



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 21, 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

- Wed July 31 Wed Night Dinner Kick-off with Drag Bingo (Community Center) 5 PM  
Sun Aug 4 Stroll to the Polls (Allendale) 12 PM  
Sun Aug 4 Puerto Rico Panel (Sanctuary) 1:30 PM  
*Bridging the Gap: Boricua Displacement & Erasure*  
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:

**LOIS ROBINSON LEHMAN** was born in DC and grew up in the Maryland suburbs. She is a retired Presbyterian pastor (PCUSA) having served churches in MD, SC, CA, NC, DE, ID, and FL. Lois is married to Russ, a retired Methodist minister and lives in Gulfport with three rescued Springer Spaniels; she provides fostering and transportation for English Springer Spaniel Rescue America. Between them, Lois and Russ have four sons: two in Florida, one in Maryland and one in New Hampshire. Along with four grandchildren, they are blessed with numerous step-grands and great-grands.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
vocals - Maresi Brown  
*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org)  
to join our band or choir*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 24 from 5-6 PM in the Hybrid Room.

### STROLL TO THE POLLS:

Join citizens from all over the Tampa Bay area on Sunday, August 4 for Stroll to the Polls - a celebration of our right to vote! Meet at Allendale UMC at noon for music and refreshments. At 12:20, we stroll with our mail-in ballots along Haines Road to a US Post Office to promote safe and secure mail-in voting for the August 20 Primary. We will also review the ways to check that our ballots were received and counted on the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections website. Bring your mail-in ballots! Let's vote early together! *For more information: (727) 492-1590.*

### 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

**Donna Baxla:** lung cancer treatments

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

### BIRTHDAYS:

Aileen Carey Jul 26

Barbara Morse Jul 26

Marilyn Lyn Dickinson Jul 29

Bill Lee Aug 7

Bob Wallace Aug 7

Sheila Stewart Aug 18

*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: 82 in-person, 611 online

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

### 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.

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Aug 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

### A PRAYER, A COMMITMENT, A PRACTICE:

We will not stop loving each other.

We will not become hard-hearted.

We will not stop weeping for each other.

We will not stop lighting candles, telling stories, writing poems, singing songs.

We will not stop marching, disobeying, boycotting, resisting.

We will not stop telling the stories of the dead

We will not stop fighting for the living.

We will not stop loving each other.

No matter the sinister untruths to sway us otherwise, we will find our way back to one another.

We will not stop loving each other. Amen.

*- Rev. Molly Bolton, enfolded*

### 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  
*Jireh* | Moore, Furtick, Brown, Raine|

WELCOME ..... Rev. David Franks  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful* |Alexander|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Lois Lehman

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Trust and Obey* |Sammis|

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

BAPTISM ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
*Aiden Daly*

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Draw The Circle Wide* |Miller|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Lois Lehman

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*With A Little Help From My Friends* |McCartney, Lennon|

SCRIPTURE ..... Lois Lehman  
*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

SERMON ..... Rev. Brittany Leclair

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*When Peace Like A River (It is Well)* |Spafford|

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

BENEDICTION ..... Lois Lehman

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*Jireh* |Moore, Furtick, Brown, Raine|



### **JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

God sees to the unity and shared living of Their people. God's people can be joined by ethnicity and cultural practices.

God's people can be joined by shared experiences of being scattered and gathered back together. God's people can be unified by a shared vision for liberated flourishing for all who can hold the culture of liberation. This is the compassionate culture that cares for the livelihoods of the sick and disabled. This is the inclusive culture that sees difference as divine and not detrimental. This is the leaderful culture that doesn't rely on tyranny or fascism for safety or progress. This is how we dwell with God in Her home. This is how we identify ourselves as Her children.

*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 21**

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

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

### **Mon Jul 22**

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 23**

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

6 PM Staff Parish Meeting (Hybrid)

7 PM Trustees Meeting (Hybrid)

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

### **Wed Jul 24**

6 PM Social Justice Postcards (Hybrid)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Thu Jul 25**

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6 PM Finance Meeting (Hybrid)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri Jul 26**

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Sat Jul 27**

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

### **Sun Jul 28**

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 - 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)*

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