



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 20, 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

- 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
- Tue Sep 2 Committe Meetings (Hybrid Room) Staff Parish 6 PM | Trustees 7 PM
- Thu Sep 4 Committe 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 SPEAKER:

JAVONTI THOMAS (he/him/his) is Allendale's Lay Leader. He is a seasoned communication and workforce development professional with a rich background that includes roles as a news anchor, a non-profit marketing and fundraising director, and a program coordinator in Louisiana. Currently, he works as a freelance public relations strategist managing several clients including some in the Tampa Bay area. He was drawn to Allendale United Methodist Church for its inclusive approach, hoping to use his voice to further Christ's message of love and acceptance.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BARBARA BALMER (she/her/hers) Born in Northfield, MN, 5th in a family of 8 children (6 girls & 2 boys). Moved from Phoenix to Florida in 2020 to be closer to my 3 younger sisters after loss of husband of 34 years. Was employed in the banking industry for 40 years becoming a Vice President in lending. Now retired and enjoys spoiling adopted dog, Paddington, crafting, volunteering, and exercising at the gym. Started attending Allendale early this year & became a member in June.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell, guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames,
vocals - Erica George, drums - Curtis Roberts

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

HOT SHOWER TRAILER IN THE PARKING LOT:

MrBubblez Mobile Showers will be at Allendale on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 8:30-11:30 AM in the parking lot near the marquee. Volunteers are needed to greet guests and assist Chef Bruce with a grilled meal. *To help, contact the church office at 727-527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Lynda Beltz	Jul 19
Aileen Carey	Jul 26
Barbara Morse	Jul 26
Marilyn Lyn Dickinson	Jul 29
Timon Brown	Aug 6
Bill Lee	Aug 7
Bob Wallace	Aug 7

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: 150 in-person, 654 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Aug 10 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.

As we light this Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice, we give thanks for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act 35 years ago and for the courageous advocates who made it possible. Among them was Congressman Tony Coelho, who was denied the priesthood due to a centuries-old church law and faced rejection because of his epilepsy. Rather than give up, he answered a different kind of call—to ministry through public service—and helped bring about one of the most significant civil rights laws in U.S. history.

We light this candle in honor of those who put their bodies on the line for disability rights: the people who chained themselves to buses they couldn't board, and the wheelchair users who crawled up the Capitol steps to demand dignity. We also light it for those still waiting for justice—those who remain excluded, institutionalized, or unheard. Disability rights are human rights, and the work is far from over.

As we remember that all people are beloved children of God, we confess the ways our society and even the church have fallen short—resisting accessibility, underfunding community living, and treating inclusion as optional. May this light renew our commitment to listen, to learn, and to create spaces where all people can live freely, fully, and without shame.

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
Brighter Days | Blessing Offer|

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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
One Drum | Leela Gilday|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Barbara Balmer

VILE-TALITY READING Lynne Hensley
Challenging Systems | Andy Oliver|

SONG Allendale Band
This Little Light of Mine | Black Spiritual|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Loosen, Loosen | Aly Halpert|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barbara Balmer

SONG Allendale Band
Martha Labored in the Kitchen | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette|

SCRIPTURE READING Barbara Balmer
Luke 10:38-42

SERMON Javonti Thomas

SONG Allendale Band
Hear My Voice | Celeste|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Barbara Balmer

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Brighter Days | Blessing Offer|



Reconciliation is never simple. It holds wickedness accountable. It rewards interdependence and collaboration. God is our Great Reconciler, ensuring that balance is always possible, ensuring that there is always hospitality for the oppressed, ensuring that peoples thought barren will be numerous once again. Reconciliation is men not expecting domestic labor from women. Reconciliation is interest-free lending. Reconciliation is olive trees aging proudly for millennia in their native lands.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Tru Mizzell, Director of Music Development | tru@allendaleumc.org

Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org

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 20

9 AM Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:30 PM Youth Group

Mon Jul 21

Moral Monday Action

Tue Jul 22

6 PM Social Justice Team Meeting (CC)

Wed Jul 23

Thu Jul 24

Fri Jul 25

Sat Jul 26

Sun Jul 27

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley) 9 AM

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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

7/27 Session 9: All of Chapter 5 and postscript

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.