



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 17, 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

- Sun Aug 17 Charter Bus to "Alligator Alcatraz" Detention Camp for Vigil
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/vigil for more info and to join the waitlist.
- 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
- Fri Aug 29 Charity Drag Bingo supporting PFLAG (Sanctuary) 6 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
- Mon Sep 8 United Women in Faith Meeting (Romero Room) 6:30 PM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

SUZANNE STAMBAUGH (she/her/hers) was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her graduate degree from the University of Tennessee. She lived in Chicago for two years before returning to St. Pete in 2013. She is happy to live in her hometown near her parents, brother, and much of her extended family. She works as a licensed psychologist at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Wellness Center. She loves spending time with her husband, Jared Bunn, and their beloved rescue cat, Millie. She also enjoys reading, podcasts, and documentaries.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Campbell Horn

Contact 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. There is one last matinee show today. *Get tickets at www.allendaleumc.org/charliebrown.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUS TO "ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ" FOR VIGIL:

The Tampa Bay region is leading a vigil at the detention camp known as "Alligator Alcatraz" on Sunday, August 17, from 5-6 PM, in collaboration with the Florida Immigrant Coalition and the Miccosukee Tribe. A full charter bus is leaving Allendale today at 12:30 PM.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

A local vigil will be held from 5-6 PM Tuesday, August 19, at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North in Pinellas County with Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty to protest the August 19 execution of Kayle Bates. Signs will be provided. Learn more at fadp.org.

DRAG BINGO SUPPORTING PFLAG:

Allendale's monthly Charity Drag Bingo is back! Join us on Wednesday, August 29, for an evening of fun and giving, hosted by Chatty Patty, Candy Von Sparkle, and Brucella D'Evil alongside The Dutchess, Blaise Atrayl, and Basil. Proceeds will support PFLAG Safety Harbor. Starting at 6 PM, a \$10 donation gets you 10 games of bingo.

DINNER AND DISCUSSION ON AMBITION:

The United Methodist Men/Non-Binary group will meet Thursday, August 21 at 6 PM in the Wesley Room. The discussion topic is "Ambition: A Two-Edged Sword?" A small potluck meal will be shared.

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
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11

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

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: 127 in-person, 422 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Sep 14 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 Jeremiah once stood before kings and priests who pretended all was well while injustice raged, we light this Candle for Washington, D.C.—a city now under the shadow of massive military mobilization ordered by our President, along with threats of a complete federal takeover.

We remember the 700,000 residents who have heard their city maligned as a place of “crime, bloodshed, bedlam, and squalor,” despite the Department of Justice reporting that violent crime is at a 30-year low.

We pray for children who may walk to school under the gaze of soldiers with assault rifles, for neighbors who still carry the trauma of January 6, and for those whose livelihoods in hotels and restaurants are threatened by fear-driven cancellations.

We pray for people experiencing homelessness—people told to “move out immediately” and be relocated far from the city. Wrap your arms around these beloved ones, O God, and give us the courage and resources to shield them from harm until the day when all your children have safe shelter, healthcare, and dignified work.

And yes, we pray for our President, your son Donald, and for those who enable him. As you once blinded Saul until the scales fell from his eyes, do the same here—disrupt the lies, uncover the harm, and open the way for justice, peace, and truth to take root in this nation.

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
A Million Dreams (from The Greatest Showman) | Benj Pasek & Justin Paul |

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
Pray With Our Feet | Paul Vasile |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Suzanne Stambaugh

SONG Allendale Band
Holy is the Refugee | Mark A Miller, Hannah C Brown |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Happiness (from You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown) | Clark Gesner |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Suzanne Stambaugh

SONG Allendale Band
Do You Feel It, Too? | Justin Sinclair, Vincent Charlow |

SCRIPTURE READING Suzanne Stambaugh
Jeremiah 23:23-29

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Make Them Hear You (from Ragtime) | Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Suzanne Stambaugh

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
A Million Dreams | Benj Pasek & Justin Paul |



How do we substantiate our dreams?
How do we know which ones are divine
Truth or impositions from empire?
There will be times when we will need to
dream the impossible. We will need to
dream redemption for the condemned
of the world. We will need to dream
our way through the middle of seas.
We will need to dream against the
spiritual bypassing and toxic positivity
even when it terrifies us. We will need
to dream the crumbling of walls that
once held us up. We won't always
have the luxury of dreaming of peace,
but to dream of liberation is the even
larger hope. A hope so large it can hold
catastrophe in its bosom and smile
through the tears anyway. A hope that
knows trouble don't last always.

*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 17

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6 PM Youth Group

Mon Aug 18

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

Tue Aug 19

Wed Aug 20

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

Thu Aug 21

Fri Aug 22

Sat Aug 23

Sun Aug 24

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6 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- 8/24 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

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 6:30 PM

Gentle Yoga- each Wed at 10 AM

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 20

Chicken & Yellow Rice, Peas, Black Beans,
Salad, Cuban Bread, Flan