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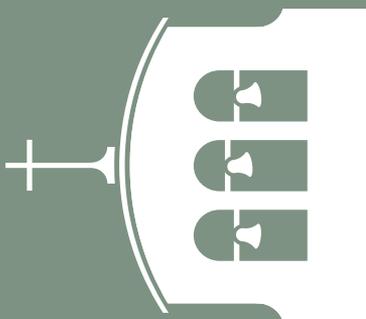
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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

- 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 SPEAKERS:

RUSS & LOIS LEHMAN. **Russ** (he/him/his) is a retired United Methodist minister, splitting his time between the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and a Navy chaplaincy, with a brief stint in Idaho. He has served in the Marine Corp, Air Force, and Navy at various times.

Lois (she/her/hers) was born in DC and grew up in the Maryland suburbs. She is a retired Presbyterian pastor (PCUSA) having served churches in MD, SC, CA, NC, DE, ID, and FL. She provides fostering and transportation for English Springer Spaniel Rescue America. They have been married 42 years, visited every state (with the possible exception of Nebraska), share four sons, and live with three Springer Spaniels. Along with four grandchildren, they are blessed with numerous step-grands and great-grands.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BRADLEY HUNSINGER (he/him/his) was born and raised in St Pete, no siblings. Mom and Dad also live locally. Brad lived in Miami for six years, and finished his BA at FIU. He currently lives in Largo with his longtime life partner and their six cats (Clark, Ocarina, Chuckie, Gwar, Brapples, and Chassidore). He is a member of the Tampa Bay branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. Brad attended nursing school at SPC, just passed his licensing exam, and is now a Registered Nurse working in residential substance abuse treatment. In his free time he enjoys reading, improv, and character work.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell, guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames,
vocals - Beth Heisel, drums - Curtis Roberts

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale and death penalty opponents for a vigil opposing the execution of Edward "Zak" Zakrzewski from 5-6 PM Thursday, July 31, at the NW corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Signs provided or bring your own. Vigil will be canceled if the execution is stayed.

GENTLE YOGA:

Join Maria Mason for Gentle Yoga—an inclusive, restorative practice open to all—Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Nursery/Bill W Room. Sessions begin August 6. Relax, restore, and renew.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

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: 110 in-person, 451 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

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.

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 this Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for students who are under attack—not because of what they've done, but because of who they are.

For LGBTQ+ and especially trans students who are being silenced, surveilled, and erased under the banner of so-called "parental rights."

For Black and Brown children who are told that the truth of their ancestors' struggles is too controversial to teach.

For teachers trying their best to offer safe, honest, compassionate classrooms—and finding themselves punished for it.

For families navigating a school system that feels more like a battlefield than a place of learning.

For every student who has ever been told they are too much, or not enough. We light this candle in grief—because the cost of these cruel policies is real. It shows up in anxiety, in fear, in dropouts, in silence. It shows up in suicide rates that are too high, and lives lost far too young.

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

Let It Grow | Bombaro |

WELCOME Rev. David Franks

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SONG Allendale Band

We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down | Black Traditional |

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band

All Are Welcome | Marty Haugen |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band

Reclaiming Vile-Tality | Andy Oliver |

VILE-TALITY READING Lynne Hensley

Session 9: "More Vile, More Alive"

SONG Allendale Band

When The Saints | Sara Groves |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Lois Lehman

OFFERING Congregation

Let It Rise | William Murphy |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band

Help Us Accept Each Other | Fred Kaan |

SCRIPTURE READING Russ & Lois Lehman

Acts 8:26-40 and Acts 10:9-29

SERMON Russ & Lois Lehman

SONG Allendale Band

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love | Tom Colvin |

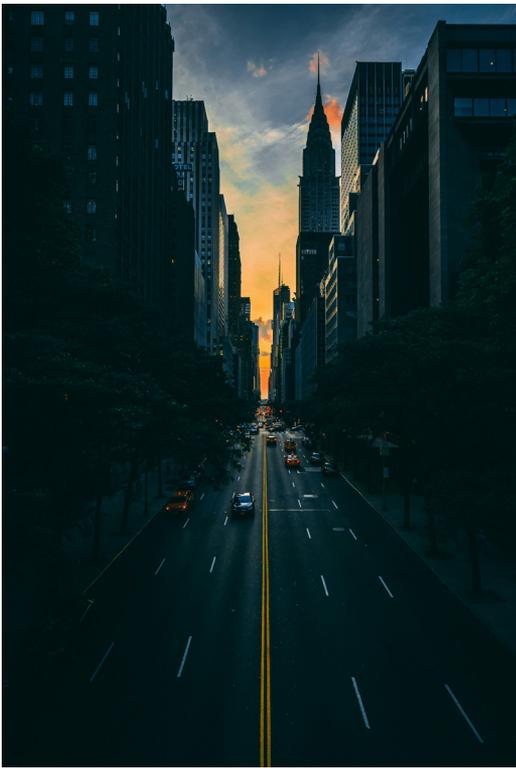
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Bradley Hunsinger

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

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We can never be sure of the transactions that determine who can access pleasure versus who is terrorized with suffering. How many must be wicked for God to no longer consider a people Their children? Is this really the God in whom we place our faith? When wickedness is embedded into culture, there should be accountability - even consequences. Should any righteousness remain, the cosmic scandal emerges - why must terrible things afflict the weak and undeserving? Perhaps God made flesh is an attempt to solve for Their limitations. Perhaps where God fails us is where draw Spirit from within ourselves.

*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 27

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 28

Tue Jul 29

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

Wed Jul 30

Thu Jul 31

Fri Aug 1

Sat Aug 2

8:30 AM - Mr. Bubbles Mobile Shower

Sun Aug 3

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.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group- 7/27 & 8/10 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 - 8/19 at 6 PM
For those seeking to get involved with advocacy and justice work. Meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the Community Center.