



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**AUGUST 31, 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

- 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
- Fri Sep 26    Charity Drag Bingo Night (Sanctuary) 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:**

**MALLORY EDGHILL** (she/her/hers) is a native Floridian who loves theatre, pasta, having adventures, and writing poetry. In college she studied abroad in Buenos Aires where she fell in love with Spanish and political activism. She continued that activism by attending Pitzer College, participating in Americorps, and is now in her eleventh year working as a first grade teacher. Her family includes her spouse, Trae, and their two beautiful sons, Elijah (4) and Emmett (2) with one on the way! She is thankful to be part of a community that embraces her family and is a safe space for all.

### **TODAY'S MUSICIANS:**

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
vocals - Erica George

### **TODAY'S DRAG ARTISTS:**

Mr. Vyn Suazion  
Victoria Michaels  
Chatty Patty  
Veronica Foxx

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

## 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.

### **CHALK IT UP:**

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Pete community, we've collected over 7,000 pieces of chalk for #StandUpStPete! This afternoon, August 31, from 12-2 PM the community will come together to cover the sidewalks of Central Avenue between 23rd and 25th Street with rainbows, love, and messages of solidarity. All are welcome.

### **TRANSNETWORK CONVERSATION:**

Transnetwork is planning a conversation on community needs, wants, and support in the Sanctuary on September 4 from 7-9 PM. These conversations are meaningful and supportive spaces where your voice matters. All trans individuals and allies are welcome to participate in this important discussion.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Dylan Dames	Aug 31
Betsy Drouin	Sep 1
Maria Brown	Sep 4
Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11
Campbell Horn	Sep 15
Cameron Helwege	Sep 20
Parker Hutton	Sep 21

*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: 105 in-person, 675 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.

Two years ago, Tennessee banned gender-affirming healthcare for minors. A transgender teen said, "I don't even want to think about going back to the dark place I was in before I could access the care my doctors prescribed." On June 18, the Supreme Court upheld the ban. Today, 27 states, including Florida, restrict care, leaving 40% of trans youth without access.

Trans youth already face higher rates of anxiety, depression, and suicidality, yet research shows gender-affirming care dramatically improves outcomes and helps young people thrive. Still, hospitals across the country are closing their clinics under political pressure, and starting in 2026, federal employee health insurance will exclude coverage for this care at any age. Families who want to support their kids are left with impossible choices about travel, relocation, or going without.

Doctors, researchers, and parents who stand with trans youth are being targeted, defunded, or vilified simply for offering care and compassion. Even the stories of the very few youth who had negative outcomes are being weaponized by politicians to erase access for everyone.

As we light this Candle for Peace, Hope, and Justice, we pray for trans youth, their families, and all who work to provide care. We pray for a future where transgender people can live as their full, authentic selves and where scapegoating them for political gain comes to an end.

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  
*I Won't Back Down* | Tom Petty |

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE ..... Congregation  
*We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down* | Black Traditional |

SONG ..... Chatty Patty  
*Living Water* | Anne Wilson |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Mallory Edghill

SONG ..... Victoria Michaels  
*Look What You've Done* | Tasha Layton |

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

OFFERING ..... Mr. VynSuazion / Congregation  
*Colors of the Wind* | Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz |  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Mallory Edghill

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Draw The Circle Wide* | Mark Miller, Gordon Light |

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mallory Edghill  
*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Veronica Foxx  
*I'm Here* | Bray, Willis, Russell |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Mallory Edghill

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band



The way of righteousness is not a business. Profit motives are not the way of flourishing. Liberation is not a philanthropic endeavor, it's mutual aid. Mutual aid is only mutual when class solidarity is the priority. Mutual aid is only mutual when others can access the spaces that you can access. Mutual affection doesn't tally debts and collect interest. Mutual affection gives freely of care without an expectation of repayment. Sharing with one another is more than offering a small token on occasion. We should share not only materials but material conditions. To love and praise God is to know that our flourishing must be shared.

*Liturgy from Enflashed  
(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 31

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6 PM Youth Group

### Mon Sep 1

### Tue Sep 2

6 PM Staff Parish (Hybrid)

7 PM Trustees (Hybrid)

### Wed Sep 3

10 AM Gentle Yoga (Nursery/Bill W)

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

### Thu Sep 4

6 PM Finance (Hybrid)

7 PM Church Council (Hybrid)

7 PM Transnetwork Conversation (Sanctuary)

### Fri Sep 5

### Sat Sep 6

### Sun Sep 7

#### 9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

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- 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](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 - 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: "Self Care in the Chaos"*

## DINNER MENU

*Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.*

*Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.*

### Wed Sep 3

Baked Ziti w/ Italian Sausage, Caesar Salad,

Roasted Veggies, Garlic Bread, Dessert