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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

- Sun Feb 8 Chili-Cook-Off and Superbowl Party (Community Center)
- Wed Feb 11 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Feb 12-15 Ladies Rock Camp 2026: learn an instrument/form a band/write a song all in one weekend w/ Concert at Bayboro Brewing on Sun Feb 15 - 6 PM
- Sun Feb 15 Reconciling Ministries Network join us in Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Feb 27 Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting the Youth Group (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Mar 12 Church Council Meeting (Hybrid Room) 7 PM
- Sun Mar 22 CIW Farmworker Justice & Culture event (Sanctuary) 12 PM
Learn about the Fair Food Program

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER:

REV. DR. LYDIA MUÑOZ (she/her/hers) is an ordained elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The UMC and serves as Executive Director of the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry. A proud Puerto Rican and graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary and Penn State, she is a longtime worship leader, author, and justice advocate committed to anti-racism, inclusion, and incarnational ministry rooted in the radical Gospel of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LINDA THIELMANN (she/her/hers) is a New Jersey native, and has lived in Florida since 1983. She holds a Master of Science in Human Service Administration and works as a program director in the maternal child health field. Linda is married to Mark for 30 years (and counting) and they raised two children in St. Pete. Allendale has been Linda's church home since March, 2024, and she is an active member of the Social Justice Team and the United Women in Faith.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz
vocals - Shannon Tierney
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano/violin - Tru Mizzell
organist - Bill Lee

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILI COOK OFF AND WATCH PARTY:

Join us tonight, 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*. And in the lead up to tonight's events, we encourage you to take a look at Kirsten Anderson's class "**What Is a Bad Bunny: Songs of Puerto Rican Joy and Resistencia**" to gain some insight into the messaging behind the music and imagery that will be part of Bad Bunny's halftime show this year. *Watch the recorded class at www.allendaleumc.org/badbunny*.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Join Allendale on Wed Feb 18 for our Ash Wednesday service at 6 PM. As we kick off our lenten series "Tell Me Something Good." We're returning to the roots of Jesus' life and teachings—radical welcome, love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, and good news meant for all.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL: Join Allendale United Methodist Church and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for a prayer vigil opposing the execution of Ronnie Heath on Tuesday, February 10, from 4:30-5:30 PM at the corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Signs will be provided. *Petitions and details are available at fadp.org*.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

David Preston	Feb 8
Mark Frederick	Feb 18
Robin D'addio	Feb 20
Jordan Reed	Feb 20
Anthony Lenzo	Feb 22
Erica George	Feb 26
Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Deborah Eldred	Mar 6

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: 123 in-person, 1,537 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Feb 8 at 10:30 AM

Sun Mar 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

FROM "SINGING RESISTANCE":

To ICE agents, we say: They gave you a gun and told you to be afraid of us. We hold out our hand and invite you to join us.

Thousands of us walked through Minneapolis today, stopping at hotels housing ICE agents and singing to our human kin who have lost their way. We sang to call them back home.

Authoritarian regimes rely on the consent and cooperation of everyday people.

As nonviolent strategist Gene Sharp teaches, dictators cannot by themselves enforce repressive laws, detain and arrest observers, or deport our neighbors.

They rely on regular people to carry out these acts.

Trump and his billionaire buddies set the agenda, but they need regular people to become ICE agents. These are people who were handed a gun, paid money, and told we are the enemy. But what would happen if those people refused to comply? The power of the regime would cease to function.

We walked with humility today. We have all been raised in a society founded on racism, capitalism, xenophobia, and other oppressive systems. We have all internalized attitudes of domination, and we have all been wounded. So it is the task of each of us to show up every day and refuse to comply with those systems, in small and big ways. Let us recommit to that call ourselves, as we make the call to others.

*We walk the same ground
But we've been torn apart
Put down your weapons
Come sing your part*

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 Fantasia | Clark |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
God Has Work For Us To Do | Carl Daw Jr, Mark A. Miller |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Linda Thielmann

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Lynne Hensley & Congregation

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
I Choose Love | Mark A. Miller |
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

POEM Rose Cervantes
I Think We're Finding Each Other In The Dark | Michael DuBois |

SCRIPTURE READING Linda Thielmann
Psalms 146

SONG Allendale Band
La Lucha | Mark A. Miller with Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz |

SERMON Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz

SONG Allendale Band
We Walk The Same Ground | Annie Schlaefer |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Linda Thielmann

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
In Faith the Victory | Scott |



La Lucha ("The Struggle")

by Mark A. Miller

*En la lucha hay vida,
en la lucha esperanza.
En la lucha hay vida,
¡siempre hay, siempre hay esperanza!*

*Cantamos en la lucha!
Cantamos por la justicia!
Cantamos por nuestras vidas,
¡siempre hay, siempre hay esperanza!*

Literal translation:
*In the struggle there is life,
in the struggle there is hope.
In the struggle there is life;
there is always hope!*

*We sing in the struggle!
We sing for justice!
We sing for our lives;
there is always hope!*

"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 Feb 8

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6 PM Chili Cook Off and Superbowl Party (CC)

Mon Feb 9

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Feb 10

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Feb 11

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

Thu Feb 12

Fri Feb 13

Sat Feb 14

Sun Feb 15

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 - 2/8 & 2/22 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

"Queerness, Leadership & the Book of Jeremiah"
Led by Rev. A Leon Tredwell, PhD
In Person - Wed at 6 PM

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 Feb 11

Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
Dessert, Vegetarian Option