



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

- Wed Mar 4 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM *(Every Wednesday)*
- Thu Mar 12 Church Council Meeting (Hybrid Room) 7 PM
- Sun Mar 15 Baptism of Murphy Aaron Giblin (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sun Mar 22 CIW Farmworker Justice & Culture event (Sanctuary) 12 PM
Learn about the Fair Food Program
- Fri Mar 27 Drag Bingo at Allendale benefitting Girls Rock St Pete (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Mar 28 Counseling Center Mural Community Paint Day (North Parking Lot) 9AM-2PM
- 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:

REV. DAVID FRANKS (he/him/his) is Minister of Pastoral Support. A graduate of Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, Rev. Franks held a number of pastorates in Northern California parishes before moving to St. Petersburg in 2003. He joined the Allendale UMC team after retiring from positions he held with Empath Partners in Care (EPIC), a subsidiary of Empath Health, providing supportive services to people living with HIV.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

organist - Bill Lee
piano - Tru Mizzell
vocals - Beth Heisel

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

LENT DEVOTION BOOKS & CARDS: Lent Devotional booklets and Daily Devo cards are available in the Narthex in a limited supply. *A digital lent devotion book is available online at www.allendaleumc.org/lent26*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: UWF will meet on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 PM in the Wesley Room. All women are invited to attend this monthly meeting. United Women in Faith is a nationwide community connected to the United Methodist Church that brings women together to grow spiritually, support one another, and take action for justice and dignity for women, children, and marginalized communities.

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 Billy Kearsse on Tuesday, March 3, 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.*

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.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Mallory Edghill	Mar 4
Deborah Eldred	Mar 6
Becky Stoops	Mar 11
Alisha Adrian	Mar 12
Nick Carey	Mar 16
Jeannine Smith	Mar 17
Bill Munette	Mar 21
Emily Sands	Mar 24
Madelyn Isoma	Mar 27
Makayla Brown	Mar 29

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*

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: 103 in-person, 925 online
Live stream: 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

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

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD:

This season at Allendale, we're leaning into a simple but powerful question: *Can the good news still sound like good news?*

Our Lenten series, "**Tell Me Something Good,**" centers on the heart of Jesus' life and teaching—radical welcome, love of neighbor, care for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and choosing nonviolence in the face of injustice. At its core, this is a faith shaped not by fear or exclusion, but by love, mercy, and liberation.

In a world overflowing with bad news, Lent invites us to return to our roots. To slow down. To listen again for what truly gives life. The good news Jesus shared wasn't abstract or distant—it showed up in shared meals, unexpected joy, deep compassion, and people discovering they mattered.

Throughout Lent, we'll explore how this good news is still alive among us—and how it might shape the way we live, love, and show up for one another today. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you're invited to be part of the conversation.

Come as you are. Let's tell each other something good.



**2ND
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



great love for
God & neighbor

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
<i>Song of Adoration</i> Demorest	
TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD THEME SONG	Britt Kusserow
<i>Improbable</i> Britt Kusserow	
WELCOME	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Love Shine A Light</i> Katrina and The Waves	
CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Rev. David Franks
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH	Congregation
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>God Has Work For Us To Do</i> Mark Miller	
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Rev. Andy Oliver
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS	Rev. David Franks
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
OFFERING	Congregation
<i>Let Love Be The Anchor</i> Matthew Macaulay, Micah Joy Macaulay <i>give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. David Franks
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Mark Miller	
POEM	Rose Cervantes
<i>If God Lived Next Door</i> Rev. Sarah A. Speed	
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>I Come With My Devotion</i> Anna Strickland, Arthur H. Mann	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE	Rev. David Franks
<i>Matthew 25:35-40, Luke 7:36-50</i>	
SERMON	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>I Am Light</i> India.Arie	
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY	Congregation
BENEDICTION	Rev. David Franks
POSTLUDE	Organist Bill Lee
<i>Walking with Jesus</i> Lorenz	



"LL Cool J" by Rev. Nicolette Faison

INSPIRED BY LUKE 7:36-50

Ladies Love Cool Jesus. And honestly, it's true. Women loved Jesus—and the woman with the alabaster jar shows us why. By deconstructing the figures and focusing on Jesus' feet and the woman's touch, the work emphasizes care, visibility, and love—something deeply and undeniably good.



"See You" by Rev. T. Denise Anderson

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 25:35-40

As I meditated on this scripture, the image of a doorway kept emerging, perhaps because the text wrestles with the notion of who is in and who is out. For whom is the door opening or closing? From the viewer's perspective, on what "side" of the door do they find themselves? Are they being invited in or kept out? Are they doing the inviting or excluding?

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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 Mar 1

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

Mon Mar 2

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Mar 3

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Mar 4

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

Thu Mar 5

Fri Mar 6

Sat Mar 7

Sun Mar 8

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.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 3/8 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

"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 5 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 Mar 4

Shepherd Pie, Roasted Green Beans,
Cinnamon Apples, Cheddar Biscuits, Salad