



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 15, 2024

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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 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:

LOIS JABLONSKI (she/her/hers) was born in Pensacola, Fl. She and her husband, Frank, have been married for 36 years and have 2 children. Their son, Alex, lives in Chicago, and daughter, Lois Marie, lives in Tempe, Arizona. They also have two wonderful rescue dogs, Duke and Annie, and a cheeky bunny named Pebbles. Lois has been a teacher for 25 years. She currently teaches first grade, and works after school tutoring children who have dyslexia.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 109 in-person, 341 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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE & DINNER:

Join us on Wed, Dec 18, for a time of care—a time to honor the difficult realities of the season while seeking comfort and hope. Beginning with a potluck dinner at 5 PM and Blue Christmas Service in the Sanctuary at 6 PM. This Blue Christmas service is an opportunity to acknowledge and embrace the full range of emotions the season can bring, and to find hope in the midst of it all. Whether you are carrying grief, searching for peace, or simply seeking a space to be present, you are welcome.

IMPROMPTU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Bring your children dressed as any nativity character/animal or borrow a costume from us during the service to help us tell the nativity story. Mon Dec 23 at 6 PM

UNHOUSED MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Join the St. Petersburg community at the UU Church, 100 Mirror Lake Drive N. on Fri Dec 20 at 4:30 PM for 17th Annual Homeless Memorial Service to remember and honor those who died Pinellas County in 2024 without shelter.

DRAG SUNDAY- LESSONS AND LAUGHTER:

On Sun Dec 29, join us for a for a one-of-a-kind worship celebration filled with joy, laughter, and cheer! Featuring drag-led worship, uplifting music, and moments of connection, this special service invites us to lean into the good news of Christmas: Christ's birth brings joy!

STEWARDSHIP

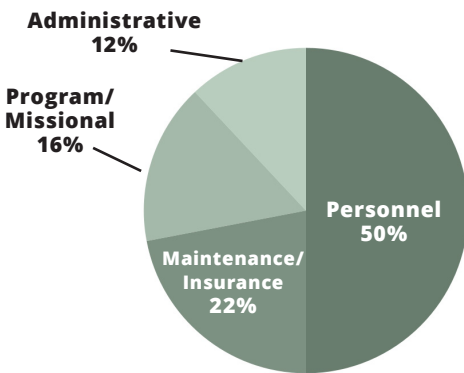
PLEDGE FOR 2025 GENERAL OPERATING:

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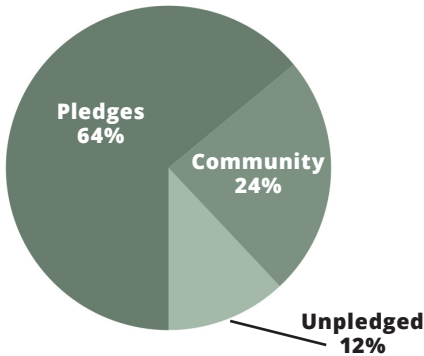
Pledges to the General Operating go toward:

- 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:

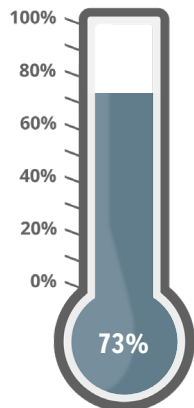


Our Giving Sources:



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*

\$220,871 of our **\$300,000** goal has been pledged to 2025 Operating Budget. As of December 6, we've received 47 pledges representing 74 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:

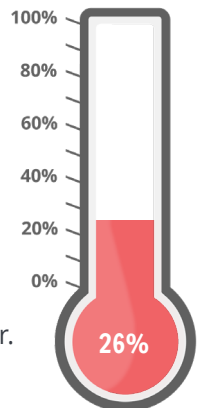
- Repainting & Weatherproofing our Building
- Replacing Old Windows and Doors
- Bathroom Renovations
- Accessibility Improvements
- Paying Off our Solar Panels
- Lowering our Carbon Footprint

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.

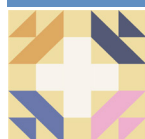
This capital campaign, which we're calling "Hate Cannot Drive Out Hate" will fund critical improvements to advance Allendale's mission of radical hospitality. Priorities include reducing our carbon footprint, improving accessibility, renovating restrooms, weatherproofing aging facilities, and creating 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..

\$127,950 of our **\$500,000** goal has been pledged to our 3-Year Capital Campaign as shown on the red thermometer.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

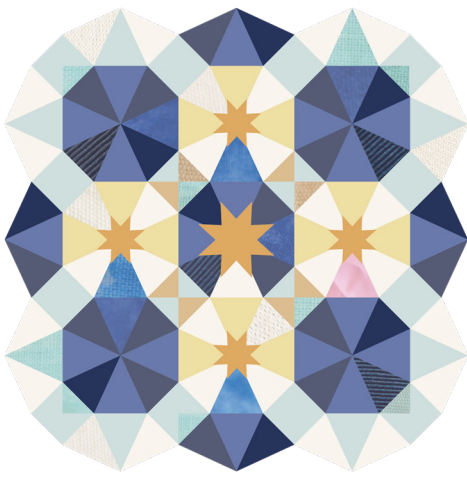


**DO THE GOOD THAT
IS YOURS TO DO**



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
<i>Echolocation</i> Bengson <i>The Waiting</i> Petty	
WELCOME	Rev. Andy Oliver
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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES	Congregation
<i>Joy Will Not Fail</i> Miller ..	
CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Lois Jablonski
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Terry Fitzgerald
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>God Has Work For Us To Do</i> Miller	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS	Dorothea Hecht
OFFERING	Congregation
<i>With My Own Two Hands</i> Harper <i>give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Dorothea Hecht
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Miller	
POEM	Rose Cervantes
<i>Harvest</i> by Rev. Sarah A. Speed sanctifiedart.org	
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Do The Good That's Yours To Do</i> Strickland	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE	Lois Jablonski
<i>Isaiah 58:9-12</i> <i>Luke 3:7-16</i>	
SERMON	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Proof Of Your Love</i> For King & Country	
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY	Rev. Andy Oliver
BENEDICTION	Lois Jablonski
POSTLUDE	Allendale Band



PRAYERS

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Philip Dinkins	Dec 15
Devin Neitzert	Dec 16
Jim Light	Dec 17
Sandy Geis	Dec 19
Ruth Spangler	Dec 19
Liam Oliver	Dec 22
Julie Johnson	Dec 23
Aurora Nikkel	Dec 24
Sophia Nikkel	Dec 24
Miguel Iturralde	Dec 25

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)

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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

THIS WEEK

Sun Dec 15

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Dec 16

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Dec 17

Wed Dec 18

5 PM Christmas Potluck (Community Center)

6 PM Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)

Thu Dec 19

Fri Dec 20

4:30 PM Homeless Memorial (100 Mirror Lake)

Sat Dec 21

Sun Dec 22

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Recovery Groups meet frequently at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - 12/15 & 12/29 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

Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center. \$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available.

Wed Dec 18

Potluck dinner - bring a side dish, dessert, or just yourself!