



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

- Mon Mar 9 Faith & Action for Strength Together (FAST) Rally (2281 St Rd 580) 7 PM
- Wed Mar 11 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Thu Mar 12 Church Council Meeting (Hybrid Room) 7 PM
- Mar 14-17 Youth Spring Break Trip to Atlanta
- 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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

GABE ALVES (he/him/his) was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and moved to the United States in 2000 to attend the University of South Florida. Today, he is a local Realtor with Smith & Associates, a dedicated community organizer, and a Boadway producer whose credits include *Drag: The Musical* and *Heathers: The Musical*. Gabe proudly serves on the board of freeFallTheatre and Winter Pride St. Pete. He is married to Aron Tomko and is the proud father of two, Gabby and Caleb. Passionate about his city, Gabe is committed to bringing joy, connection, and love to the community he calls home.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

organist - Bill Lee
piano - Tru Mizzell
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Shannon Tierney

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

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS: we are seeking office volunteers to help count money on Tuesday mornings. *If you are interested in helping, contact the church office: 727-527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST RALLY THIS MONDAY : Join members of Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) at a rally on March 9 at 7 PM at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 2281 State Rd. 580, Clearwater. FAST congregations, including Allendale UMC, will gather to support affordable housing and youth initiatives and prepare for the Nehemiah Action on April 16.

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.*

NON-BINARY ONE ACT PLAY: Join TransNetwork for "The Last Time I Saw Caleigh," a dark, funny and heartfelt one-act play that explores non-binary erasure through the lens of an unsolved mystery. The show takes place on Sunday, March 8 at 2 PM in Allendale's Community Center. *Get your FREE tickets at www.allendaleumc.org/tn.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

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: 118 in-person, 920 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun Mar 8 at 10:30 AM
Sun Apr 12 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

A MURAL IS COMING TO ALLENDALE:

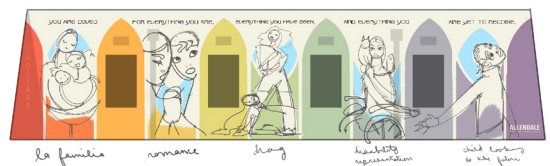
Allendale's Counseling Center building is getting a mural—and you're invited to help bring it to life.

Artist Cristi López has designed a piece that reflects the spirit of the space. The mural will celebrate mental health, honoring people of many backgrounds, ages, and conditions of ableness. At the heart of the design is a simple message: ***"Know that you are loved for everything you are, everything you have been, and everything you are yet to become."***

To help make the mural a true community creation, we're hosting a Community Paint Day on Sat, March 28, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Allendale's own Eric Schlecht has been preparing the building for the art installation by filling cracks, cleaning, and putting on a fresh base coat of paint. Volunteers will help paint some of the large background color blocks that form the foundation of the artwork. No experience is necessary—just come ready to contribute to something beautiful.

This mural will be a visible reminder of care, healing, and belonging for everyone who passes by or seeks support through the counseling center. We hope you'll join us in helping create it.



**3RD
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**together, the impossible
is possible**

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>Morning Prelude</i> Beebe	
TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD THEME SONG	Britt Kusserow
<i>Improbable</i> Britt Kusserow	
WELCOME	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Free</i> Gungor & William Matthews	
CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Gabe Alves
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
PEACE, HOPE, and JUSTICE & THE LENTEN WREATH	Congregation
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Beautiful Things</i> Gungor	
TIME WITH CHILDREN	Rev. Andy Oliver
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS	Rev. David Franks
<i>Improbable (Reprise)</i> Britt Kusserow	
OFFERING	Congregation
<i>We Are Enough</i> The Many	
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. David Franks
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Mark Miller	
POEM	Rose Cervantes
<i>Surely, This Must Be It</i> Rev. Sarah A. Speed	
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Human Minds Just Can't Imagine</i> Anna Strickland, Joseph Haydn	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE	Gabe Alves
<i>Mark 6:32-44, Ephesians 3:20-21</i>	
SERMON	Rev. Andy Oliver
SONG	Allendale Band
<i>Beautiful City (from Godspell)</i> Stephen Schwartz	
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	Congregation
CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY	Congregation
BENEDICTION	Gabe Alves
POSTLUDE	Organist Bill Lee
<i>Andante Tranguillo</i> Handel	



"Scarce Abundance" by Hannah Garrity

INSPIRED BY MARK 6:32-44

In our propagand-filled global information system, we must remember: God's not holding the mic. God's present in the still, small voice and in the smallest offerings, multiplying one by one. The message, the compassion, the corners of bread, and the pieces of fish all return in abundance.



"Far More Abundantly" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

INSPIRED BY EPHESIANS 3:20-21

The same power that turned five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands—with leftovers—empowers us 'to accomplish far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.' Do we allow this truth to settle into our bones and animate our actions?

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Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter

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Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Mar 8

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Mar 9

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Mar 10

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Mar 11

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Mar 12

Fri Mar 13

Sat Mar 14

Sun Mar 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 - 3/8 & 3/22 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

Young Adult Discord - Online Group
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy - Mon at 5 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Weekly Immigration Vigil w/ FLIC - Sun at 4 PM
at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater
Register at flic.fyi/727vigil.

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 11

Roasted Pork Loin, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert