



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

- 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
- Sun Feb 16 Ladies Rock Concert (Bayboro Brewing, 2390 5th Ave S) 6 PM - \$20
- 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 Pankaj Farewell Meal (CC) 5 PM | Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

JEREMY STEELE (he/him/his) is a pastor, online influencer, and writer. He also sucks as a Christian. Jeremy helps people find spiritual beliefs that help them be the best version of themselves and help them find a purpose greater than themselves. His progressive and engaging approach to spirituality has attracted a loyal following of over 140K on TikTok and a thriving community of 200-300 members in the Discord group affectionately dubbed 'Not Church.'

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LYNN FRUIT (she/her/hers) loves Allendale's commitment to social justice and being a place where everyone belongs. She and Ed have two sons living in Tampa. Lynn retired from a career as a project manager, and now enjoys gardening with native plants, throwing pots, pickleball, and singing with One City Chorus.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

drums - Curtis Roberts

vocals - Beth Heisel

organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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? Enter your chili:* www.allendaleumc.org/chili

You do not need to bring chili to enjoy the party tonight. Come and enjoy community and a wide variety of chili and other snacks.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

We will hold a vigil in protest of Florida's execution of James Ford on Thu, Feb 13, from 5-6 PM near the Pinellas County Jail and Courthouse (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd). Join us in solidarity during the hour leading up to his scheduled execution.

COOKING CLASS WITH PANKAJ DUTTA:

Join Pankaj Dutta for two hands-on cooking classes: Thursday, Feb 20 from 11 AM – 2 PM demystifying spices, lentils, beans, and rice. And Friday, Feb 28 from 3 – 6 PM – Exploring Curries, chicken, and vegetarian dishes. Classes will be held in the kitchen, with a shared meal afterward. Don't miss this delicious learning experience! Contact the Church Office to RSVP: 727-527-6694.

DOING THEOLOGY AT ALLENDALE:

Join Dr. Kate Pravera and Dylan Dames for an irreverently serious exploration of faith and justice in 2025. Meeting on Wednesday nights after dinner throughout February.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

In loving memory: Ruth Spangler 1928-2025
Service for Ruth will be Sun Feb 23 at 3 PM
Dan Leeper: cancer treatments

BIRTHDAYS:

Erick Zeidenberg	Feb 11
Mark Frederick	Feb 18
Debbie Bennett	Feb 19
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26
Chicago Ward	Feb 26
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4

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

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 126 in-person, 372 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

SPEECHCRAFT PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Build confidence & improve public speaking.
This \$20 course, hosted by Toastmasters, runs from Feb 24–Mar 31, Mon from 5-7 PM at Allendale. Sign up today: bit.ly/StPeteSpeechCraft

WITNESS

THEY CAN'T ROLL IT BACK:

IMAGO DEI [ih-MAH-go DAY-ee] (*Latin noun* "Image of God" proclaiming the sacred worth of all people—no exceptions. No legislation, no hate, no fear can erase the divine imprint we all bear.

This shirt design (and message on our marquee) is inspired by the prophetic call of Jeremiah, who spoke against corrupt leadership and systemic injustice, reminding the people that political powers do not dictate God's justice and love. Just as Jeremiah warned that institutions built on oppression would crumble, this message affirms that no law, no decree, and no campaign of fear can erase the divine worth of every person—Black, brown, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, disabled, immigrant, or marginalized.

In a time when diversity, equity, and inclusion are under attack, this message serves as both a statement of faith and an act of defiance. Our sacred identity cannot be legislated away, erased from history, or suppressed by those in power. Imago Dei is not a policy—it is a divine reality. We stand with the prophets among us: the artists, the organizers, the caregivers, and the truth-tellers who refuse to be silenced. It is a reminder that God's justice is eternal, and no political rollback can undo what has already been written by the Creator.



Get this shirt at www.allendaleumc.org/shirt

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 Bill Lee
Prelude on Psalm 8 | Callender |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
When The Saints | Sara Groves |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band
When We Speak Truth To Power | Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, Henry Smart |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Great Is Thy Faithfulness | Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lynn Fruit

SONG Allendale Band
Precious Lord, Take Thy Hand | Thomas Dorsey |

SCRIPTURE Lynn Fruit
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

SERMON Jeremy Steele

SONG Allendale Band
Don't Fight Alone | Jon Reddick |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Lynn Fruit

POSTLUDE Bill Lee
I Sing The Mighty Power of God | Lani Smith |



1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

We live by way of fellowship, reaching out across wounds and histories to find one another. Those the world has cast aside, those who have dwelled in places of despair—we have drawn near, our roots intertwining beneath the soil, sustaining each other without asking who had more to give. The presence of God is not reserved for the high and distant places, but found here, in the ordinary and the weary, in the breaking of bread and the sharing of burdens. Holiness does not wait for worthiness. It comes near, saying, “Do not be afraid.” The sacred is not just in miracles but in the simple act of being together, in love passed hand to hand, in community that refuses to let anyone remain unseen.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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Aaron Bennett, Maintenance | aaron@allendaleumc.org

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 Feb 9

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6 PM Chili Cook off and Superbowl (CC)

Mon Feb 10

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Feb 11

Wed Feb 12

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Theology Class (CC)

Thu Feb 13

Fri Feb 14

Sat Feb 15

Sun Feb 16

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- 2/9 & 2/23 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

Doing Theology at Allendale - Wed at 6 PM

Classes meet in the Community Center

Led by Dr. Kate Pravera and Dylan Dames.

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 Feb 12

Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Potato Wedges, Applesauce, Salad, Bread, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option