



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 13, 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 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

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. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* www.allendaleumc.org/asl

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Jul 14 Moral Monday Action (Rep Luna's Office, 9200 113th St N Seminole) 11 AM
- July 14-18 Girls Rock St Pete at Allendale UMC
- Thu Jul 17 Good Trouble Day of Action (Williams Park, 330 2nd Ave N) 4:30 PM
- Tue Jul 22 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Sat Aug 2 Mrbubblez Mobile Hot Showers and a meal for people unhoused
8:30-11:30 AM in the Allendale Parking Lot by the famous marquee sign
- Aug 5-8 Youth Summer Bash
- Wed Aug 6 Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes resume
- Sat Aug 9 Volunteer Workday: Reorganizing, Cleaning, & Landscaping - 8 AM-12 PM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

THERESA FROST (she/they) is a Campus Tours and Events Manager at USF St. Petersburg. Theresa graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science. They have always had a passion for justice and advocacy. Theresa is currently engaged to Peter Nguyenho, with their wedding date set for January 2026. She is also the proud mom of two beautiful kittens, Dream and Dapper. In their free time, Theresa enjoys writing poetry and spending time with those who she cares about.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LINDA THIELMANN (she/her/hers) is a New Jersey native, and has lived in Florida since 1983. She holds a Master of Science in Human Service Administration and works as a program director in the maternal child health field. Linda is married to Mark for 30 years (and counting) and they raised two children in St. Pete. Allendale has been Linda's church home since March, 2024, and she is an active member of the Social Justice Committee.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell, guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames, organist - Bill Lee, and all the VBS kids!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORAL MONDAY ACTION:

Join us for a Moral Monday Action on July 14 from 11-11:45 AM ET at Rep. Anna Paulina Luna's office, 9200 113th St. N., Suite 305, Seminole, FL 33772. Your presence matters as we pray, sing, deliver letters, and stand for justice and love.

ST PETE #RESISTANCE DAY OF ACTION - GOOD TROUBLE LIVES ON:

4:30 PM July 17 at Williams Park: Sign-waving and nonviolent action to challenge injustice.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Michael Bell is scheduled for execution on Tuesday, July 15. A vigil will be held from 5-6 PM at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North in Clearwater.

GIRLS ROCK CAMP AT ALLENDALE THIS WEEK - CONCERT DOWNTOWN THIS SATURDAY:

Grrrl-powered concert July 19, 6 PM at 200 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg. *Tickets: allendaleumc.org/grsp*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Eric Clark	Jul 13
Eve Nikkel	Jul 13
Honey Goudard	Jul 15
Tony Lewandowski	Jul 15
Kate Pravera	Jul 15
Nina Dauzet	Jul 16
Jim Bennett	Jul 17
Lynda Beltz	Jul 19

Birthdays missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor

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 at www.allendaleumc.org/david*

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 138 in-person, 2,474 online

Live stream: 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

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.

Today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for immigrant children—kids who come to our country looking for safety, kindness, and a chance to grow.

A long time ago, people tried to stop children from coming close to Jesus. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me—don't hold them back!" Jesus always made space for children, and we want to do the same.

We remember that some kids are scared their parents might not come home. Some live in places where the lights never turn off at night and where it's hard to get clean water. Some are told they can't go to school or get the food they need to grow strong.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a beautiful success! Whether you set up, donated supplies, led activities, or offered support throughout the week, your time and energy made a difference. To the parents and caregivers who entrusted us with your children—thank you. And to the kids who came with joy, curiosity, and compassion—thank you! We celebrate with gratitude all who helped build something special together!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS:

Our gatherings on Wednesday nights which include dinner at 5 PM in the Community Center followed by classes at 6 PM will start back up on Wednesday, August 6.

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 Organist Bill Lee
Arabesque | Lani Smith |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation
Tear Your Kingdom Down | Traditional African American Spiritual |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Linda Thielmann

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SLIDESHOW & CELEBRATION VBS Leaders
Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World
| Harold Arlen, Yip Harburg/Bob Thiele, George David Weiss |

VILE-TALITY READING Lynne Hensley
The Vile Sustainers – Race & Gender | Andy Oliver |

SONG Allendale Band & VBS Kids
Build A Bridge | Amanda Meisenheimer |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Life Can Change in Just a Moment | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Linda Thielmann

SONG Allendale Band & VBS Kids
May You Be Happy (The Lovingkindness Song) | Amanda Meisenheimer |

SCRIPTURE READING Linda Thielmann
Deuteronomy 30:9-14

SERMON Theresa Frost

SONG Allendale Band
People Have The Power | Patti Smith |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Linda Thielmann

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Postlude in G | Peterson |



Today's scripture passage is not a promise of effortless success. It acknowledges the complexity of human choice and the challenge of faithful living. Our faith calls us into relationship with the Source—not through perfection, but through the pursuit of mutual thriving. The word is not distant or out of reach. It is near, within us, ready to be lived out. Even when the stakes feel high and the path uncertain, we are assured that God's desire is not control, but closeness. This is not a depiction of divine love in hyperrealism, but an invitation to encounter Love that meets us where we are—accessible, embodied, and already present.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

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 Jul 13

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 Jul 14

Girls Rock St Pete at Allendale

Tue Jul 15

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Wed Jul 16

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Thu Jul 17

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Fri Jul 18

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Sat Jul 19

Sun Jul 20

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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- 7/13 & 7/27 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Group- Sun at 9 AM
7/20 Session 8: Ch 4 – Sustaining Vile-tality:
Challenging Systems

Aging Group - Led by Gina Gibbs
Classes run from Jun 3 - Jul 29

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy
Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM
On Summer Break - Will resume August 4
Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

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

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.

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.