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# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 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

- Wed Oct 30 Drag Queen Halloween Bingo (Community Center) 6 PM  
Tue Nov 12 Transnetwork Conversation on "What's Next?" (Sanctuary) 7 PM  
Sun Nov 17 Rescheduled 100th Anniversary Homecoming Worship and Reception  
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:

**GREG GILLIS** (he/him/his) and wife Gail retired to Seminole in February, drawn by the area's great bike trails and beaches. For most of Greg's high school teaching career he instructed the daughters and sons of soldiers and Marines in World and US History classes at Ft Campbell High School and Lejeune High School. While at FCHS, he began teaching evening US History classes for Austin Peay State University and still teaches them online. After retiring from the classroom, he came to Florida to teach in a prison, helping men earn GEDs. Greg enjoys bicycling, travelling and DIY projects.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik  
*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).

Names will be read aloud in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3.

### NO HATE RADIO:

Check out our podcast hosted by Don Windle called "No Hate Radio." Leading up to the General Election, we've been taking a deep dive into the Political Landscape for the last several episodes. *Listen on your favorite podcast app by searching for No Hate Radio or visit [www.nohateradio.com](http://www.nohateradio.com).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRAG HALLOWEEN BINGO:

Join Candy Von Sparkle and friends this Wednesday in the Community Center for Drag Halloween Bingo supporting Allendale's unhoused fund and Skyway Dachshund Rescue. Dinner at 5 PM and Bingo from 6-9 PM. 10 Games for \$15 donation. Dress up in a Halloween Costume or come as you are.

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Our 100th Anniversary celebration has been rescheduled! We will have our homecoming worship service honoring our history and looking forward to the future on Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 AM with a reception to follow.

### MASCS WITHOUT MASQUES:

Calling all masculine-of-center people: Cis Men, butches, studs, transmascs... you're invited for a 4-week discussion group talking about masculinity, experiences, expectations, etc. *Contact Cet at [cetmohamedmoore@gmail.com](mailto:cetmohamedmoore@gmail.com)*

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:

Join us for a community conversation hosted by TransNetwork on Tuesday, November 12, from 7-9 PM. We'll explore the theme of "What's Next?"—what comes after social transitioning, medical transitioning, and what lies ahead for the trans community as a whole. Together, we'll reflect on the journey ahead in our fight for justice, acceptance, and equality. These conversations are meaningful and supportive spaces where your voice matters. All trans individuals and allies are welcome to participate in this important discussion.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

*Prayers for everyone affected by the recent storms and flooding.*

*In loving memory: Lorin Baxla - 1940-2024*

**Dan Leeper:** cancer treatments

**Lois Jablonski:** Loss of father, Walter

**Karen Welling:** health issues

**Eunice Fisher:** health issues

### BIRTHDAYS:

LaDonna Hill	Nov 1
Lois Jablonski	Nov 4
Vickie Dunn	Nov 10
Rose Cervantes	Nov 11
Brayden Farrar-Munette	Nov 11
Claire Redmond	Nov 11
Pam Green	Nov 13
Trae Edghill	Nov 16
Reba Younce	Nov 20

*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: 76 in-person, 282 online  
Livestream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Nov 10 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)



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

## WITNESS

### A BRIEF THEOLOGY OF HALLOWEEN:

The name itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve," of course, a carnival-like inversion celebrating the shadow side of life — ghosts and ghouls and such — just before the great festival celebrating the saints. Its deep roots may well include folk traditions of honoring the dead, appeasing evil spirits, and marking the end of the summer harvest and the beginning (in the Northern hemisphere, at least!) of the darkest days of the year.

But whatever its origins, Halloween today is worth thinking about. It's become one of the most popular holidays in North America (second only to Christmas!), and at its best, it's a magical, playful night of community-building and neighborhood-making.

It's easy to grumble about "all that sugar," "marauding teenagers," "a waste of time," and so forth. But think of it: when else do we intentionally spend this kind of time together as a community? When else do we do something as a neighborhood that's this intergenerational? This open to all? This playful, goofy, and plain old fun?

And there's an even deeper side to all of this, too: in many neighborhoods, lines of social division — segregated lines of race and class, for example — are often crossed on Halloween night. In such moments, Halloween can become an all-too-brief time of sharing experiences and resources, catching sight of a true "commonwealth" too often obscured from view on the other 364 nights of the year.

And after all, what better way to honor the dead, prepare to celebrate the saints, and enter together the darkest time of the year than to embody — with equal parts creativity and joy — the "loving our neighbors as ourselves" to which Jesus calls us every day?

Those mini peppermint patties never tasted so good!

Read the full article from SALT here:  
[www.allendaleumc.org/halloween-history](http://www.allendaleumc.org/halloween-history).

# 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  
*Good Day* | Grant|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Let Us Be Known By Our Love* |Massey|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Greg Gillis

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*God of All Peoples* |Gillette|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Terry Fitzgerald

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Building Up A New World* |Harding|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Greg Gillis

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Brighter Days* |Offor|

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Greg Gillis  
*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Congregation  
*Long Way Home* |Chapman|

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

BENEDICTION ..... Greg Gillis

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*Good Day* |Grant|



### ***JEREMIAH 31:7-9***

We are allowed to lament the unimaginable magnitude of our collective losses - of home, kinship, security, daydreams, aspirations. We are allowed to cry out to God when it seems that preventing destruction is beyond the capacity of a Creator.

But a God who is good and true responds with comforting promises of otherwise - something decolonial, something reindigenized, something land back, and something prosperous. Even if it costs *Them* everything, the Divine is One Who Restores.

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

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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 Oct 27**

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Crystal Meth Anon (Tubman)

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

### **Mon Oct 28**

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 Oct 29**

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

7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

### **Wed Oct 30**

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Drag Bingo (Community Center)

8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Thu Oct 31**

6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)

6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)

7 PM NA Spiritual Principles in Action (Rustin)

7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

### **Fri Nov 1**

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

8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

### **Sat Nov 2**

9 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Wesley)

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

### **Sun Nov 3**

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 - 11/3 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

*Dinner at 5 PM, Classes at 6 PM*

## **DINNER MENU**

### **Wed Oct 30**

Smoked Sausage and Pasta Dish, Caesar Salad, Garlic Ciabatta Bread, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian options