



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

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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

- Tue Sep 30 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Thu Oct 2 TransNetwork Conversation (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Tue Oct 21 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Sat Oct 25 Trunk or Treat (West Parking Lot) 10 AM - 12 PM
- Sun Oct 26 Youth Sunday (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM - Youth leading worship
- Sun Nov 2 Charge Conference Lunch and Meeting following worship

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BRADLEY HUNSINGER (he/him/his) was born and raised in St Pete, no siblings. Mom and Dad also live locally. Brad lived in Miami for six years, and finished his BA at FIU. He currently lives in Largo with his longtime life partner and their six cats (Clark, Ocarina, Chuckie, Gwar, Brapples, and Chassidore). He is a member of the Tampa Bay branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. Brad attended nursing school at SPC, took the licensing exam on July 16, 2025, passed, and is now a Registered Nurse working in residential substance abuse treatment. In his free time he enjoys reading, improv, and character work.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURAGE, CONNECTION AND CARE:

David Franks and Gina Gibbs are continuing a four-week Sunday night series, Courage, Connection, and Care in Times of Upheaval. Sessions will take place from 5-6 PM and explore themes such as anger, dreams, art, and pathways from overwhelm to hope. Each week offers a unique lens on navigating challenging times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY:

On Sunday Mornings in-person and Monday Evenings via Zoom, we'll be reading *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel. If you missed this morning's class, join us tomorrow night on Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/mondayclass
Order a book: www.allendaleumc.org/time

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Oppose the execution of Victor Jones by signing the petition at fadp.org. A vigil will be held Tuesday, September 30, from 5-6 PM at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North.

TRANSNETWORK CONVERSATION:

Join Transnetwork on Thursday, October 2, in Allendale's Sanctuary for an evening discussion around relationships.

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE CLASS:

Dr. Kate Pravera will lead a five-week class on nonviolent civil resistance and the power of love, Wednesdays at 6 PM in October in the Community Center, following the 5 PM community dinner. The series begins October 1 with an Ice Cream Social from 5:45 to 6:15 PM.

ALLENDALE'S TRUNK-OR-TREAT:

Trunk-or-treat is one of our annual family gatherings where kids dress up and go trick-or-treating in our parking lot. Trunk or treat will be Sat Oct 25 from 10 AM-12 PM. *If you'd like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy, register at www.allendaleumc.org/trunk. Let us know if you plan on attending as trick-or-treaters at www.allendaleumc.org/treat*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Renee Burk	Sep 29
Terry Fitzgerald	Sep 29
James Kelchner	Oct 2
Debbie Duty	Oct 3
Trista Miller	Oct 3
Michaela George	Oct 4
Maria Rodriguez	Oct 6
Andy Oliver	Oct 7
Pris Pridgen	Oct 7
Jim Pridgen	Oct 8
Jean Hopkins	Oct 9
Cet Mohamed-Moore	Oct 9

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: 108 in-person, 388 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:
Sun Oct 12 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 tighten each day.

What do you think? What do you believe? Do you agree or disagree?

These are not casual questions but soul-shaping, world-defining inquiries answered in classrooms, living rooms, protests, and pulpits.

From the beginning, this nation has promised the right to speak freely—to challenge power, question policies, mock corruption, and defend truth.

Freedom of speech is stitched into our identity, a right many assumed would never unravel.

And yet today, truth-tellers are punished. Critics face retaliation. Comedians are silenced, with some reinstated only after political or economic consequences.

So today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for every voice harmed for speaking truth.

For those who dare to expose lies, name injustice, and bring relief through laughter.

We light this candle for poets and prophets, artists and academics, young and old, who refuse to be silent even when worldly power demands it.

We pray for courage like Paul commanded Timothy: “persist—whether the time is favorable or not.”

May God raise up a people who will not trade truth for power or popularity.

May God strengthen us to resist the temptation to chase after voices that echo only our desires.

And may God equip those in power to protect this gift while we promise never to take it for granted.

We light this candle proclaiming the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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
People Have the Power | Patti Smith |

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 Allendale Band
Pray With Our Feet | Paul M. Vasile |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
I Dream of a Church | Mark Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Imagine | John Lennon |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Bradley Hunsinger

SONG Allendale Band
Open My Eyes | Jesse Manibusin |

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK READING & SCRIPTURE READING Bradley Hunsinger
1 Timothy 6:6-19

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation
O God, You Call for Justice | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Bradley Hunsinger

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
People Have the Power | Patti Smith |



Our faith calls us to think long and hard about what really satisfies us. It can feel easy to chase after the power, wealth, and securities that feel so attainable in the imperial core. We know our iphones are made with the blood of Congolese children. We know that our garments are assembled by modern-day slaves. God forgive us for losing the way of righteousness. The text reminds us that God does not meet us in financial security or property deeds. God was closest to us before we had a dime to our name. When we were naked, screaming, and covered with an amniotic film, She quieted our distress.

This life is priceless.

Doxology is our resistance

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Tru Mizzell, Director of Music Development | tru@allendaleumc.org

Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | dylan@allendaleumc.org

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

Julio Castro | 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 Sep 28

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)

6 PM Youth Group

Mon Sep 29

Tue Sep 30

Wed Oct 1

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Sanctuary)

Thu Oct 2

Fri Oct 3

Sat Oct 4

Sun Oct 5

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)

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 - 10/5 at 9 AM

This group meets every other Sunday

"For Such a Time As This - An Emergency Devotional" by Amy-Jill Levine

In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM

Virtual Class via Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Courage, Connection and Care - Sun at 5 PM

Led by Rev. David Franks and Gina Gibbs

Explores moving from fear and anger to hope.

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 - 10/21 at 6 PM

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 Oct 1

Farfalle Pasta w/ Italian Sausage, Creamy

Tomato Sauce, Roasted Veggies, Caesar Salad

Garlic Ciabatta Bread, Dessert