



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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-Thu 9-4

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

- Tue May 13 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Fri May 16 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
Get tickets at <https://www.gmctb.org/st-pete-tickets>
- Wed May 28 Painting with a Twist with Bobbie Windle (Community Center) 6 PM
RSVP at www.allendaleumc.org/painting
- Fri May 30 Charity Drag Bingo supporting Girls Rock St Pete (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- June - July New all-church book study: Wesleyan Vile-tality - Reclaiming the heart of Methodist Identity (Community Center) Sundays 9-10 AM
- 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
- Tue Jul 8 Committee Meetings (Hybrid Room) Staff Parish 6 PM | Trustees 7 PM
- Thu Jul 10 Committee Meetings (Hybrid Room) Finance 6 PM | Church Council 7 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

RUSS LEHMAN (he/him/his) is a retired United Methodist minister, splitting his time between the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and a Navy chaplaincy, with a brief stint in Idaho. Russ and his wife, Lois, have visited every state (with the possible exception of Nebraska), share four sons, and live with three Springer Spaniels. Russ' unique characteristic may be that he has served in the Marine Corp, Air Force, and Navy at various times.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The white flowers are in memory of mothers and mother-figures who have transitioned to heaven. The red flowers are in honor of our living mothers and mother-figures. May God bless them all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTION DAY BABY SHOWER:

Join the United Women in Faith for their annual Action Day and Baby Shower on Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 AM to noon at Oak Grove United Methodist Church (2707 W. Waters Ave., Tampa) We're collecting diapers—especially sizes 5, 6, and 7—and wipes for Cornerstone.

GMCTB MAY CONCERT:

The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay (GMCTB) presents *Tyler's Suite* followed by *I ❤️ the 90's!* on Friday, May 16 at 8 PM at Allendale United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg. Enjoy a powerful tribute performance followed by a fun night of 1990s favorites. *Tickets available at gmctb.org.*

PAINTING WITH A TWIST:

We have a new date for "Painting with a Twist," hosted by Bobbie Windle. Join us on Wednesday, May 28, from 6-7 PM. The cost is \$5 or pay what you can. *Sign up at www.allendaleumc.org/painting.*

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

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver

Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/andy*

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: 92 in-person, 377 online

Live stream: 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

GRADUATION SUNDAY:

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

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

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 international students who are nearing the end of the semester—a milestone traditionally marked by relief and anticipation, as the demands of research, writing, classes, and exams give way to time with family and friends in one's home country. But this year, for many, that hope is overshadowed by anxiety sparked by a surge in visa revocations and sudden changes in legal status.

We light the candle for those who fear they may not be able to finish their academic programs. For those who are choosing not to travel, sacrificing reunions with family for the potential of being denied reentry at summer's close. For those rethinking their futures in the United States. And for all who wonder whether they can flourish when free speech and academic freedom are under threat.

May every student standing at the crossroad of fear and uncertainty be granted a path to continue their journey with courage and support. May hearts and minds closed by authoritarian voices be opened to see the harm caused whenever someone chooses to believe God favors those born on one land more than another. And may we work tirelessly for the day when every person is honored as your beloved child, made in your image—people whose gifts are needed for the flourishing of humanity wherever they are.

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 or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Bill Lee

That's What God Made Mothers For |Leo. Wood|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, & JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band

When The Saints |Sara Groves|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Russ Lehman

SONG Allendale Band

Pray With Our Feet |Paul Vasile|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Song for Mama |Boyz II Men|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Russ Lehman

CELEBRATING OUR GARDENERS Congregation

SONG Allendale Band

Bloom |Ben Ady & Danny Larsh|

SCRIPTURE Russ Lehman

Acts 9:36-43

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band

We Lay Our Broken World |Anna Briggs|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

BENEDICTION Russ Lehman

POSTLUDE Bill Lee

Celebration |Hughes|



Today's scripture from **ACTS 9:36-43** tells the story of Tabitha, a disciple known for her compassion and care, who is raised from the dead after her community lifts up the evidence of her love. Her resurrection is not about spectacle, but about the essential nature of her presence and service. We reflect on what it means to practice resurrection—not as a dramatic event, but as daily acts of restoration, memory, and justice. Just as Peter responded to the grief and testimony of widows, we are called to listen, remember, and respond with lives rooted in love that brings life.

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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 11

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

Mon May 12

6:30 PM United Women in Faith (Romero)

Tue May 13

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

Wed May 14

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

Thu May 15

6 PM Finance (Hybrid)
7 PM Church Council

Fri May 16

Sat May 17

Sun May 18

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.

ONGOING CLASSES

Grief Support Group - 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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

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

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.