

# 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-Wed 9-5, Thu 10-4*

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 May 12 New Member Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM  
*Sign-up at [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)*
- June 17-21 Inclusive Vacation Bible School - "Just Like Me"
- Sat Jun 22 Allendale Marching in St. Pete Pride Parade
- July 8-13 Youth at Warren Willis Camp for Summer Camp
- Sat Oct 12 Allendale 100th Anniversary Open House
- Sun Oct 13 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:

**DR. BOB WALLACE** (he/him/his) was born in Ohio, moved here in 1972, and went to Northeast High, St. Petersburg Junior College, and FSU. He continued to the University of Florida College of Medicine, and did his residency at Bayfront Medical Center. Bob has provided medical care to the St. Pete community for 41 years. He is one of the first doctors willing to treat HIV/AIDS patients, and helped develop special medication for them. Bob is known locally as an expert in HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C treatments, and focuses on eliminating Hepatitis C at his clinic, Love the Golden Rule, Inc. He's been attending Allendale since the mid-1990s.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
vocals - Beth Heisel  
vocals - Erica George

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

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Priscilla Pridgen and Lynda Beltz

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Cindy Burns  
Amy Mormino, Steve Geis  
Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs  
Pam Green, Debbie Duty

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

We will have a special guest on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in the Hybrid Room. Brittany from Celebrate Outreach is coming to talk about the group's work with the homeless in St. Petersburg. All are welcome; the speaker will talk for the first part of the meeting.

### JUST LIKE ME VBS- JUNE 17-21:

We learn to love our earth and delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all things at a week-long Vacation Bible School. Come and join us in the garden as we celebrate who we are, learn how to use our voice, and share our gifts with our community! *Learn more and register:* [www.allendaleumc.org/vbs](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vbs)

### NO HATE RADIO:

Our podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio" is now available! *Listen on your favorite podcast app by searching for No Hate Radio or visit [www.nohateradio.com](http://www.nohateradio.com).*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: lung cancer treatments  
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments  
Karen Welling: health issues  
Eunice Fisher: health issues  
Steven Geis: brother Glenn's cancer treatments  
Lettie Dasgoswami: *"My husband and I are expecting our first child next month and would love many prayers for a healthy delivery and baby!"*

## BIRTHDAYS:

Erin Warden	May 14
Tom Jackson	May 16
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Rev. Karen Welling	May 25
Chris Marks	May 28

*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: 86 in-person, 464 online  
Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

## WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun May 12 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)

## GIFTS

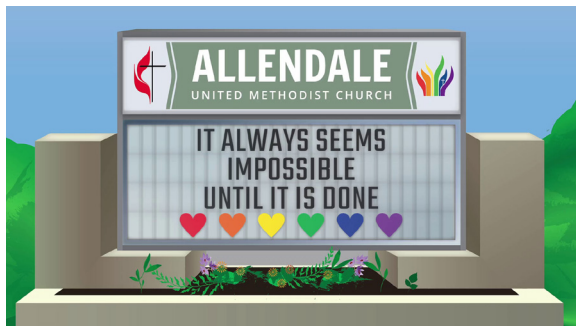
Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)  
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808



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

## WITNESS

### YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD!:



Freedom fighters in The United Methodist Church have been in a 52 year-long marathon to exorcize the phrase "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" from our Discipline. Today these evil words in ¶161 have been vanquished!

It was not a race anyone could run alone, but a relay race of courageous individuals who sacrificed everything. Queer heroes (queeroes) alongside allies passed the baton over the course of 13 worldwide gatherings (General Conferences) where the harm to LGBTQ people got exponentially worse.

Some who ran hard are not with us in person at this finish line. Many have died, some have needed to take rest from the toxicity, but all have passed the baton to this moment—a great cloud of witnesses. This General Conference has thrown off everything that hinders and the sin of discrimination that entangles.

The quote on our sign from Nelson Mandela, a Methodist, is a prophetic vision of the hope and endurance required to do big things like end apartheid. It will continue to be our call as we move forward to struggle for justice. We reached a finish line today, but this is a race that keeps going until all are free!

-Pastor Andy Oliver

# 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 ..... Bill Lee

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*For Everyone Born* |Murray, Mann|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Draw The Circle Wide* |Miller|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Theresa Frost

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* |Stone, Wesley|  
give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*I Am Loved* |Brock|

SCRIPTURE ..... Dr. Bob Wallace

*John 15:9-17*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION ..... Congregation

*Child of God* |Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Theresa Frost

BENEDICTION ..... Dr. Bob Wallace

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee



### **JOHN 15:9-17**

It's not who you think it is. It's the Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit. The oppressed singing praises of celebration. The followers of the manger-born King that are more than conquerors. The seemingly alienated and isolated are interdependent branches. Your categories won't work here. Your neat lines and binaries can't buy you clarity or discernment in this place - where love is the highest law. So we won't look to conventional wisdom to decide how we treat people. We will simply begin with the fact that they are deeply loved by God. Solidarity is our starting place.

*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 May 5**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

### **Mon May 6**

5:30 PM Community Qi Gong (CC)

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Tue May 7**

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

7 PM FAST Nehemiah Action (offsite)

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

### **Wed May 8**

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Thu May 9**

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri May 10**

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Sat May 11**

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

### **Sun May 12**

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)

## **ONGOING CLASSES**

Grief Support Group - Sun 5/5, 5/19 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*

## **DINNER MENU**

### **Wed May 8**

Indian Shakshuka, Tofu, Rice, Chopped Salad,  
Pappadums, Dessert Vermicelli milk Kheer