



**AUGUST 10, 2025**

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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 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

- Sun Aug 17 Charter Bus to "Alligator Alcatraz" Detention Camp for Vigil  
*Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/vigil](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vigil) for more information and to reserve a seat.*
- Mon Aug 18 Moral Monday action at Rep. Anna Paulina Luna's office.
- Tue Aug 19 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Tue Aug 19 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6:30 PM
- Sun Aug 31 Drag Gospel Worship at Allendale UMC (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- 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

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**ERIC SCHLECHT** (he/him/his) Born in Atlanta first of three boys. He spent his early life in Americus, GA, and moved to St Pete, FL to his mom's childhood home in 1988. He attended SPHS and has an AA from SPJC - now SPC. Eric learned construction to employ himself for the last 25 years. He raised one son, Matthew, and his sister, Shayna, with a lot of help from family and friends. He was previously connected with First Presbyterian, and after the pandemic, Eric searched for something new, and found Allendale by it's reputation and the various marquee signs! He has found Allendale supporting each other, and tries to do God's work by Jesus' example out in the world every day.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

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

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

### DO YA KNOW SOMETHING, SCHROEDER?:

Support Allendale's own Dylan Dames who is playing Schroeder in Eight O'Clock Theatre's production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" based on the Peanuts comic. The show is open now until August 17 with evening and matinee shows. *Get tickets at [www.allendaleumc.org/charliebrowne](http://www.allendaleumc.org/charliebrowne).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

The 9 AM adult Sunday School class has begun a new study on *The Bible With and Without Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. This study explores how biblical texts have been interpreted across generations and traditions. The class meets Sundays at 9 AM in the Hybrid Room.

### BUS TO "ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ" FOR VIGIL:

The Tampa Bay region will lead a vigil at "Alligator Alcatraz" on Sunday, August 17, from 5-6 PM, in collaboration with the Florida Immigrant Coalition and the Miccosukee Tribe. Signs are welcome, but please choose messages appropriate for a vigil, to be respectful of the tribe's wishes. A charter bus leaves Allendale at 12:30 PM and returns about 10:30 PM. Cost is \$30. Seating is limited to 55. Bring insect repellent, weather-appropriate clothing, water, and snacks. We will stop for dinner, but may not have time to stop for lunch. *Reserve a spot on the bus at [www.allendaleumc.org/vigil](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vigil)*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS:

On Wednesdays at 6 PM, Pastor Andy is leading a new Wednesday night study using *Calling on Fire: Reclaiming the Method of Methodism* by Ashley Boggan. This newly released book picks up where our "*Wesleyan Vile-Tality*" summer series left off, offering a practical framework for living out our faith through field preaching, micro communities, social activism, and leadership activation.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Sheila Stewart	Aug 18
Will Redlow	Aug 19
Linda Thielmann	Aug 22
Sarah Brownell	Aug 27
Jenny Connor	Aug 29
Dylan Dames	Aug 31
Betsy Drouin	Sep 1
Maria Brown	Sep 4
Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6

*Birthday 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](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: 120 in-person, 656 online  
*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://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](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*

### 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. Relax, restore, and renew.

## 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.

Gaza is starving — pregnant women, children, the elderly, the sick.

The Gaza Ministry of Health reports over 40 hunger-related deaths this month alone, most of them children. Hollow-eyed infants lie in hospital beds, their limbs thin as sticks. Parents bury bundles far too small. Israeli hostages are also being starved...

We say aloud that starvation is not a weapon of war, We insist that food and water must flow freely, We refuse to look away.

We pray for the children who will live with lifelong effects of malnutrition.

We pray for medical teams who work exhausted, hungry themselves.

We pray for leaders with the power to end this — that they will act now.

Jesus said, Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

As we light this Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice, we pray for blessing to rest on all who suffer hunger, and for courage to resist the systems that make them starve.

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 ..... Organist Bill Lee  
*When There's Love at Home* |Wilson|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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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  
*This is the Day* |Les Garrett|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Eric Schlecht

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Let Us Be Known By Our Love*  
|Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*All Creatures Lament* |Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, Isaac Wardell|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Eric Schlecht

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Holy is the Refuge* |Mark A Miller, Hannah C Brown|

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Eric Schlecht  
*Luke 12:32-40*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Stand Up* |Cynthia Erivo|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ..... Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Eric Schlecht

POSTLUDE ..... Organist Bill Lee  
*Rejoice Evermore* |Scott|



The rules of heaven - of liberation - are not the rules that we follow here. The norms, conventions, and culture must completely change. What we value and how we express that value completely flips upside down in some cases. The call to be a believer is a call to interrogate every message that comes to you from this capital-centered contortion of humanity. It is a call to question what they tell you is "natural" and consider how all that they tell you to do may be to your own detriment. It is a call to reconsider what is and isn't possible through the lens of flourishing for all of humanity. God doesn't want us fitting in and ascending the ranks of human achievement if all the achievement is based in violence. We'll need to a little more creative - this is our worship.

*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 Aug 10

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

9 AM Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Mon Aug 11

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

### Tue Aug 12

### Wed Aug 13

10 AM Gentle Yoga (Nursery/Bill W)

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

### Thu Aug 14

### Fri Aug 15

### Sat Aug 16

### Sun Aug 17

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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/recovery).*

## CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 8/10 & 8/24 at 9 AM  
*This group meets every other Sunday*

Adult Sunday School Class - Sun at 9 AM

*"The Bible With and Without Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine*

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)*

Stand For Democracy - each Mon at 5 PM

*NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N*

Social Justice Team - 8/19 at 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes

*Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM*

*Class: "Calling On Fire" By Ashley Boggan*

## DINNER MENU

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

### Wed Aug 13

Shepherd's Pie, Sliced Peaches,

Salad, Bread, Dessert