



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

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 Oct 14 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N and Ulmerton) 5 PM
- Tue Oct 14 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6:30 PM
- Fri Oct 17 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) 8 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:

GREG GILLIS (he/him/his) and wife Gail retired to Seminole in February 2024, drawn by the area's great bike trails and beaches. For most of Greg's high school teaching career he instructed the daughters and sons of soldiers and Marines in World and US History classes at Ft Campbell High School and Lejeune High School. While at FCHS, he began teaching evening US History classes for Austin Peay State University and still teaches them online. After retiring from the classroom, he came to Florida to teach in a prison, helping men earn GEDs. Greg enjoys bicycling, travelling and DIY projects.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell
organist - Bill Lee

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

NEW BABY!:

All The yellow rosebud on the altar honors the birth of Ezra Douglas, born October 2 to Mallory and Trae, and welcomed by big brothers Elijah and Emmett. Ezra weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz. Allendale offers heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the entire family on this joyful occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

UNITED METHODIST MEN/NON-BINARY:

All men and nonbinary individuals are invited to a potluck dinner and meeting on October 16 at 6 PM in the Wesley Room. Please bring a dish to share.

PILATES CLASS STARTING TUESDAY:

In addition to Tai Chi and Yoga, Allendale UMC now offers a Pilates class led by Rahima Mamedova on Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Nursery. The class is currently designed for adults 50 and older and is free to attend—please bring a mat if you have one.

ANTI DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join FADP & Allendale for a vigil opposing the scheduled execution of Samuel Smithers on Tue Oct 14 from 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. Signs provided. *Details: fadp.org. The Social Justice team will meet at the church at 6:30 PM following this vigil.*

NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

All Saints Sunday is November 2. *To honor those important to you who have passed in the last year, submit their name and date of death at www.allendaleumc.org/saints to be remembered in worship.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Laurie Hempel	Oct 13
Elijah Edghill	Oct 16
Theresa Frost	Oct 18
Ty Throop	Oct 18
Emmett Edghill	Oct 19
Theresa Baecher	Oct 21
Kay-lynn Taylor	Oct 24

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*

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: 111 in-person, 577 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Oct 12 at 10:30 AM

Sun Nov 9 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE CLASS:

Dr. Kate Pravera is continuing a class on nonviolent civil resistance and the power of love, Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Community Center, following 5 PM dinner.

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.

From the beginning—when God took man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it—work has been part of God's good design and gift. Through labor, people not only put food on their tables and clothing on their backs but also make a profound impact on the lives of others.

In our government, federal employees ensure the safe takeoff and landing of flights, provide healthcare to veterans, maintain hazard-free workplaces, protect the safety of our food, and uphold a vast infrastructure of roads, bridges, and dams—labor on which we all depend.

Today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

for federal employees who continue performing critical duties without knowing when their next paycheck will come;

for workers deemed “nonessential” and sidelined without pay;

for employees who logged off only to find their out-of-office messages altered to include partisan blame—a Hatch Act violation they neither authorized nor support;

for those filled with anxiety as threats loom over the permanent elimination of their positions;

and for individuals forced to go into debt or drain their savings—not due to personal failure, but because of political gridlock.

May provision come for every person affected by the shutdown. And may a resolution be reached that prioritizes the good of all—and not one party or a select few.

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 Organist Bill Lee

Choral Song | Samuel Wesley |

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

We Resist | Mark Miller |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Greg Gillis

SONG Allendale Band

Humanity | John Legend & The Roots, Lincoln Thompson |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | Charles Wesley, John Zundel |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Greg Gillis

SONG Allendale Band

Ten Who Suffered Sought Out Jesus | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK READING & SCRIPTURE READING Greg Gillis

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation

Give Us Love | Will Reagan, Freddie Washington |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Greg Gillis

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee

Triumphant Finale | Bliss |



Jesus meets us in the in-between — between despair and hope, fear and faith, right and left, sickness and healing. On the road between worlds, love still lives. In the borderlands, gratitude becomes resistance and healing becomes wholeness. Here we learn to test our feelings, hold our anger with wisdom, and receive those ready to turn from harm. The Redeemer walks the dividing lines, crossing every boundary empire builds, until the broken are made whole and the exiled come home.

*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 Oct 12

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5 PM Courage/Connection/Care (CC)

6 PM Youth Group

Mon Oct 13

Tue Oct 14

5 PM Anti Death Penalty Vigil

6:30 PM Social Justice Team Meeting (CC)

Wed Oct 15

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Oct 16

6 PM UM Men/Nonbinary Gathering (Wesley)

Fri Oct 17

8 PM Gay Men's Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)

Sat Oct 18

Sun Oct 19

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 - 10/19 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

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 - 10/14 at 6:30 PM

United Women in Faith - 1st Mon at 6:30 PM

United Methodist Men/Non-Binary - 3rd Thu at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes

Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM

Class: "Non-Violent Resistance"

DINNER MENU

Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.

Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.

Wed Oct 15

Chicken & Yellow Rice, Peas, Black Beans,

Salad, Cuban Bread, Flan