



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 14, 2024

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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.

**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 July 23 Staff Parish and Trustees Committee Meetings (Hybrid)  
Thu July 25 Finance and Church Council Committee Meetings (Hybrid)  
Wed July 31 Wed Night Dinner Kick-off with Drag Bingo (Community Center) 5:00 PM  
Aug 16-18 Discernment for Deaconesses and Home Missioners  
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)*

**Reminder: Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes are on Summer break until July 31.**

## WORSHIP NOTES

### **TODAY'S PREACHER:**

**REV. BRITTANY LECLAIR** (she/they) is the pastor at First UMC Pinellas Park, where she has recently started her second year. She's a lifelong United Methodist and 3rd generation Methodist pastor, currently attending Duke Divinity School, and plans to graduate in 2027 with their Mdiv. Brittany is married with 3 children, 2 dogs, a cat, and a bearded dragon. When Brittany's not preaching, you can find her camping, beaching, and stirring up good trouble in the community.

### **TODAY'S LITURGIST:**

**BRUCE BORDEAUX** (he/him/his) is a native Floridian, married with two boys. He was a Sonar Technician in the Navy; retired after 23 years as journeyman press operator and trainer at The Times Publishing Co. Bruce enjoys art, creating videos, riding motorcycles, cats and afternoon naps. He and Amy look forward to continued spiritual growth and serving in the Allendale community.

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

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
vocals - Erica George

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING:**

The Social Justice Group is meeting this Tue Jul 16 in the Hybrid Room at 6:30 PM.

### **POST CARD ACTION:**

Join Allendale's Social Justice Group in writing postcards encouraging people to check their voter registration status and request mail-in ballots. We meet this Wed Jul 17 from 5-6 PM in the Hybrid Room.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF WITH DRAG BINGO:**

We are kicking off the fall semester of Wednesday night dinner and classes with dinner and Drag Bingo on July 31 with dinner at 5 PM and bingo starting at 6 PM. Candy Von Sparkle will be joined by Bitsy St. Claire, Janessa Brooks, and Anna Fillaxus. Dinner is \$10 and a \$15 donation gets you 10 games of bingo. Proceeds benefit our unhoused neighbors fund.

### **PULPIT EXCHANGE:**

Pastor Brittany Leclair is preaching here at Allendale during the month of July as part of a pulpit exchange. Pastor Andy is at First UMC Pinellas Park.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

### BIRTHDAYS:

Meredith Davidson Jul 15

Honey Goudard Jul 15

Tony Lewandowski Jul 15

Kate Pravera Jul 15

Nina Dauset Jul 16

Jim Bennett Jul 17

Lynda Beltz Jul 19

Aileen Carey Jul 26

Barbara Morse Jul 26

Marilyn Lyn Dickinson Jul 29

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

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 86 in-person, 554 online

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

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun July 14 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

### NON-BINARY BELOVEDS!:

International Non-Binary People's Day, celebrated annually on July 14, marks the midpoint between International Men's Day and International Women's Day.

At Allendale UMC, we believe that all of humanity is created in the image of God, a God who is not confined to the binary notions of male and female. Our expansive Divine Creator embodies infinite diversity, encompassing all identities and experiences. God is the original They/Them.

Over the past year, the political and cultural landscape has presented both challenges and opportunities for our non-binary siblings. We reaffirm our commitment to stand against any efforts that seek to roll back the freedoms and rights of the LGBTQ+ community. Our mission remains to create a sanctuary for all, where every person can live authentically and without fear.

Today, we celebrate our community's diversity, our collective strengths, and the unique roles each of us plays in weaving this beautifully varied tapestry of human existence. Non-binary members of our congregation enrich us with their diverse perspectives and experiences, shaping and embodying the identity of our collective. We are grateful for their presence and contributions, and we stand in solidarity with them, committed to advocating for justice and equality.

### DISCERNING A MINISTRY ROLE:

Join us on August 16-18 for a special discernment event. Deaconesses and Home Missioners are laypeople called by God to serve in ministries of love, justice, and service within the UMC. They work to alleviate suffering, fight injustice, and build global community. This event is for those interested in serving the church more intentionally as laypeople. *Learn more and register at [www.allendaleumc.org/dhm](http://www.allendaleumc.org/dhm).*

# 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  
*Praise God, Praise God* |Clarke|

WELCOME ..... Rev. David Franks  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Blessed Assurance* |Crosby|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Bruce Bordeaux

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Be Thou My Vision* |Forgaill|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Brittany Leclair

100 YEARS OF ALLENDALE ..... Amy Mormino  
The 1990s

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Bind Us Together* |Gillman|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Bruce Bordeaux

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*How Firm a Foundation* |Rippon|

SCRIPTURE ..... Bruce Bordeaux  
*Mark 6:14-29*

SERMON ..... Rev. Brittany Leclair

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*What's Going On* |Gaye|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ..... Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION ..... Bruce Bordeaux

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*Come Let Us Sing* |Paxton|



### MARK 6:14-29

Heresy check - God can't be God by Himself. God has always been a collective, a team, a family. The Holy Trinity is beautiful, and by it, we too are made Holy. We are co-creators and heirs. We are fraternity, fiancé', and friend to the Divine who holds our kin-dom together with us. Heaven is a group project, and God is the group. And you too! When we're seeking after the Holy Spirit, we have no choice but to look for you. God is an echo and a second line. God turns the ropes in our double-dutch so we can dance and dance and dance. God with us - whining about the election and how absurd all of this is, crying over emaciated children and food waste, begging the sun to give us more time to convince our leaders to be less terrible to the Earth. Prophetic witness is all around us.

*Image from Unsplash*

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Bill Lee | Organist

Theresa Frost | Youth

Michaela George, 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 Jul 14

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

### Mon Jul 15

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6 PM CoDA Anonymous (Wesley)

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

7 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### Tue Jul 16

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

6 PM Social Justice Group (Hybrid)

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

### Wed Jul 17

6 PM Social Justice Postcards (Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### Thu Jul 18

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### Fri Jul 19

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

### Sat Jul 20

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

### Sun Jul 21

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 - 7/14 & 7/28 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 Dinner & Classes

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