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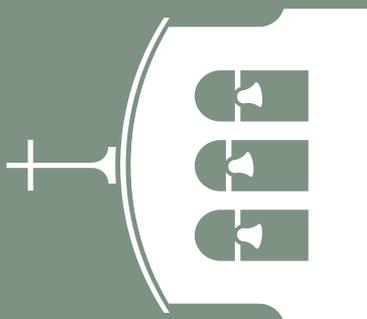
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# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 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 ability, 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue May 6      Committe Meetings (Hybrid Room) Staff Parish 6 PM | Trustees 7 PM
- Thu May 8      Committe Meetings (Hybrid Room) Finance 6 PM | Church Council 7 PM
- Tue May 13     Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Wed May 28    Painting with a Twist with Bobbie Windle (Community Center) 6 PM  
*RSVP at [www.allendaleumc.org/painting](http://www.allendaleumc.org/painting)*
- Sat Jun 28     Allendale is Marching in the St. Pete Pride Parade
- Sun Jun 29     Drag Queen Led Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Jun 30 - Jul 5   Youth at Warren Willis Summer Camp
- Jul 7-11        Vacation Bible School at Allendale - 9 AM-12 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**TRISTA MILLER** (she/her/hers) and her husband, Justin, have lived in and around St. Pete for over ten years. Trista grew up in Bradenton, Florida and after college served in the Army, with two deployments to Iraq. She now spends time volunteering as a pro bono lawyer helping veterans access benefits. Trista enjoys gardening and running with her son Harris and playing board games with Justin.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

organist - Bill Lee

*Join our band or choir: [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org)*

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown & Sheila Stewart

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Steve Geis, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Sandra Geis

### GRADUATION SUNDAY:

Graduation Sunday is May 25. If you or a loved one is graduating, please contact the church office at [office@allendaleumc.org](mailto:office@allendaleumc.org). Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown to worship that morning as we celebrate this milestone together.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### "STAND FOR DEMOCRACY" MONDAYS:

Join us every Monday from 5:00–6:00 PM at the southeast corner of 34th Street and 22nd Ave. N. Park in the Winn-Dixie parking lot. Signs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! For more details see John Stewart or get his contact info via the church office 727-527-6694.

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING:

The United Women in Faith are Meeting this Monday at 6:30 PM. In the Romero Room. Contact the church office for more information.

### UPCOMING WEDNESDAYS:

We will be beginning a book study on *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder will follow on Wednesdays, May 7-21, Led by Dr. Kate Pravera and Lynne Hensley. Wednesday night dinners and classes will then pause for a summer break, resuming August 6.

### HIV PREVENTION HUB RESOURCES:

Allendale in now partnering with Ybor Youth Clinic, sharing a commitment to HIV prevention and the well-being of young adults. We now host a Prevention Hub resource table in the breezeway, offering access to vital health resources, condoms, education, alongside resources from other partners including pregnancy tests, Plan B, and the Tampa Period Pantry.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Henry Brown	May 12
Tom Jackson	May 16
Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 29

*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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 131 in-person, 1,163 online  
*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:  
Sun May 11 at 10:30 AM  
Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)

## GIFTS

Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)  
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808  
Buy a shirt: [www.allendaleumc.org/shirts](http://www.allendaleumc.org/shirts)



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

## WITNESS

### CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

In a spirit of solidarity, more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting a candle of Peace, Hope and Justice. This candle represents Christ's light shining even in the midst of barbed wire policies that wrap tighter each day.

**This morning, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice—for all people impacted by the gutting of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief or PEPFAR, the largest funder of HIV prevention in the world, one that is known for saving over 25 million lives, preventing millions of additional HIV infections, and helping several countries achieve HIV epidemic control. We pray for the families of the estimated 30,000 adults and 3,000 children who have died since the funding freeze, for people who have showed up at their clinic to receive desperately needed care only to find the doors bolted, for individuals whose lives depend upon antiretroviral drugs that transformed what was once a death sentence into a survivable condition—medicines that are now out of stock, for health workers whose jobs have been eliminated across sub Saharan Africa, and for all who will be infected as a result of these decisions.**

**God, please transform hearts of stone into hearts of flesh that deeply feel the pain and suffering we are causing. Show us again the abundance that exists in this nation and hasten our President and Members of Congress to remember how Jesus taught that to whom much is given, much is owed. May we please do all we can to help people experience life abundant, especially when the cost for doing so is something we can easily afford.**

We light this candle proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here) or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee

WELCOME ..... Rev. David Franks

Note: All liturgy and lyrics for today's service can be found in the songbook that you should have received with this bulletin. You can also find a digital version of this week's songbook online at [www.allendaleumc.org/songbook](http://www.allendaleumc.org/songbook)

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, & JUSTICE ..... Congregation

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Come Christians, Join to Sing* | Christian Henry Bateman |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Trista Miller

HYMN SING ..... Congregation

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Spirit of the Living God* | Daniel Iverson |  
give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Trista Miller

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Saul Was Going to Damascus* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

SCRIPTURE ..... Trista Miller

*Acts 9:1-20*

SERMON ..... Dr. Kate Pravera

COMMUNION ..... Congregation

*Kum Ba Yah* | Afro-American Spiritual |

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*We Lay Our Broken World* | Anna Briggs |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Rev. David Franks

BENEDICTION ..... Trista Miller

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee



### ACTS 9:1-20

God does not discard. Even those who have caused harm—those caught up in systems of violence and domination—are not beyond transformation. In the story of Saul, we see that grace doesn't come after perfection; it breaks in during the damage. The empire said Saul was powerful because he could persecute. God said Saul would be powerful because he could change. Restoration is not a return to what was, but a reimagining of what's possible. The one who inflicted fear becomes a builder of beloved community. This is not empire's doing—it's resurrection power, interrupting the cycle of harm and rewriting the story.

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*Liturgy from Enfleshed (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 May 4

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)  
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Mon May 5

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Romero)

### Tue May 6

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)  
6 PM Staff Parish (Hybrid)  
7 PM Trustees (Hybrid)

### Wed May 7

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)  
6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)

### Thu May 8

6 PM Finance (Hybrid)  
7 PM Church Council

### Fri May 9

### Sat May 10

### Sun May 11

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

***Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: [www.allendaleumc.org/recovery](http://www.allendaleumc.org/recovery).***

## ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - 5/4 and 5/18 at 9 AM  
*This class meets every other Sunday*

Aging Group - Led by Gina Gibbs  
In the Wesley Room - *Tue at 3 PM*

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy  
Virtual on Zoom - *Mon at 6 PM*

*Join via Zoom: [allendaleumc.org/mondayclass](http://allendaleumc.org/mondayclass)*

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes  
*Dinner at 5 PM, Classes at 6 PM: "On Tyranny" by Timothy Snyder led by Dr. Kate Pravera and Lynne Hensley*

## 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 May 7

Baked Ziti, Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
Tropical Fruit Salad, Dessert Dish

Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities will go on Summer break from the end of May - July. Our last dinner is May 21 and we will start back up on August 6.