



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 22, 2025

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## WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

**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

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](mailto: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. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* [www.allendaleumc.org/asl](http://www.allendaleumc.org/asl)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- June - July All-church book study: Wesleyan Vitality - Reclaiming the heart of Methodist Identity (Hybrid Room) Sundays 9-10 AM
- 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
- Tue Jul 22 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S SPEAKER:

**REV. ANNA SWYGERT** (they/she) is a Deacon in the Florida Conference of the UMC and the Co-President of the Florida Regional Chapter of MFSA. She serves as the Assistant Director of Streetlight at UFHealth, a peer-support, palliative care program for adolescents and young adults with chronic and life-limiting illnesses, and the Director of Community Engagement at the Gator Wesley Foundation, the United Methodist campus ministry for the University of Florida and Santa Fe College. They are passionate about spiritual care, individual and community resilience, and intersectional justice-work to promote holistic health.

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**LOIS JABLONSKI** (she/her/hers) is a native Floridian. She has been an educator for 27 years and specializes in teaching reading and spelling to individuals who have dyslexia. Lois and her husband, Frank, have been married for 37 years. They enjoy traveling, hiking, and visiting with their grown children, Alex and Lois Marie.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

## 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.

### PRIDE EVENTS:

Allendale is marching in St. Pete pride this Saturday. The parade steps off at 6 PM. *March with us: [www.allendaleumc.org/pride](http://www.allendaleumc.org/pride)* Next Sunday, June 29, is a Drag Sunday where drag artists lead us in worship! Esmé Rodríguez from Equality Florida will be our speaker.

### ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

A vigil opposing the execution of Thomas Gudinas will be held from 5-6 PM on Tuesday, June 24 at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North, near the court and jail. Park behind Checkers. Signs will be provided, or bring your own. The vigil will be cancelled if the execution is stayed.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### ADOPTION CELEBRATION RECEPTION:

Join us after worship today for a cake reception in the Narthex celebrating the final adoption of Bubby with Amy Mormino.

### BIRTHDAYS:

Don Windle	Jun 25
Amy Bordeaux	Jul 1
Rin Bowes	Jul 1
Tanner Isoma	Jul 2
Shannon Tierney	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: 128 in-person, 671 online

*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Jul 13 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.

It was a small flame against great darkness—declaring that “A candle is a protest at midnight. It says to the darkness, ‘I beg to differ.’”

So we, too, light this candle—each week—believing that protest can be worship, and that peace, hope, and justice are not passive ideals, but active, daily commitments.

I invite you to center yourself now, as we pray:

O God, we pray for an end to political violence and rhetoric... something we know too well in a nation where words have been used to inflame mobs, incite violence, and spread lies from pulpits to press rooms, from legislative halls to living rooms.

Forgive us, O God, when we choose soundbites over solidarity, when we label before we listen, when we confuse the Prince of Peace with the gods of empire.

As we light this candle, we grieve the lives lost to political violence— including the Minnesota lawmakers killed in their own homes. We hold in prayer every public servant who fears for their safety, and every citizen who wonders if disagreement will one day cost them their life.

Merciful God, grant us wisdom as we labor for an end to political violence. Give us courage to confront a culture that treats deadly weapons as sacred rights. Guide us to raise up and call forth future leaders—those who use their words to build bridges, not burn them, to speak truth with grace, and to disagree with dignity.

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 ..... Allendale Band

*Rainbow* | Kesha |

WELCOME & CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE ..... Rev. David Franks

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*For Everyone Born* | Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Lois Jablonski

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Vile After Bristol* | Andy Oliver |

VILE-TALITY READING ..... Lynne Hensley

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*I Am* | Fia |

PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Rev. David Franks

*The Lord's Prayer* | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Gina Gibbs

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Building Up a New World* | Vincent Harding |  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Lois Jablonski

POEM ..... Dylan Dames

*What We Call Demons* | Inspired by Luke 8:26-39 & the Enfleshed Liturgy |

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*God Is Not Abusive* | Brittney Spencer |

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Lois Jablonski

*Luke 8:26-39*

SERMON ..... Rev. Anna Swygert

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Child of God* | Mark Miller |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Lois Jablonski

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band

*Rainbow* | Kesha |



Our Creator is always able to do a new thing. Death can become life. What disregarded and cast out can be welcomed again. To seek God is to seek something being made new. We may not be sure what is going on. We may not have as much faith as we would like to. Our texts can remind us that renewal is a law of nature. This is the law of our Source. Those that are trying to keep things as they were are not following Their divine will. May we see honor in the afflicted wherever we are.

*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 22

9 AM Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:30 PM Youth Group

### Mon Jun 23

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

### Tue Jun 24

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

### Wed Jun 25

### Thu Jun 26

### Fri Jun 27

### Sat Jun 28

6 PM St. Pete Pride Parade

### Sun Jun 29

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley) 9 AM

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- 6/29 at 9 AM

*This group meets every other Sunday*

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Group- Sun at 9 AM

6/29 Session 5: Ch 3 – Losing Vile-tality

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](https://allendaleumc.org/mondayclass)*

Young Adult Discord - Online Group

*Join at [www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults)*

Social Justice Team - 7/22 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.*