



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 3, 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.

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

- Aug 5-9 Youth Summer Bash
- Wed Aug 6 Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes resume
- Sat Aug 9 Volunteer Workday: Reorganizing, Cleaning, & Landscaping - 8 AM-12 PM
- Mon Aug 18 Moral Monday
- 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
- Thu Sep 4 Transnetwork Conversation (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Tue Aug 19 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

GAIL GILLIS (she/her/hers) and husband, Greg, have lived in Florida since 2019. Gail is a retired nurse who serves on medical teams with Remote Area Medical and Carolina Honduras Health Foundation. She is mom to daughter Jennifer, of Ashland, MA, and son Eric, of San Pedro, CA.

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Priscilla Pridgen and Sheila Stewart

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Jim Pridgen, Greg Gillis,
Mark Frederick, Alan Miller, Edwin Gomez,
Debbie Duty, Pam Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH WORK DAY:

Help us with landscaping, cleaning, and reorganizing our maintenance shop! Sat Aug 9 from 8 AM-12 PM

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

The 9 AM Sunday School class for adults will begin a new study on "The Bible With and Without Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. This book explores historical, literary, and theological interpretations of biblical texts, offering fresh insight into how Scripture has been understood across generations and traditions. We meet in the Hybrid room.

ALLENDALE YOUTH BASH:

Our Youth End of Summer Bash is happening August 5-8! Students will meet each evening from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, we'll gather for themed fun and dinner: Pool Party on Tuesday, Movie Night on Wednesday, Game Night on Thursday, and a Lock-In on Friday. \$10 per night or whatever you can afford.

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:

Timon Brown	Aug 6
Bill Lee	Aug 7
Bob Wallace	Aug 7
Sheila Stewart	Aug 18
Will Redlow	Aug 19
Sarah Brownell	Aug 27
Todd Spear	Aug 27
Jenny Connor	Aug 29

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: 122 in-person, 425 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.

Just three weeks into arriving at a new church, Rev. Cathy Christman, Pastor, St. Paul's UMC in Stevens Point, WI asked her worship team what they hoped to hear from the pulpit. After a pause, someone said, "More about what's happening in D.C." This prayer was born from that conversation. Cathy writes:

"We want to be a relevant church." But what do we do when "Christian" is too often equated with hate, bigotry, and fear? How do we hold to the gospel of love and hope while others use it to divide?

For many of us, this feels like new territory. "Jesus loves you" was a sweet song from childhood—now it's a bold call to action. "God's Got the Whole World in God's Hands" isn't just a comfort; it's a promise of justice in God's kin-dom.

This is our "strangely warmed" moment. Like John Wesley at Aldersgate, we sense something awakening in us—a faith that demands accountability, courage, and compassion.

So today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice. For all who are feeling something new, who long for authentic faith rooted in love—we join God's Spirit, moving in us and in the world.

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 Organist Bill Lee
Welcome, Happy Morning | Scriveyner |

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

SONG Allendale Band
Fearfully, Wonderfully Made | Nathan Crabtree and Erik Whitehill |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Gail Gillis

SONG Allendale Band
I Am Light | Indie Arie |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Bind Us Together | Bob Gillman |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

CONFESSION AND PARDON & PASSING OF THE PEACE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Blowin' In The Wind | Bob Dylan |

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Andy Oliver
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
At The Table, There's A Place For You | Cameron Helwege |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Gail Gillis

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Fanfare For Creation | Hughes |



What do we aspire toward? Who are we aspiring to become? Many give their lives over to capital or imperialism. These can neither fulfill us nor save our souls. We are all living, and we must die. We are all dying, so we must live. Living for greed and power may not be living at all in a lifetime as ephemeral as a breath. If our time is a currency of its own, what have we invested most in? Nothingness? We could spend the time, instead, loving one another.

We could spend our lives seeking redemption for targeted communities. We can inhale for ourselves and exhale for the mother trees. Together, we have so much to live for.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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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 Aug 3

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

Mon Aug 4

Tue Aug 5

Wed Aug 6

10 AM Gentle Yoga (Nursery/Bill W)
5 PM Dinner (Community Center)
6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Aug 7

Fri Aug 8

Sat Aug 9

8 AM Volunteer Work Day

Sun Aug 10

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School 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- 8/10 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy
Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

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

Social Justice Team - 8/19 at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM

DINNER MENU

*Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.
Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.*

Wed Aug 6

Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples, Salad, Roll