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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 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](mailto: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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/asl)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 joins us in Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Wed Feb 18 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Mon Feb 23 Cutting Through the ICE - Immigration Justice & Community Action 6:30PM
- 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
- 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:

**NELA LAMB** (they/them) is an activist and artist, currently expressing themselves through ceramics (art at The Hive Community Clay) and drag - maybe you've seen Blaise Atrayal? After 12 years living in Paris they moved back to their native Florida. They are honored to be employee-of-the-week every week for their rescue pup Bola who runs a tight ship in St Pete. They also serve on the board of TransNetwork. Their belief in every human's right to dignity has led them to speak on the Florida Senate Committee floor, to hold vigil in the Everglades and to be outspoken with an open heart and a raised fist. They hope you feel moved to heed the call of justice everyday.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

bass/vocals - Ben Weger  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik

Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org) to join our band or Easter choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. Pastor Andy will be outside from 8:30-9 AM for drive by ashes.

**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 Melvin Trotter on Tuesday, Feb 24, from 5-6 PM at the corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Signs will be provided. *Petitions and details are available at [fadp.org](http://fadp.org).*

**WEEKLY IMMIGRATION VIGIL WITH FLIC:** Join the Pinellas/Hillsborough Florida Interfaith Coalition and partners each Sunday from 4-5 PM at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater for a peaceful Freedom Vigil. The vigil includes interfaith clergy, moments of reflection, and a Mutual Aid collection for the Hispanic Outreach Center. *Register at [flic.fyi/727vigil](http://flic.fyi/727vigil).*

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Gregory Wasmund	Feb 17
Mark Frederick	Feb 18
Suzanne Stambaugh	Feb 18
Manny Wasmund	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
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12

*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](http://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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 133 in-person, 1,249 online  
*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:  
**Sun Mar 8 at 10:30 AM**  
Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)

## GIFTS

Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)  
Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808  
Buy a shirt: [www.allendaleumc.org/shirts](http://www.allendaleumc.org/shirts)

## 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*



*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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here) or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE ..... Allendale Band

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Crowded Table* | Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Nela Lamb

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*We Walk the Same Ground* | Annie Schlaefel |

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE ..... Congregation

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*I Dream of a Church* | Mark A. Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*Home (from the musical "The Wiz")* | Charlie Smalls |  
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POEM ..... Rose Cervantes  
*Communion* | Rob Hardy |

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Nela Lamb  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain* | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Andy Oliver |

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION ..... Congregation  
*Draw The Circle Wide* | Mark A. Miller, Gordon Light |

SPECIAL TRIBUTE ..... Reconciling Ministries Network Board  
*Home By Another Road* | Mark A. Miller, Lindy Thompson |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Nela Lamb

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band



### **Welcome Reconciling Ministries Network!**

*We welcome Reconciling Ministries Network Board members in worship today, joining us from across the world as we have hosted them for their board meeting. Their presence is a gift and a reminder that the movement for justice, inclusion, and love in the Church is both local and global.*

*Reconciling Ministries Network celebrates that LGBTQ+ persons are a beautiful and faithful expression of God's diverse creation and exists to advocate for the full affirmation of all God's children in the Church and in the world. Rooted in intersectional justice, RMN works across and beyond the United Methodist connection for the full participation of LGBTQ+ people in every aspect of church life and leadership.*

*Guided by Wesleyan theology, RMN draws on God's grace that embraces all creation and calls us toward restoration and perfection in love. Grounded in Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, this ministry affirms that every person is created in God's image and invited into the fullness of faith, sacrament, and service.*

*Today, we give thanks for this shared witness and recommit ourselves to building a Church where justice, equity, dignity, and love truly belong to all.*

*Liturgy by Allendale UMC*

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Dylan Dames, Music and Organizing Associate | [dylan@allendaleumc.org](mailto: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 Feb 15**

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)  
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Mon Feb 16**

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

### **Tue Feb 17**

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

### **Wed Feb 18**

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)  
6 PM Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary)

### **Thu Feb 19**

### **Fri Feb 20**

### **Sat Feb 21**

### **Sun Feb 22**

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)  
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)  
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](http://www.allendaleumc.org/recovery).*

## CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 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](http://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](http://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 18**

Penne Alla Vodka, Caesar Salad, Ciabatta  
Garlic Bread, Fruit, Dessert