



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 26, 2025

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed Jan 29 Drag Queen Bingo (Community Center) 6 PM
- Sat Feb 8 Author Jeremy Steele Q&A and Book Event w/ Tombolo (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Feb 9 Chili Cook off and Superbowl Watch Party (Community Center) 6 PM
- Thu Feb 13 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil with FADP (49th St N and Ulmerton) 5 PM
- Sat Feb 22 Allendale Leadership Retreat (Sanctuary) 9:30 AM
- Sat Mar 1 Racial Wealth Gap Learning Sim. (Mt. Zion UMC, 2751 Sunset Point Rd)
- Wed Mar 5 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JOHN STEWART (he/him/his) is a second-generation Floridian. He was born in Lakeland and grew up in Seminole after his father bought a grocery store at John's Pass. He retired after 37 years teaching in Pinellas County high schools, where he taught English, creative writing, humanities, and Advanced Placement Art History. His passions for social justice include activism and volunteering at a weekly breakfast for unsheltered people. He is a volunteer docent at the Dali Museum, the Ringling Museum, and the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts. Among his interests are camping, reading, movies, watching meteor showers, and travel. He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Sheila Stewart and yard cat Ole Oliver Gray.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRAG BINGO RETURNS JANUARY 29:

Allendale's monthly Charity Drag Bingo is back! Join us on Wednesday, January 29, for an evening of fun and giving, hosted by Candy Von Sparkle, Patty Ann, and Brucella D'Evil, who dazzled us during our last Drag Gospel Worship. Proceeds will support Allendale's Unhoused Fund. Enjoy a \$10 dinner at 5 PM, followed by bingo at 6 PM. A \$10 donation gets you 10 games of bingo—don't miss this fabulous night of community and charity!.

HOW NOT TO SUCK AS A CHRISTIAN:

Author Jeremy Steele, a queer pastor, is coming to Allendale. We are partnering with Tombolo Books for a Q&A and book event on Sat Feb 8 at 6 PM. Jeremy will preach at Allendale on Feb 9.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH WITH DONUTS:

The youth are having a friendly competition to raise money for the youth ministry. They are selling donuts for \$16 a dozen. *Pre-Order donuts here: www.allendaleumc.org/donuts.* You will receive a certificate for Krispy Kreme donuts.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Florida is executing one of its citizens. Governor DeSantis recently signed a death warrant for James Ford. We oppose the death penalty and will join other organizations nationwide by holding a vigil in protest on Thu Feb 13 near the Pinellas County Jail and Courthouse at 49th St N and Ulmerton Rd from 5-6 PM, the hour leading up to the scheduled execution of James Ford.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

In loving memory: Ruth Spangler 1928-2025

Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

Karen Welling: health issues

Eunice Fisher: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Bobbie Windle Jan 27

Tara Davidson Jan 29

Cindy Burns Jan 31

David Preston Feb 8

Erick Zeidenberg Feb 11

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

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 87 in-person, 365 online

Livestream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Feb 9 at 10:30 AM

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

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

WITNESS

DOING THEOLOGY AT ALLENDALE:

Join Dr. Kate Pravera and Dylan Dames for "Doing Theology at Allendale: An Irreverently Serious Exploration of Living Our Faith in 2025." Meeting on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, following our 5 PM community dinner. Together, we'll explore what it means to "do theology" in today's world, where spirituality is inseparable from the fight for justice. Grounded in the legacy of liberation theology, this class will unpack how dismantling systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, and other injustices intersects with faith practice, especially within our community.

Each session builds on rich theological traditions and lived experiences. From understanding theology as a transformative practice to engaging voices from marginalized communities, participants will reflect on topics like intersectionality, Black and queer theologies, and the challenges of doing liberation theology in a community like Allendale. The class culminates in a collaborative project that reflects our shared journey and context. No prior theological background is required—just a willingness to learn, wrestle, and grow together.

CHILI COOK-OFF & SUPERBOWL PARTY:

Join us at 6 PM on February 9 for the ultimate Chili Cook-Off Showdown! Taste-test fiery, flavorful creations as we cheer on the football game and soak in the spectacle of the halftime show.

Think your chili can reign supreme? Bring your best dish and face the gauntlet of taste buds. The road to victory is paved with spoons, bowls, and bold flavors! Winners will be crowned at a halftime coronation for the Chili Queen/King/Monarch!—don't miss your chance to claim chili royalty!

Enter your chili: www.allendaleumc.org/chili

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
Use Somebody |Kings of Leon|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
God's Love Is Wide |Matthew and Rev. Emily Ratering-Youngberg|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
Fearfully, Wonderfully Made |Nathan Crabtree and Erik Whitehill|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
With A Little Help From My Friends |The Beatles|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION John Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
Dear Mr. President |P!nk|

SCRIPTURE John Stewart
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
We Are One In the Struggle |Jorge Lockward & Katie Reimer|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION John Stewart

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

An assembly is among the most powerful tools of nature. Ants assemble to lift objects that could crush them individually.

Lawmakers assemble to decide how resources are distributed. The stars form a grand cosmic assembly in the sky that we use for geographical, social, and emotional guidance.

By gathering, we co-create accord with one another. We codify the practices and behaviors that enliven our commitment to our collective flourishing.

By gathering, we dance like the Trinity and legalize our joy the same way the birds do when they're readying to mate. The same way ice does as it forms into a one-of-a-kind snowflake. The same way trickles of water flow into oceans. No task is too large for the collective.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enflashed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

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 Jan 26

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Jan 27

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Jan 28

Wed Jan 29

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Drag Queen Bingo (CC)

Thu Jan 30

Fri Jan 31

Sat Feb 1

Sun Feb 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

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

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group- 1/26, 2/9 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 Jan 29

Creamy Sun Dried Tomato Pasta,
Roasted Vegetables, Biscuits, Caesar Salad,
Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option