



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2024

3803 Haines Road North
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

(727) 527-6694
office@allendaleumc.org

www.allendaleumc.org

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.

1924-2024 Celebrating 100 years of ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri Dec 6 Gay Men's Chorus Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Wed Dec 18 Potluck Dinner (CC) 5 PM & Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Dec 14 Brunch with Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Fri Dec 20 Unhoused Memorial Service (UU Church - 100 Mirror Lake) 4:30 PM
- Mon Dec 23 Christmas-Eve Eve Impromptu Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 29 5th Sunday Drag Gospel Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

RUSS LEHMAN (he/him/his) is a retired United Methodist minister, splitting his time between the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and a Navy chaplaincy, with a brief stint in Idaho. Russ and his wife, Lois, have visited every state (with the possible exception of Nebraska), share four sons, and live with three Springer Spaniels. Russ' unique characteristic may be that he has served in the Marine Corp, Air Force, and Navy at various times.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz and Lynn Fruit

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Loe Ventimiglia, Greg Gillis, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Bill & Christopher Munette, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 92 in-person, 303 online
Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Dec 8 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PECAN FUNDRAISER:

The United Women in Faith are selling bags of fresh jumbo pecans. Buy a one-pound bag for \$13. Proceeds go toward UWF work for missions with women, children, and youth. Stop by our table after Worship on Nov 24 and Dec 1 to pick up your pecans.

MONTHLY MEN'S MEETING:

Join the Men's group meeting at 10 AM on Friday, Dec 6 at Johnny's Restaurant. *Contact Jerry for more info 708-370-2186*

BRUNCH WITH SANTA:

Santa Claus is coming to Allendale for a delicious brunch buffet on Sat Dec 14 from 10 AM - 12 PM in the Community Center. Join us for food, Christmas crafts, reindeer games, and pictures with Santa! Tickets are \$5 or whatever you can afford. *Get tickets at: www.allendaleumc.org/santa*

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF TAMPA BAY:

Celebrate the Holidays with GMCTB's "Slay Bells" concert at Allendale UMC on Friday, Dec 6 at 8 PM. Tickets are \$25. *Get tickets at the door or online at gmctb.org*

CELEBRATE OUTREACH CAROLING:

Join Celebrate Outreach caroling at homeless shelters on Friday, Dec 6 from 7-9 PM. Meet at 100 Mirror Lake Drive.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE & DINNER:

Join us on Wed, Dec 18, for a time of care. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 5 PM and Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary at 6 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

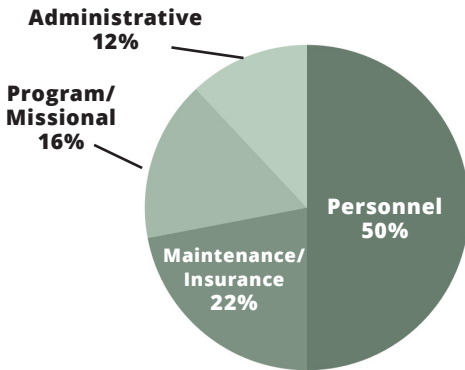
PLEDGE FOR 2025 GENERAL OPERATING:

This is what you plan to give to support our general operating budget over the next year.

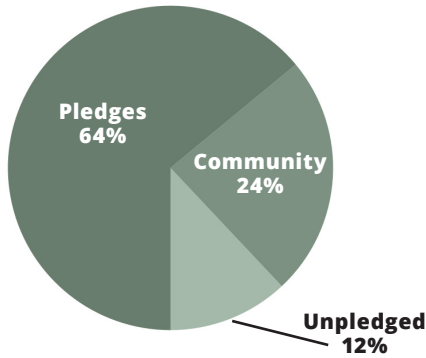
Pledges to the General Operating go toward:

- Salaries for Pastor and Staff
- Worship and Music
- Programs and Special Events
- Youth & Children's Ministries
- Justice and Equity Work
- Mission & Ministry across UMC Connection

Our Expenses:

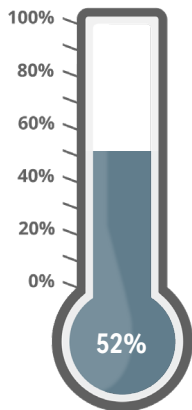


Our Giving Sources:



Pledges make up 64% of our giving sources. Your commitment helps us plan for the year ahead by ensuring we can pay for utilities, compensate our staff, and support vital ministry. *Make a pledge on the included card or at www.allendaleumc.org/pledge*

\$156,462 of our **\$300,000** goal has been pledged to 2025 Operating Budget. As of November 29, we've received 35 pledges representing 57 people. Last year, we received a total of 67 pledges.



PLEDGE FOR 3-YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

This is what you plan to give over three years to support longer-term projects.

Pledges to the Capital Campaign go toward:

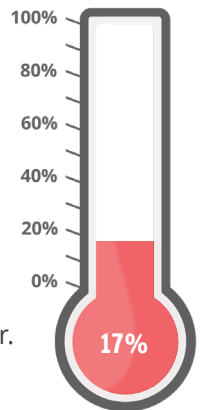
- Repainting & Weatherproofing our Building
- Replacing Old Windows and Doors
- Bathroom Renovations
- Accessibility Improvements
- Paying Off our Solar Panels
- Lowering our Carbon Footprint

Radical inclusion, grounded in God's love for all people, is central to Allendale UMC. Our campus has become a vibrant hub for hundreds of community groups resisting hate and promoting justice, from hosting cooking classes and sewing workshops to organizing for voting rights, reproductive justice, and racial equity. Over the next few years, we aim to further this mission by building Dr. King's vision of a Beloved Community—creating a greener, safer, and more accessible campus for all.

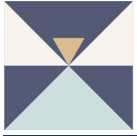
This capital campaign, which we're calling "Hate Cannot Drive Out Hate" will fund critical improvements to advance Allendale's mission of radical hospitality. Priorities include reducing our carbon footprint, improving accessibility, renovating restrooms, weatherproofing aging facilities, and creating welcoming multi-purpose spaces. These upgrades are essential for sustaining Allendale as a home for justice, equity, and community connection. By joining together with second-mile gifts beyond our annual pledges, we continue to resist hate through love. Make a Capital Campaign pledge in the yellow section of the included card or *learn more about our capital campaign at www.allendaleumc.org/pledge*

To date..

\$83,150 of our **\$500,000** goal has been pledged to our 3-Year Capital Campaign as shown on the red thermometer.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



YOU ARE A BLESSING



FOR THE BEGINNING

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

PRELUDE Music Video

Echolocation | Bengson |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Congregation

Hope Will Not Fail | Miller |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Russ Lehman

SONG Allendale Band

Beloved | Feliz |

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. David Franks

TIME WITH CHILDREN Terry Fitzgerald

OFFERING Congregation

Waiting For You | The Many |

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer | Miller |

POEM Rose Cervantes

Joy and Celebration | by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | sanctifiedart.org |

SONG Allendale Band

In Case No One Ever Told You | Strickland |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE Russ Lehman

Isaiah 43:1-7 | Luke 1:26-38

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

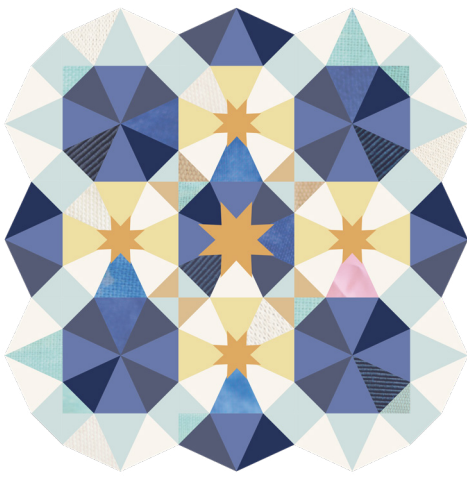
COMMUNION Congregation

At The Table, There's A Place For You | Helwege |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Russ Lehman

POSTLUDE Bill Lee



THIS WEEK

Sun Dec 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)

Mon Dec 2

- 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 Dec 3

- 12:30 PM AA Just the Black Lines (Tubman)
- 7 PM Regardless Of... NA (Tubman)

Wed Dec 4

- 5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
- 6 PM Classes (CC)
- 8 PM AA Go After Sobriety (Tubman)

Thu Dec 5

- 6 PM AA Recovery Dharma (Rustin)
- 6:30 PM UWF Virtual Retreat (Baker)
- 6:30 PM Suncoast Gay Square Dancing (CC)
- 7 PM NA Spiritual Principles in Action (Rustin)
- 7 PM AA Home Group (Bill W.)

Fri Dec 6

- 10 AM Men's Breakfast (offsite)
- 7:30 PM AA Common Solutions (Bill W.)
- 8 PM GMCTB Concert
- 8 PM AA Go After Your Sobriety (Tubman)

Sat Dec 7

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

Sun Dec 8

- 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 - 12/1 & 12/15 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

PRAYERS

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Edwin Hotaling	Dec 4
Scott Brown	Dec 5
Jessica Throop	Dec 6
Michelle Taylor	Dec 7
Donna Vollmer	Dec 9
Steven Geis	Dec 10
Ed Lally	Dec 12
Philip Dinkins	Dec 15

Birthdays missing?

Please contact the office.

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give

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

Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts



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

Liturgy by A Sanctified Art (Portions adapted by Allendale)

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor | andy@allendaleumc.org

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support | david@allendaleumc.org

Diana Ong, Church Administrator | diana@allendaleumc.org

Terry Fitzgerald, Director of Development | terry@allendaleumc.org

Tru Mizzell, Director of Music Development | tru@allendaleumc.org

Cameron Helwege, Creative Director | cameron@allendaleumc.org

Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org

Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | 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