



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

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Office Hours: *Mon-Wed 9-4, 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.

1924-2024 Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Aug 28 Drag Bingo Night Fundraiser (Community Center) 5 PM
Thu Aug 29 Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd. & 49th St N) 5 PM
Sep 14 & 28 Allendale Clean-Up Work Days - Help prepare for our anniversary - 8 AM
Sun Sep 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LIAM OLIVER (he/him/his) is a sophomore at St. Pete High. He is enrolled in the I.B. program, and has a passion for history.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

drums/percussion - Tru Mizzell

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO HATE RADIO:

Check out our podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio."

Recent episodes take a look at the political landscape in America with a focus on the Supreme Court and the dangers of Project 2025. *Listen on your favorite podcast app by searching for No Hate Radio or visit www.nohateradio.com. Suggest topics for future episodes by calling (442)-4-NO-HATE.*

BUS RIDES TO CHURCH:

We want to ensure everyone has a way to get to worship at Allendale. If you are interested in driving the church bus, visit: www.allendaleumc.org/drive. If you or someone you know would benefit from a ride to church: www.allendaleumc.org/ride. Or call the church office: 727-527-6694

DRAG BINGO THIS WEDNESDAY:

Join Candy Von Sparkle and friends this Wed, Aug 28 for dinner and bingo in the Community Center. Dinner starts at 5 PM followed by Bingo at 6 PM. \$15 donation gets you 10 games of bingo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD!:

Join us in September for "Upward!", a course on Wesleyanism for all. We'll explore the unique aspects of the Wesleyan tradition, learning about John and Charles Wesley's impact on the Methodist Church. Guided by Paul W. Chilcote and Steve Harper's book, we'll dive into Wesleyan theology and practices in worship and classes throughout the month. Pick up your book in the back of the Sanctuary. *Let us know which class you're interested in and pay online for your book at www.allendaleumc.org/upward. Classes are being offered on Sundays at 9 AM, Wednesdays at 6 PM, and Thursdays at 11 AM.*

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Tampa Bay area death penalty abolitionists for a vigil opposing the execution of Loran Cole from 5-6 PM on Thu, Aug 29 on the NW corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N in Pinellas County. The execution is scheduled for 6 PM. Death penalty opponents have gathered here during executions for many years. It is at the intersection of two main roads in Pinellas County, and it is near the court and jail complex. Park in the vacant lot behind Checkers. We will provide signs, or you can bring your own. If the execution is stayed, the vigil will be cancelled. *For more information: John and Sheila at sjstew@gte.net or (727) 492-1590.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Donna Baxla: hospice care
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments
Karen Welling: health issues
Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Sarah Brownell	Aug 27
Todd Spear	Aug 27
Jenny Connor	Aug 29
David Smith	Aug 29
Betsy Drouin	Sep 1
Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6
Kara McKlemurry	Sep 8
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11

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

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 93 in-person, 457 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Sep 8 at 10:30 AM
Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

TOURS OF THE ALLENDALE UMC CAMPUS:

Learn all about Allendale on one of our campus tours. Join us after Worship every 2nd and 4th Sunday

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808
Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts

WITNESS

NOMINATIONS:

Allendale United Methodist Church relies on the diverse gifts and talents of its members to lead and support our mission. As we prepare for 2025, we invite you to consider self-nominating for a position on one of our four key leadership teams.

Board of Trustees: The Trustees manage our church's physical assets, including building maintenance and property care. They ensure that our spaces are safe and welcoming, handling everything from repairs to long-term facility planning. If you have experience or interest in property management, this is a great way to serve.

Finance Committee: This team oversees the church's finances, ensuring responsible budgeting and resource allocation. They manage donations, monitor expenses, and plan for future financial needs. If you have a background in finance or simply care about our church's fiscal health, consider joining this committee.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Acting as our church's HR department, the SPRC handles staffing decisions, including hiring and supporting our clergy and staff. They ensure that our staff aligns with our mission and values. If you have experience in HR or a passion for supporting our team, this committee could use your skills.

Church Council: The Church Council is our main decision-making body, where all committees collaborate on major church initiatives. Serving here means having a voice in the overall direction of Allendale. If you're committed to our church's future, consider this leadership role.

Our leadership teams meet once every other month in the evenings. Each of these committees is vital to the mission of building a new Allendale. To nominate yourself, visit www.allendaleumc.org/nominations.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Allendale Band
Waiting on the World to Change |Mayer|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
Holy, Holy, Holy, Love Now Ascending |Burklo|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Liam Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Cover Me In Sunshine |P!nk, Hart|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Bind Us Together |Gillman|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Liam Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken |P!nk|

SCRIPTURE Liam Oliver
Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
A Beautiful Noise |Keys, Carlile|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Liam Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Waiting on the World to Change |Mayer|



EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Everything is a competition. It seems the gods must go head to head, we disciples need to be clad with full armor, powers and principalities are conspiring towards our demise. We may worry that our faith is militaristic - that we've been drafted in to cause even more pain. Wise peoples know the horror of having to take up arms to defend your people and land. Oppressed peoples know that diplomacy is consent to the oppressor. Rudimentary rockets cannot stop behemoth bombs, and our trauma has PTSD of its own, your god is trying to un-create us, and we have nothing to lose but our chains. Pacifism is beautiful, but deadly when the gun is always pointing at you. If we refuse to die on a blood-soaked moral high ground, then they can call us flesh eaters and blood-drinkers.

Maybe we'll prove them right.

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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 Aug 25

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

Mon Aug 26

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 Aug 27

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Aug 28

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Drag Bingo (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Aug 29

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Aug 30

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Aug 31

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

Sun Sep 1

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 - 8/25 & 9/8 at 9 AM
This class meets every other Sunday

Scripture Class on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM
Join via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/online

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
Dinner at 5 PM, Classes at 6 PM

DINNER MENU

Wed Aug 28

Butter Croissant Sandwiches, Homemade Soups, Salad, Blueberry Peach Cobbler, Vegetarian Options available