



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 18, 2025

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WELCOME

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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

- 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
- Tue Jun 17 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- 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:

CAROL HENDERSON (she/her/hers) has been a member of Allendale UMC for seven years, and is committed to the goals expressed in Allendale's Mission Statement. She and her husband, Tony Lewandowski, will celebrate forty years of marriage on June 22. They have four children and five grandchildren. Carol loves people and enjoys entertaining family and friends, cooking, playing bridge, listening to music and dancing.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
Join our band or choir: tru@allendaleumc.org

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER:

The rosebud on the altar honors the birth of Oliver Joseph on May 5, 2025, to Joey and Chelsea in North Carolina. Proud great-grandmother Lynda Beltz and the entire family are celebrated as Allendale offers heartfelt congratulations!

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 on May 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*.

BOWLING AND PIZZA:

Join us for Bowling and Pizza with Christ Church on Saturday, June 14 from 2-5 PM at Sunrise Lanes, 6393 9th St. N. The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP by June 8. *RSVP: www.allendaleumc.org/bowling*.

ALLENDALE YOUNG-ADULTS DISCORD:

Allendale UMC now has a Discord server for young adults... a space to connect, share, and build community throughout the week. Discord is a free app for group chats and online events.
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults.

PREORDER "KINDOM" PRIDE T-SHIRT:

Preorder your new "Kindom" Pride shirt now at www.allendaleumc.org/preorder to skip shipping costs. Preorders close Sunday, May 25, at 11:59 PM. Shirts will be available for pickup at Allendale about 1-2 weeks later. If you're not local to Allendale, the shirts will go live on our online store on May 19.
www.allendaleumc.org/store

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Raegan Miller	May 22
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Chris Marks	May 28
Evan Oliver	May 29
Ginger Holton	Jun 6
Greg Brecht	Jun 11
Erin Giblin	Jun 12
Errol Johnston	Jun 12
David Franks	Jun 14

Birthdays 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: 119 in-person, 385 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Jun 8 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

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.

We come to this candle today carrying a world tangled in barbed wire—barbed wire of betrayal, greed, nationalism, and division.

So much fear. So much loss. So much betrayal. And yet—here is this tiny flame.

On Easter morning, Peter Storey lit his candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice from South Africa saying that even in the darkest days of apartheid, there was hope—buoyed by the prayers of the world, by the conviction that God was on the side of the oppressed and that freedom would come.

But lately, he confessed, that hope has flickered.

The betrayals have multiplied—in South Africa's burned-out Parliament, in Ukraine's bleeding struggle, in Gaza's devastation, and in every place where power silences the cries for justice.

He called it a dark night of the soul.

A moment when faith felt too fragile for such a brutal world.

And yet, as he walked with Jesus toward the cross this Lent, he heard a whisper from God:

"I've done this before. I've wept over all you're weeping over—and worse. And I shall have the last word."

That is what this candle means.

That even in a world of barbed wire, God lights a flame.

Even when the tomb is sealed, God moves the stone.

We may have built the crosses, but resurrection belongs to God.

So we light this candle today for anyone who feels overwhelmed. For anyone teetering between despair and hope.

For anyone ready to believe again—even in the smallest flicker of light.

Because Christ is still risen. And that has always been enough.

And it always will be.

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 Allendale Band
A Million Dreams | Benj Pasek and Justin Paul |

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, & JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
All Are Welcome | Marty Haugen |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Carol Henderson

SONG Allendale Band
Nearer, My God, to Thee | Sarah Flower Adams |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Crowded Table | Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, Brandi Carlile |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Carol Henderson

SONG Allendale Band
All We Ask | Donnie McClurkin |

SCRIPTURE Congregation
Micah 6:8 | II Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18 | Isaiah 58:6-7 | Matthew 5:9

"ALLENDALE THIS SUNDAY" Rob Lorei & Pastor Andy

SONG Allendale Band
The Times They Are A-Changin' | Bob Dylan |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Carol Henderson

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
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Why “Kindom” Instead of “Kingdom”?

The word “kingdom” reflects hierarchy, domination, and power systems often used to oppress. But “kindom” imagines something different: a world built on kinship, mutual care, and shared liberation. It reflects Jesus’ vision of community, where no one is left out and everyone belongs.

This shirt was inspired by the idea that there’s no true liberation unless everyone is included.

See the announcements section in this bulletin for details on how to order.



Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor | andy@allendaleumc.org

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Cameron Helwege, Creative Director | cameron@allendaleumc.org

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 May 18

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

Mon May 19

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue May 20

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

Wed May 21

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

Thu May 22

Fri May 23

Sat May 24

Sun May 25

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.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 5/18 & 6/1 at 9 AM
This group 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

Young Adult Discord - Online Group
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Social Justice Team - 6/17 at 6 PM
For those seeking to get involved with advocacy and justice work. Meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the Community Center.

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.

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

Monthly Charity Drag Bingo - 5/30 at 6 PM
Raises funds for various causes with bingo and drag performances. Last Friday of each month in the Sanctuary.