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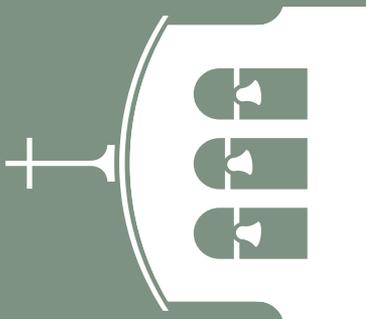
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# ALLENDALE

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 ableness, 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.

**ASL Interpretation** is available during worship to help make our service more inclusive and accessible.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- June - July All-church book study: Wesleyan Vile-tality - Reclaiming the heart of Methodist Identity (Hybrid Room) 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 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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S SPEAKER:

**DERRICK SCOTT III** (he/him/his) is Co-Lay Leader of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. A Black, Gay man, and a Gen-X leader in the church, he has spent much of his career in campus ministry in Florida, helping prepare the church to be ready to receive the generations of leaders who come after him.

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**LIAM OLIVER** (he/him/his) is a junior at St. Pete High. He is enrolled in the IB program, and has a passion for history and cross-country running.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell, drums - Curtis Roberts  
vocals - Erica George, vocals - Beth Heisel  
organist - Bill Lee

### ALTAR FLOWERS:

In observance of Father's Day, the red flowers on the altar honor fathers and father figures, while the white flowers remember those who have passed. We give thanks for their love, guidance, and lasting influence in our lives.

### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER:

We're building a new Allendale—a place without barriers! Join us in welcoming Maddie Johnson, our weekly ASL interpreter for worship in-person and online. We now have an ASL version of our live stream at [www.allendaleumc.org/asl](http://www.allendaleumc.org/asl).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALLENDALE YOUNG ADULTS KICKOFF:

Wednesday, July 9 at 6 PM in the Community Center. Enjoy pizza and connect with other young adults in their 20s & 30s as we launch a new season together. Questions? Contact Campbell or Taylor on the Allendale Young Adults Discord at [allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://allendaleumc.org/youngadults).

### LOVINGKINDNESS VBS:

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School, a fun, faith-filled week of music, stories, crafts, and activities for children, happening July 7-11, 2025, from 9 AM to noon. This year's theme is Lovingkindness. Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/vbs](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vbs) to sign up and explore more details.

### GENDER AFFIRMING RESOURCE FAIR:

Allendale is honored to host Queer Expression St. Pete's Gender-Affirming Resource Fair on Saturday, June 21, from 12-4 PM in the Community Center. Connect with local individuals who are committed to providing support for the trans community. All ages welcome.

### ADOPTION CELEBRATION RECEPTION:

Join us after worship on June 22 for a cake reception in the Narthex celebrating the final adoption of Bubby with Amy Mormino. If you wish to bring a gift, gift cards to Five Below, Walmart, or similar stores are appreciated. Sponsored by the Allendale United Women in Faith.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

William Brown	Jun 17
Jackie Hunter	Jun 17
Don Windle	Jun 25
Amy Bordeaux	Jul 1
Rin Bowes	Jul 1
Tanner Isoma	Jul 2
Jeff Cox	Jul 4
Jason Edsall	Jul 4
Russ Lehman	Jul 4
Amy Mormino	Jul 5

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

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment at [www.allendaleumc.org/david](http://www.allendaleumc.org/david)*

### LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center  
*Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/counseling](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)*

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 130 in-person, 695 online  
*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://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](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.

O God, whose covenant of love includes every people and every land, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice with hearts that are heavy with grief and longing.

We grieve the deep sin of antisemitism— ancient and modern, whispered and shouted, violent in word, in policy, in bullet, and in bomb.

We name it as evil, a denial of your sacred image in our Jewish siblings, a betrayal of your dream for humanity.

And we cry out against the twisting of this sacred grief— against accusations of antisemitism used to silence prophets, vilify peacemakers, and obscure the cries of Palestinians suffering beneath siege and rubble in Gaza.

O God, grant us courage— courage to boldly proclaim:

"No more hate against Jews."

"No more bombs on Gaza."

"No more criminalizing solidarity with the oppressed."

"No more equating moral clarity with bigotry."

"No more using antisemitism as a shield for state violence."

"No more using people or rhetoric as shields."

Give us wisdom to walk the line of compassion and clarity, not in false balance, but in fierce love and embodied generosity. Christ, you who wept over Jerusalem, we weep now over Jerusalem, Rafah, and every wounded place where fear is weaponized and suffering justified by more suffering. We mourn relationships broken, sanctuaries filled with fear, children who are starving, mothers who are desperate to find food, and souls lying awake, unsure if they belong.

As we kindle this flame, O God, let it inspire us to love more boldly than we fear, to mend more fiercely than we break, to generously give more than we selfishly withhold, and to dream more vividly than we despair.

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

*Faith of Our Fathers* | David Hegarty |

WELCOME & CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*We Pray for Peace* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Liam Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Vile Before Bristol* | Andy Oliver |

VILE-TALITY READING ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* | William Williams, John Hughes |

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

*The Lord's Prayer* | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*We Are One In the Struggle* | Jorge Lockward & Katie Reimer |  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Liam Oliver

POEM ..... Rose Cervantes

*Flip It* | Brittany Dodd |

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Awake My Soul* | Mumford and Sons |

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Liam Oliver

*Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

SERMON ..... Derrick Scott

SONG ..... Congregation

*The Journey Isn't Over* | Mark Miller |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Liam Oliver

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee

*Praise to the Fathers* | Southbridge |



God doesn't take any singular form.

God expresses herself in Wisdom,  
in Nature, in Humanity, in Love  
abounding throughout all of creation.  
Giving God a singular face or expression  
is a suspicious enterprise.

Why limit Love? Why reduce Wisdom?

The Good News is that we are equipped  
with Her Spirit to guide us into Truth.  
We know who our Parent is because  
She lives in us and around us. All that  
is required of us is to have faith in Her  
presence and in our own capacity, even  
when we feel desolate and afflicted. Her  
grace is ours for the taking even when  
we've got nothing else.

Love makes a way out of no way.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter

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 Jun 15

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley) 9 AM  
9 AM Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)  
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5:30 PM Youth Group

### Mon Jun 16

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

### Tue Jun 17

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)  
6 PM Social Justice Team (CC)

### Wed Jun 18

### Thu Jun 19

### Fri Jun 20

### Sat Jun 21

### Sun Jun 22

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)  
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5:30 PM Youth Group

*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).*

## CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group- 6/15 & 6/29 at 9 AM  
*This group meets every other Sunday*

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Group- Sun at 9 AM  
*6/22 Session 4: Ch 2 – Vile After Bristol*

Aging Group - Led by Gina Gibbs  
In the Wesley Room - Tue at 3 PM  
*Classes run from Jun 3 - Jul 29*

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy  
Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM  
*Join via Zoom: [allendaleumc.org/mondayclass](http://allendaleumc.org/mondayclass)*

Young Adult Discord - Online Group  
*Join at [www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://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.*

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 5 PM  
*NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N*

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes  
*On Summer Break - Will resume August 6.*