



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 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

- Mon Oct 27 FAST Gathering - Annual Assembly (200 78th Ave NE) 7 PM
- Sun Nov 2 Charge Conference Lunch and Meeting following worship
- Nov 4-Dec 13 The Woodson Museum Christmas Toy Drive for local youth
- Fri Nov 7 Comedy Show - Sapphic St. Pete (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Nov 9 & 16 United Women in Faith Pecan Sale (Sanctuary) 11:30 AM
- Wed Nov 12 Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner (Community Center) 5 PM
- Tue Nov 18 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 5 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Wed Dec 10 Blue Christmas Service: *Keeping Vigil for Hope* (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 12 Christmas Drag Bingo (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 12 Still No Room in the Inn Caroling (100 Mirror Lake) 7 PM
- Sat Dec 13 Brunch with Santa (Community Center) 10 AM
- Sun Dec 14 Christmas Choir Singing in Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Wed Dec 17 Impromptu Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Dec 19 Annual Unhoused Memorial Service (100 Mirror Lake) 4:30 PM
- Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 28 Christmas Gospel Drag Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SERVICE IS LED BY OUR YOUTH:

Rex Costa, Ty Throop, Liam Oliver,
Evan Oliver, Harrison Brimmer,
Ben Brimmer, Mila Ostrand, Makayla Brown,

LEADERS: Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik
vocals - Campbell Horn

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

NEW BABY:

The rosebud on the altar honors the birth of Anaya Jade Mitenius Carter, born October 21 at 5:53 AM in Cali, Colombia, to Adrienne Mitenius and Noble Carter III. Allendale offers heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the entire family on this joyful occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join FADP & Allendale for a vigil opposing the execution of Norman Grim on Tue Oct 28 from 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. Signs provided. *Petition and details at fadp.org*

FAST GATHERING:

Allendale is part of Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST), a coalition of Pinellas faith communities advocating for justice on key local issues. The first gathering of the FAST season will be held Monday, Oct. 27 at 7 PM at Holy Family Church, 200 78th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK THANKSGIVING:

Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday, November 12 at 5 PM. If able, bring a side dish or dessert to share as we gather for a meal in the Community Center. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Tony Lewandowski: broken hip

BIRTHDAYS:

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| LaDonna Hill | Nov 1 |
| Carol Henderson | Nov 3 |
| Lois Jablonski | Nov 4 |
| Chris Fontaine | Nov 7 |
| Rose Cervantes | Nov 11 |
| Braeden Farrar | Nov 11 |
| Claire Redmond | Nov 11 |
| Trae Edghill | Nov 16 |

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

NAMES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOV 2:

To honor those important to you who have passed in the last year, submit their name to www.allendaleumc.org/saints to be remembered next Sunday in worship.

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 115 in-person, 660 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Nov 9 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

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.

Today we light this candle for the young people— for those who have inherited a burning planet, and still plant seeds.

For those who scroll through wars on their phones and still believe peace is possible. For those watching their families struggle to pay rent, and still dare to dream of a world where everyone has enough.

We light it for the students refusing to stay silent about Palestine, for the ones marching for climate justice, for young workers demanding fair pay, for queer and trans youth fighting to exist in safety, for Black and Brown youth rewriting the story of survival into one of liberation.

We light it for Indigenous youth who remember what harmony with the earth feels like, for immigrant youth crossing borders in body and spirit, for every young person who feels the weight of a broken economy, a warming planet, a violent world—and still believes in repair.

We light it for their grief and for their grit, for their laughter that cracks open despair, for their faith that something new is being born through them.

May this flame remind us:

peace is not passive, hope is not naïve, and justice is not optional.

May it burn in honor of young people everywhere— the ones who keep showing us how to live, how to fight, and how to begin again.

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.



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

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
Light of the World | Stephen Schwartz |

WELCOME Rex Costa
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation & Ty Throop
O God, As Troubles Here Increase | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

SONG Allendale Band
Lean On Me | Bill Withers |

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Harrison & Ben Brimmer

SONG Allendale Band
God, You Teach Us To Be Humble | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Mila Ostrand & Makayla Brown

OFFERING Congregation
With a Little Help from my Friends | John Lennon & Paul McCartney |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Campbell Horn & Dylan Dames

SONG Allendale Band
A Pharisee Was Praying | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK READING Javonti Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING Ty Throop
Luke 18:9-14

SERMON Liam Oliver

SONG Congregation
For Good | Stephen Schwartz |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Liam Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
Light of the World | Stephen Schwartz |



Mother God is the great equalizer. God's power lords over the lofty and lifts up the lowly. Bribes cannot work on She who holds the world. Those pushed to the bottom may dwell in the house of the Most High. Righteousness is not about what you have achieved, but about how much of your humanity you could keep despite all forces attempting to strip it from you. May we feel grounded in the limitations of our humanity. May we not seek exorbitant power and immortality to fabricate hierarchies. May we see those in need of elevation and offer them the dignity they deserve. Love is not a competition.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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

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 26

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6 PM Youth Group

Mon Oct 27

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

7 PM Fast Gathering (200 78th Ave NE)

Tue Oct 28

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Oct 29

10 AM Gentle Yoga (Bill W/Nursery)

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Oct 30

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Fri Oct 31

Sat Nov 1

Sun Nov 2

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12 PM Charge Conference (Community Center)

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 - 11/2 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 - 11/18 at 6 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 29

Oktoberfest: Sauerkraut w/ kielbasa,

Pierogies, Salad, Rye Bread, Dessert