



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 26, 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 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: 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.

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 Apr 26 TransNetwork Clothing Swap (Community Center) 1-4 PM
- Mon Apr 27 One City Chorus Free Preview Concert (Sanctuary) 7 PM
- Wed Apr 29 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM *(Every Wednesday)*
- Tue May 5 6 PM Staff Parish & 7 PM Trustees (Hybrid Room)
- Thu May 7 6 PM Finance & 7 PM Church Council (Hybrid Room)
- Fri May 22 Drag Bingo at Allendale for TransNetwork (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri May 29 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
- Sun May 31 5th Sunday Drag-led Worship at Allendale (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- 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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

NICK CAREY (he/him/his) Allendale has been Nick and his wife, Aileen's, church home since 2018, becoming a space that connects their faith and belief in justice. Nick serves as a Community Organizer in Pinellas County with Faith in Florida, working with faith communities and working people to guarantee housing, safety and access to democracy. Nick lives in the Euclid Heights neighborhood. You can usually spot him with Aileen walking their two dogs, Wilbur and Rylie.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell,
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir.

FLOWER ON THE ALTAR:

The rose on the altar is given in celebration of the life of Sugar-pi Wiedeburg, who passed away on April 20, 2026. With gratitude for the life God shared through her, we hold her daughter, Dorothea Hecht, and all who loved her in care and compassion during this time of loss. We remember Sugar-pi for the joy she shared, her vibrant spirit, her warmth, and of course, her spectacular hats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSNETWORK CLOTHING SWAP:

Join our friends from TransNetwork for a clothing swap created especially for trans and gender-expansive people on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 PM in the Community Center at Allendale UMC. This welcoming event offers a chance to browse clothing, connect with community, and access new self-care items in a supportive and affirming space. Whether you're looking for gender-affirming clothing, exploring your style, or simply hoping to be in community, all are invited to come as they are.

FREE CONCERT AT ALLENDALE:

One City Chorus will present a free preview concert of its show, *Metamorphosis*, on Monday, April 27, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary at Allendale United Methodist Church. All are invited to enjoy an evening of music performed by a social justice and civil rights focused community chorus.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale UMC and FADP for a prayer vigil opposing the execution of James Hitchcock on Thu Apr 29, from 5-6 PM at the corner of Ulmerton Rd and 49th St N. Signs will be provided. Details at fadp.org.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

In Loving Memory:

Sugar-pi Wiedeburg 1930-2026

BIRTHDAYS:

Christopher Munette	Apr 27
Roger Butterfield	May 2
Henry Brown	May 12
Jeff Ishman	May 24
Chris Marks	May 28

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: 108 in-person, 1,100 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun May 10 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.

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.*

WITNESS

PASTOR OF THEOLOGICAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Rev. Dr. A. Leon Tredwell, a scholar and pastor, will serve as Pastor of Theological and Community Engagement at Allendale United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Tredwell earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Sociology at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; his Master's in Theology and Biblical Interpretation from United Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; and his PhD in Religion and Social Change from the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. He was ordained clergy in the American Baptist Church.

His work examines the intersection of race, class, gender, and sexuality within the biblical text. A seasoned leader, Dr. Tredwell has held pastoral roles in Brooklyn Park, MN, Austin, TX, and College Park, MD, while also making significant contributions in business, government, and community development.

Dr. Tredwell is also a social architect, designing and implementing programs that reshape societal structures. In his governmental work, he spearheaded initiatives that produced over 125 units of affordable housing. Additionally, he led efforts that significantly increased the adoption rates of African American children from foster care, a group historically underrepresented in permanent homes.

His first book, *"Black, Queer and Blessed: My Story and the Biblical Story Churches Don't Teach,"* is a profound exploration of his personal and theological journey. In this new role at Allendale UMC, Dr. Tredwell is a bridge between theological reflection and lived experience, ensuring that faith is not only deeply examined but also embodied in the everyday actions of the Allendale congregation. His pronouns are he, we, ours

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 Allendale Band
Blue Collar Praise | Common Hymnal |

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SONG Allendale Band
For Everyone Born | Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nick Carey
For Everyone Born (Reprise) | Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann |

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

SONG Allendale Band
Draw The Circle Wide | Mark A. Miller |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE, CONFESSION, & LIBERATION Rev. Dr Lee Treadwell
The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |

REMEMBERING SUGAR-PI Congregation

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
 Losing Faith/Finding Faith | Brian McLaren |

POEM Reader
When the Shepherd Said Gate | Unknown |

SONG Allendale Band
Christ Our Shepherd, Lead Us Onward | Andy Oliver |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING Nick Carey
John 10:1-10

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
God Of All Peoples | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Nick Carey

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



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INSPIRED BY JOHN 10:1-10

In John's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as a gate that leads to life in abundance. Abundance is not excess or luxury. It is the experience of being known, protected, and welcomed into community.

Today, abundant life might look like neighbors checking on one another, churches becoming places of refuge instead of judgment, or communities choosing generosity.

In a world shaped by scarcity thinking, resurrection calls people to practice belonging—to notice who has been left outside and to make room at the table until nobody is abandoned.

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 26

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

1 PM TransNetwork Clothing Swap (CC)

Mon Apr 27

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

7 PM One City Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)

Tue Apr 28

2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Apr 29

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)

6 PM Journey Class (Hybrid Room)

6 PM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Thu Apr 30

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Fri May 1

Sat May 2

Sun May 3

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are listed on an online calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 5/3 at 9 AM

This group meets every other Sunday

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

In-Person Book Study- Sun at 9 AM

www.allendaleumc.org/brave

"Journey to Renaissance" led by Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell

In-Person Class- Wed at 6 PM

www.allendaleumc.org/journey

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 5 PM

at the Pinellas County Courthouse in Clearwater

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 29

Taco Bar, Elote (Street Corn),

Cilantro Lime Rice, Dessert