



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

- 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:

JAVONTI THOMAS (he/him/his) is a seasoned communication and workforce development professional with a rich background that includes roles as a news anchor, a non-profit marketing and fundraising director, and a program coordinator in Louisiana. Currently, he works as a freelance public relations strategist managing several clients including some in the Tampa Bay area. He was drawn to Allendale United Methodist Church for its inclusive approach, hoping to use his voice to further Christ's message of love and acceptance.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
drums - Curtis Roberts
vocals - Ashton Wilkins
vocals - Beth Heisel
organist - Bill Lee

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown and Sheila Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Jim Pridgen, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

SHELLEY GRAFF AND SINGFEST:

We are pleased to welcome Shelley Graff and the folx from SingFest. This is the third year that SingFest has held their sacred feminine music retreat here at Allendale. Shelley will lead some songs and chants during worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

We are also gathering on Tue Feb 4 at the same location with FADP Executive Director Maria DeLiberato. This vigil a week before is a new addition to urge people to contact Governor DeSantis to stay the execution.

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

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Meeting Monday, February 3 at 6:30PM in the Hybrid Room. The topic: What United Women in Faith have said and done about key issues in the world today.

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:

David Preston	Feb 8
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

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: 103 in-person, 1868 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*

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.

WITNESS

NO HATE RADIO:

"Organizing isn't just about mobilizing people for an election. It's about building relationships, understanding power, and being ready when the window of change opens."

Kicking off season two of No Hate Radio, Dylan Dames, an organizer with Faith in Florida, offers a powerful look at what it means to do grassroots organizing in today's political reality. Fresh from the Architects of a New America conference, Dylan shares how communities across the country are preparing to protect themselves against political attacks and laying the groundwork for real, long-term change.

"Too often, people's material conditions are so bad that they can't even think critically about long-term strategy. The best people in our movement are those who understand that the benefits of their work might not be for them—but for their kids, their neighbors, their future community. We need to return to the fundamentals of organizing: talking to our neighbors, understanding each other's struggles, and building real solidarity. Because when one part of the body is sick, the whole body is sick."

Dylan doesn't shy away from calling out the failures of political leadership. "We need to stop thinking that the people who got us into this mess are the ones who are going to get us out of it. If we don't demand better, if we don't push for real action, then we're just giving up our power. We need to be asking every single day: What are we doing for housing? For education? To end mass incarceration? Because these are not abstract issues—these are the things that affect people's daily lives."

Listen to the full episode of No Hate Radio, hosted by Don Windle: www.nohateradio.com

We're excited to see where season two takes us on NO HATE RADIO. Call 442-4-NO-HATE to comment or suggest a topic for a future show.

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

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

For Everyone Born | Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Javonti Thomas

SONG Shelley Graff

Chant to Brigit | Kay Gardner |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

God, We Thank You | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Javonti Thomas

SONG Shelley Graff

You're Not Alone | Shelley Graff |

SCRIPTURE Javonti Thomas

Jeremiah 1:4-10

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation

I Am Light | Indie Arie |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Rev. Andy Oliver

BENEDICTION Javonti Thomas

POSTLUDE Bill Lee



JEREMIAH 1:4-10

Prophecy is only as good as the likelihood that we will respond with change.

The words of the prophet are a loving intervention just before it's too late. We are not obligated to the prophet or fancy words, our commitment is to one another. Our commitment is to Creator who knows us as intimately as a mother knows the cry of her child. Without our deep love for one another - the love that inspires us to rebuild worlds anew - we can hope for nothing more than disaster. Our love will be our deliverance from evil. Our love will lead us out of the apocalypse.

Image from Unsplash

Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

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

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 2

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

Mon Feb 3

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

6:30 PM United Women in Faith

Tue Feb 4

Wed Feb 5

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Theology Class (CC)

Thu Feb 6

Fri Feb 7

5:30 PM Men & Non-Binary Dinner (Wesley)

Sat Feb 8

6 PM Jeremy Steele Book Event (Sanctuary)

Sun Feb 9

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6 PM Chili Cook off and Superbowl (CC)

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 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

Shepard Pie, Honey Sriracha Carrots, Salad, Bread, Dessert Dish, Vegetarian Option