

# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 19, 2026

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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:** Tue-Thu 9-4, Closed Mon & Fri. 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

- Sun Apr 19 New Book Study: "How We Learn to Be Brave by Bishop Mariann Budde" 9 AM
- Sun Apr 19 United Women in Faith Gathering (Wesley Room) 12 PM
- Wed Apr 22 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Fri Apr 24 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Family Support Services (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Apr 25 United Women in Faith Cornerstone Wonder Walk (Crescent Lake) 10 AM
- Sun Apr 26 TransNetwork Clothing Swap (Community Center) 1-4 PM
- Mon Apr 27 One City Chorus Free Preview Concert (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- July 6-11 Summer Camp at Warren Willis Camp for 4th - 12th Grade Students
- July 20-24 Vacation Bible School at Allendale - 9 AM-12 PM

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**GREG GILLIS** (he/him/his) and wife Gail retired to Seminole in 2024. Greg retired from teaching high school World History and American History classes, but continues to teach online U.S. History classes at the college level. He enjoys bicycling, traveling, DIY projects, and volunteering at the Seminole Historical Society museum and at clinics conducted by Remote Area Medical, RAM.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell,  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
*Contact [tru@allendaleumc.org](mailto:tru@allendaleumc.org) to join our band or choir.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON:

United Women in Faith will hold a luncheon meeting after Worship on Sunday, April 19, in the Wesley Room, featuring Candace Darden speaking on "How to Make Your Church Green." Women and gender-expansive people are invited to attend.

### ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale UMC and FADP for a prayer vigil opposing the execution of Khalil Willacy on Tue Apr 21, from 5-6 PM at the corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. Signs will be provided. *Details at [fadp.org](http://fadp.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MONTHLY CHARITY DRAG BINGO:

Join us Friday, April 24, at 6 PM in the Sanctuary for Allendale's monthly charity drag bingo with Chatty Patty and friends, benefiting Family Support Services. This month's theme is country western. Enjoy 10 games for \$10, plus a food truck and light refreshments.

### UWF CORNERSTONE WONDER WALK:

United Women in Faith will join in Cornerstone's Wonder Walk fundraiser for children's scholarships. The UWF from Allendale are meeting at Crescent Lake Park near the playground at 10 AM on Saturday, April 25 for a casual walk. Donate using the QR code in the narthex on the bulletin board near the refreshments table.

### TRANSNETWORK CLOTHING SWAP:

TransNetwork is collecting clean clothing and new self-care items for a clothing swap for trans and gender-expansive folks on April 26 from 1-4 PM. Donations may be dropped off Sunday, April 26, at noon in the Community Center at Allendale or Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM, at Climate First Bank, 182 37th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Clothing racks are also needed. If you have one they can borrow, drop it off April 26 at noon with your name and phone number on it.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Christopher Leopard	Apr 21
Amanda Dietrich	Apr 23
Patty Rust	Apr 24
Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2
Henry Brown	May 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  
Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment*  
at [www.allendaleumc.org/david](http://www.allendaleumc.org/david)

### 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, 4,599 online  
*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:  
Sun Apr 12 at 10:30 AM  
Sun May 10 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)



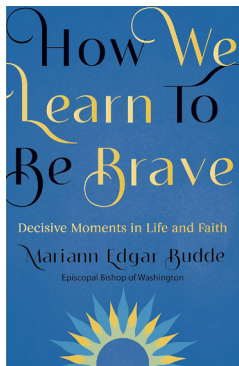
*Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.*

**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](mailto:office@allendaleumc.org).*

## WITNESS

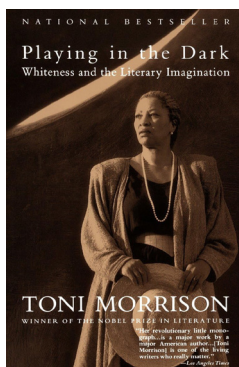
### NEW CLASSES STARTING THIS WEEK:

This spring, we're offering two new in-person classes—each creating space to reflect, learn, and grow together.



### *Sunday Mornings at 9 AM* *(beginning April 19)*

We'll read *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Budde. This class explores what it looks like to face difficult moments with courage—not as a one-time decision, but as something we practice over time. Through scripture and real-life stories, we'll reflect on how we respond to uncertainty and how we can move forward with clarity, compassion, and integrity.  
*Order the book: [www.allendaleumc.org/brave](http://www.allendaleumc.org/brave)*



### *Wednesday Evenings, 6–7:30 PM* *(April 22 – May 27)*

*Journey to Renaissance, Phase 1*, led by Dr. Lee Treadwell, is a six-week course engaging *Playing in the Dark* by Toni Morrison. Together, we'll explore themes of race, identity, and imagination—and how those ideas shape the stories we tell and the world we live in.  
*Order the book: [www.allendaleumc.org/journey](http://www.allendaleumc.org/journey)*

Both classes meet in person at Allendale. Wherever you are in your journey, you're invited to be part of the conversation.

# 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  
*Stay Gentle* |Brandi Carlile|

WELCOME ..... Rev. Andy Oliver  
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SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Let It Rise* |William Murphy|

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Greg Gillis  
*We Are Building Up a New World* |Vincent Harding|

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

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* |Black Spiritual|

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE, CONFESSION, & LIBERATION ..... Rev. David Franks  
*The Lord's Prayer* |Mark A. Miller|

OFFERING ..... Congregation  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*  
*Be Rooted In Hope* |Paul M. Vasile|

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*Christ Walks With Us The Dusty Road* |Andy Oliver|

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING ..... Greg Gillis  
*Luke 24:13-35*

SERMON ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band  
*The Journey* |H.E.R.|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Greg Gillis

POSTLUDE ..... Allendale Band



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### INSPIRED BY LUKE 24:13-35

The road in this story isn't just a path between two places. It's a space of transformation. It's where grief is spoken, where God walks beside us—even when we don't realize it—and where understanding unfolds over time.

For many people today, faith feels like that kind of road. Not a straight line. Not always certain. But still a place where something sacred can meet us, walk with us, and gently turn us back toward hope.

Then, the breaking of the bread is what connects it all. It echoes the meals Jesus shared with outsiders, the feeding of crowds, the last supper before his death.

It's a pattern they recognize in their bodies before they can name it with words.

And then he's gone.

Which might feel frustrating, but it also tells us something important: the presence of Christ isn't limited to one visible form. It shows up in shared meals, in community, in moments where people are fed—physically and spiritually.

The road brought them there, but the table teaches them how to carry that presence forward, wherever they go next.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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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 Apr 19

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

### Mon Apr 20

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

### Tue Apr 21

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

6:30 PM Social Justice Team (Hybrid)

### Wed Apr 22

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Scripture Class (Hybrid Room/Zoom)

6 PM Journey Class (Community Center)

### Thu Apr 23

### Fri Apr 24

6 PM Drag Bingo (Sanctuary)

### Sat Apr 25

### Sun Apr 26

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

## CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 4/19 & 5/3 at 9 AM

*This group meets every other Sunday*

*"How We Learn to Be Brave" by Bishop Mariann Budde*

In-Person Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM

Beginning Sun Apr 19

Young Adult Discord - Online Group

Join at [www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://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 5 PM

at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater

Register at [flic.fyi/727vigil](http://flic.fyi/727vigil).

Social Justice Team - Tue Apr 21 at 6:30 PM

United Women in Faith - Sun Apr 19 at 12 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 Apr 22

Meatloaf, Country Mashed Potatoes,

Mixed Veggies, Salad, Roll Dessert