball Trip

### Sun Feb 11

9 AM Book Study Group (CC)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

## DINNER MENU

*Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center.  
\$10 or whatever you can afford.*

### Wed Feb 7

Shepherd's Pie, Cinnamon Apple Slices,  
Salad, Bread, Dessert, Vegetarian options

## 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*