



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 22, 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 9-4, 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

**1924-2024** Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat Sep 28 Allendale Clean-Up Work Day - 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
- Sat Oct 26 Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot) 10 AM
- Wed Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

**GINA GIBBS** (she/her/hers) Pinellas County born, raised and returned. Proud Dunedin High, UNC Charlotte, CUNY School of Social Work, and CUNY School of Law alumnus. Gina currently is a public school Social Worker. #UnionProud. She lives in Largo with her wife, Deborah, many beloved pets and a colossal number of plants, unfinished books, and craft projects.

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

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Errol Johnston

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

### **NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:**

We want to recognize the saints who have gone before us. If you'd like to include a saint in your life who passed away within the last year, please submit their name and date of death to [www.allendaleumc.org/saints](http://www.allendaleumc.org/saints).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **UPWARD! Q&A WITH THE AUTHORS:**

Join us on Wednesday, October 2, from 6-7:15 PM in the Sanctuary for a special gathering with the authors of Upward!, the book we have been reading together throughout September. Paul W. Chilcote and Steve Harper will answer questions and discuss their book. We will livestream this discussion.

### **CHILDCARE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:**

As the needs of our congregation continue to shift, we plan only to operate our nursery on Wednesday evenings if a parent or guardian requests it 24 hours in advance by *emailing [terry@allendaleumc.org](mailto:terry@allendaleumc.org)*. This allows us to set up and staff our nursery only when needed. We will continue to offer a nursery on Sunday mornings as usual, without a reservation needed.

### **CAMPUS CLEAN-UP FOR OUR 100TH:**

We are hosting workdays in September. Our focus is on cleaning the exterior of our buildings and trimming back some of our landscaping. September 28 8 AM-12 PM

### **DECORATE YOUR TRUNK THIS OCTOBER:**

Trunk-or-treat is one of our annual family gatherings where kids dress up and go trick-or-treating in our parking lot. Trunk or treat will be Sat Oct 26. *If you'd like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, register at [www.allendaleumc.org/trunk](http://www.allendaleumc.org/trunk). Let us know if you plan on attending as trick-or-treaters at [www.allendaleumc.org/treat](http://www.allendaleumc.org/treat)*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

In loving memory: Donna Baxla 1944-2024

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

### BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Leeper	Sep 24
Elijah Marks	Sep 24
Scott Hensley	Sep 25
Edith Wagner	Sep 25
Lewis Wilgus	Sep 28
Renee Burk	Sep 29
Terry Fitzgerald	Sep 29
Robin Eastwood	Sep 30
James Kelchner	Oct 2
Debbie Duty	Oct 3
Trista Miller	Oct 3
Michaela George	Oct 4

*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, 1,213 online  
*Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Oct 13 at 10:30 AM**

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

## GIFTS

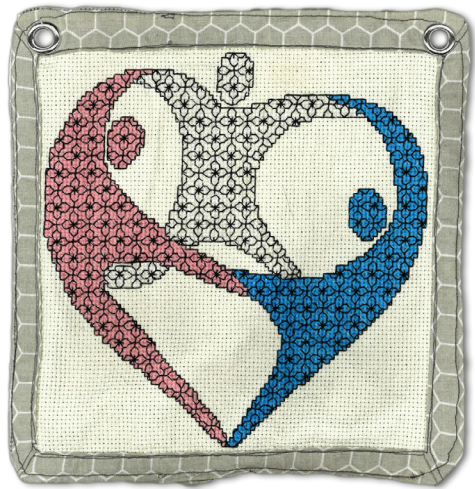
Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

Buy a shirt: [www.allendaleumc.org/shirts](http://www.allendaleumc.org/shirts)

## WITNESS

### THE PERICHORESIS:



The Perichoresis, represented in this stitched artwork with trans colors by Honey Goudard, is a powerful expression of the relationship between God the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. In Christian theology, Perichoresis refers to the intimate, interdependent relationship within the Trinity. The term itself comes from the Greek word for "rotation" or "interpenetration," signifying how the three persons of the triune God mutually indwell and share in one another's life. This concept highlights the dynamic unity and co-equal nature of the Trinity, while still respecting the distinctiveness of each person.

This imagery speaks to the inclusivity that is central to the mission of Allendale UMC. The choice to depict this sacred dance of relationship in trans colors affirms the inherent dignity, worth, and inclusion of transgender people within the divine image.

Just as the persons of the Trinity exist in perfect harmony and communion, all people, including those who identify as transgender, are welcomed into the divine embrace and the full life of the Church. It is a reminder that in God's kingdom, there are no barriers—only love, inclusion, and shared belonging.



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# 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  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns* | Wesley |

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* | Wesley, Miller, AZMON by Gläser |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Gina Gibbs

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* | Wesley |

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Terry Fitzgerald  
*Big Hearts, Bright Love: The Wesleyan Adventure of Growing in God's Love*

100 YEARS OF ALLENDALE ..... Amy Mormino  
The 2010s

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Open My Eyes* | Manibusin |  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & POEM ..... Gina Gibbs

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Christ, When Were You A Stranger?* | Gillette, Wesley |

SCRIPTURE & UPWARD! READING ..... Gina Gibbs  
*Matthew 25:35-36, 40b & Upward!: pp. 109-110*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*All My Days* | Zelman, Miller |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION ..... Gina Gibbs

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee  
*Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above* | Wesley |



**MATTHEW 25:35-36, 40B & UPWARD!: PP. 109-110**

In this passage, Jesus challenges us to see him in the most marginalized—those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, or imprisoned. This passage underscores a fundamental Methodist conviction: living out our faith through acts of mercy and justice. The text from *Upward!* also resonates with this by reiterating the Wesleyan call to serve our present age, emphasizing a life that mirrors the prophetic and holistic nature of the Wesley brothers’ teachings. Just as John Wesley envisioned Methodists as gospel-bearers in a global parish, today we are called to be active participants in God’s mission, embodying justice, peace, and love. This involvement means not only recognizing the divine in every person but also committing to transformative action that bridges divides and fosters the kingdom of God on Earth. Thus, living the Wesleyan way today involves embracing our roles as bearers of the gospel, advocates for justice, and seekers of shalom in a complex and divided world.

*Image from Unsplash  
Liturgy from *Enfleshed* (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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- Terry Fitzgerald, Director of Development | [terry@allendaleumc.org](mailto:terry@allendaleumc.org)
- Tru Mizzell, Director of Music Development | [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org)
- Cameron Helwege, Creative Director | [cameron@allendaleumc.org](mailto:cameron@allendaleumc.org)
- Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | [dylan@allendaleumc.org](mailto:dylan@allendaleumc.org)
- Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | [aaron@allendaleumc.org](mailto:aaron@allendaleumc.org)
- Bill Lee | Organist
- Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Leaders
- 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 Sep 22

- 9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
- 9 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)
- 5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley, Kitchen, Youth)

### Mon Sep 23

- 6 PM Upward Book Study (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 Sep 24

- 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 Sep 25

- 5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
- 6 PM Upward! Book Study (Baker)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### Thu Sep 26

- 11 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)
- 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 Sep 27

- 7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

### Sat Sep 28

- 9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)
- 9:30 AM AA Women’s Reflection (Bill W.)

### Sun Sep 29

- 9 AM Upward! Book Study (Baker)
- 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 - 9/22 & 10/6 at 9 AM  
*This class meets every other Sunday*

*Upward Classes! Sun at 9 AM, Mon at 6 PM  
Wed at 6 PM, Thu at 11 AM*

## DINNER MENU

### Wed Sep 25

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Caprese salad, Garlic bread, Dessert dish, Vegetarian options