



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 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

- Wed Jan 28 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Fri Jan 30 Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting PFLAG (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Feb 5 TransNetwork Know Your Rights Town Hall (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Sun Feb 8 Chili-Cook-Off and Superbowl Party (Community Center)
- Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Mar 22 CIW Farmworker Justice & Culture event (Sanctuary) 12 PM
Learn about the Fair Food Program
- Thu Apr 2 Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Apr 3 Good Friday Service 12 PM
- Sat Apr 4 Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM
- Sun Apr 5 Easter Sunrise at Crescent Lake Park 7 AM
Easter Service with Choir (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

KEVIN PALETTA (he/him/his) In 2016, Kevin retired from a 35 year policing career in Colorado, moved to St Pete to escape the snow in 2019 and began attending Allendale in 2024. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married 46 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, music, and Bay Area sports. While his pronouns are he/him/his, to his grandkids, it's "chief."

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

soloist - Emma Otis
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Errol Johnston
piano - Tru Mizzell
organist - Bill Lee

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

NEW BABY!: The rosebud on the altar celebrates the birth of Murphy Aaron, born January 16, 2026, to Erin Giblin and Rey Drouin. He joins big brothers Aiden and Daniel and sister Jolene. Murphy weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 20 inches. Congratulations and blessings to the entire family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUEERNESS, LEADERSHIP & THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH:

Rev. A. Leon Tredwell, PhD, invites members and allies of Allendale United Methodist Church to a six-week study exploring Queer leadership through the book of Jeremiah. Using *Black, Queer and Blessed* by Dr. Lee as the primary text, the class meets Wed, Jan 28–Feb 11, Feb 25, and Mar 5, at 6 PM in the Community Center.

WHAT IS A BAD BUNNY?:

Kirsten Anderson will lead a class, *"What Is a Bad Bunny: Songs of Puerto Rican Joy and Resistencia"* on Wednesday, Feb 4, in the Hybrid Room exploring the cultural context and messaging in Bad Bunny's music ahead of his Super Bowl halftime show. *This class will be in person and on Zoom at www.allendaleumc.org/badbunny*

DRAG BINGO: Join us this Friday at 6 PM for Drag Bingo supporting PFLAG Pasco. \$10 gets you 10 games of bingo.

CHILI COOK OFF AND WATCH PARTY:

Join us Sunday, Feb 8, at 6 PM for a chili cook-off and Super Bowl LX watch party. Sample a variety of chili, enjoy the game and commercials, and conclude the evening with the Halftime Show. No RSVP needed to attend; *sign up to bring chili at www.allendaleumc.org/chili*.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Tara Davidson	Jan 29
Cindy Burns	Jan 31
David Preston	Feb 8
Mark Frederick	Feb 18
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Jordan Reed	Feb 20
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22

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, is on sabbatical. He will return March 1.

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 124 in-person, 4,806 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Feb 8 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

THE FAITH WE SING:

Hymns carry our faith in language that has traveled with us across generations—words we learned by heart before we could fully explain them, and lines that still find us when we need them most. In this worship series, The Faith We Sing, we slow down and listen closely to the poetry that has shaped our prayers, our hope, and our courage. Each week, we'll take a familiar hymn and explore how its words speak to our lives today, especially when faith feels fragile or hard-won.

Week 1 (1/11): Liberation Proclaimed

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

by Charles Wesley

Week 2 (1/18): Liberation Endured

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Thomas A Dorsey

Week 3 (1/25): Liberation Widened Beyond Borders and Flags

This Is My Song

by Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness

Week 4 (2/1): Liberation Held

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

by George Matheson

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Week 5 (2/8): Liberation Practiced

La Lucha

by Mark A. Miller

with Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz

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GRACE CAN LEAD US HOME: Join us for a book study on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and Monday nights at 6 PM. We are reading "*Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness*" by Kevin Nye. *Monday night class via Zoom: www.allendaleumc.org/mondayclass.*

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH POTLUCK: UWF invites the women of Allendale to a potluck and time of conversation on Monday, February 2, at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room. Join us for food and fellowship as we gather in sisterhood. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

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
Praise To God, Ye Heavens Adore You |Lani Smith|

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SONG Allendale Band
Draw The Circle Wide |Mark Miller|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Kevin Paletta

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Home |Phillip Phillips|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
We Are One In The Struggle |Peter Scholtes, Jorge Lockward, Katie Reimer|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Javonti Thomas
Let America be America Again |Langston Hughes|

SCRIPTURE READING Kevin Paletta
Psalms 67

SONG Allendale Band, Emma Otis (soloist)
This Is My Song |Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness, Andy Oliver|

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Humble People, Humble Christ |Common Hymnal|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Kevin Paletta

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Praise Ye Creator |Gounod|



This Is My Song

by Lloyd Stone & Georgia Harkness,
vv4-6 by Andy Oliver

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kin-dom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
Myself, I give thee; let thy will be done.*

*This is my song: no flag shall claim my conscience,
No border bind the love your reign demands;
Your justice sings where power fears to listen,
Your peace outlives the lines that nations draw.
Till every people know their worth and freedom,
I pledge my voice to love across all lands.*

*This is my song: I will not call it holy
When fear is dressed as law and order's creed;
When God is claimed to bless the strong and worthy
While cages rise and mercy's named naive.
Your kin-dom comes wherever love resists them—
Not built by flags, but justice, truth, and deed.*

*This is my song: no nation is your savior,
No anthem speaks the gospel full and true;
When people bow to power, race, or borders,
The Christ betrayed is crucified today.
Let love—not fear—define our shared belonging;
Let faith break ranks with empire, God we pray.*

"The Faith We Sing" Series and Liturgy by Allendale UMC

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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 Jan 25

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

Mon Jan 26

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Jan 27

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Jan 28

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Jan 29

Fri Jan 30

6 PM Drag Bingo (Sanctuary)

Sat Jan 31

Sun Feb 1

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.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 1/25 & 2/8 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

"Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness" by Kevin Nye
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 4:30 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 3rd Tue at 6 PM

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

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

DINNER MENU

*Dinner starts at 5 PM in the Community Center.
\$10 or whatever you can afford. Vegetarian or Vegan options are always available.*

Wed Jan 28

**Baked Ziti with Italian Sausage,
Caesar Salad, Mixed Veggies, Bread,
Dessert, Vegetarian Option**