



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**AUGUST 24, 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](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

- Wed Aug 27 Wednesday Night Dinner at 5 PM, Classes start at 6 PM (Every Week)
- Thu Aug 28 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N) 5 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
- Tue Sep 16 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM

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

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**LASHLEY MARKS** (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family and friends, and the Gators. Lashley's grandfather, Rev. Lee Pearson, was pastor here at Allendale from 1973-1977.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

### DRAG GOSPEL WORSHIP:

Join us for our next Drag Worship Service on Saturday, August 31, as we celebrate the liberating joy of God's love through music, storytelling, and bold, creative expression. All are welcome—no exceptions—for this vibrant, spirit-filled service that reminds us laughter is sacred and community is for everyone.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

#### SELF-CARE IN THE CHAOS:

Join Lynne Hensley and Mary Ann Holtz for a Wednesday evening class on Contemplative Prayer and other ancient practices. Sessions will be held in the Sanctuary at 6 PM throughout September, beginning Sep 3, following Wednesday Night Dinner.

### ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

A local vigil will be held from 5-6 PM Thursday, August 28, 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 execution of Curtis Windom. Signs will be provided. Learn more at [fadp.org](http://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.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Thielmann	Aug 22
Bruce Bordeaux	Aug 25
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

*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](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: 110 in-person, 472 online  
*Live stream:* [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://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](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.*

## 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.

We light this candle today in lament for the erasure of rainbow crosswalks and Black History murals — bright signs of dignity and belonging that proclaim every life sacred, every story worth remembering. We confess that systems of white supremacy and hate still conspire to paint over beauty, to silence voices.

But we light this candle also in gratitude — gratitude for those who refused to let the story end in erasure. For neighbors who showed up with chalk and color, who bent low to fill a rainbow back into the street, who dared to restore the Pulse memorial crosswalk when the governor erased it in the dark of night. Their witness reminds us: love always finds its way back onto the canvas.

We light this candle for peace — not the false peace of silence, but the peace that comes when every child can walk across streets that proclaim their worth.

We light this candle for hope — hope that art, memory, and protest cannot be erased, no matter how many coats of paint are poured on top.

We light this candle for justice — justice that insists the last word belongs to love.

O God, let this flame shine as bright as the chalk-drawn rainbows, as bold as murals of Black history, as fierce as communities who refuse to be erased.

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 ..... Allendale Band  
*Rest On Us* | Maverick City Music |

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  
*Just Us* | William Murphy |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Lashley Marks

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

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

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Give Us Love* | Will Reagan, Freddy Washington |  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Lashley Marks

POEM ..... Rose Cervantes  
*Affirmations for Dreaming* | Rose Cervantes |

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*O God In Your Love* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Lashley Marks  
*Luke 13:10-17*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*When Hands Reach Out* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Lashley Marks

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band  
*Rest On Us* | Maverick City Music |



There is so much work to be done, but even the children will help us. The task of building a transformed society is beyond most of our comprehension, but God is on our side. We can keep hold of the plow of communal prosperity, and we can rest when we know we need it. Some of what we may experience as contradictions may not need to be at all. We will sometimes love our kinfolk in different ways. The diversity is holy. It's not us or our bodies that need fixing. We will co-create new systems to facilitate our healing. The city will not be recognizable by the end  
-The beginning.

*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 24

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

### Mon Aug 25

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

### Tue Aug 26

### Wed Aug 27

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

### Thu Aug 28

### Fri Aug 29

6 PM Charity Drag Bingo (Sanctuary)

### Sat Aug 30

### Sun Aug 31

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)  
 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

*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- 8/24 & 9/7 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](http://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 - 9/16 at 6 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 27

Taco Bar (Beef, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese),  
 Elote (Street Corn), Mexican Style Rice,  
 Dessert, Veggie Option