



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: 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

- Wed May 13 Wednesday Night Dinners (Community Center) 5 PM (*Every Wednesday*)
- Thu May 21 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- 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
- Sat Jun 6 Work Day to Clean Up our Playground (Allendale) 7 AM
- Sat Jun 13 Play Proud Kids Day: Book Launch Celebration w/ Tombolo (CC) 10 AM for Rob Sanders' new children's book, *Play Proud: Fiercely Fabulous Queer Athletes*
- Sat Jun 27 Allendale is Marching in the St Pete Pride Parade!
- 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:

JOHN STEWART (he/him/his) is a second-generation Floridian. He was born in Lakeland and grew up in Seminole after his father bought a grocery store at John's Pass. He retired after 37 years teaching in Pinellas County high schools, where he taught English, creative writing, humanities, and Advanced Placement Art History. His passions for social justice include activism and volunteering at a weekly breakfast for unsheltered people. He is a volunteer docent at the Dali Museum, the Ringling Museum, and the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts. Among his interests are camping, reading, movies, watching meteor showers, and travel. He lives in St. Petersburg with his wife Sheila Stewart and yard cat Ole Oliver Gray.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

vocals - Beth Heisel

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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The white flowers are in memory of mothers and mother-figures who have transitioned to heaven. The red flowers are in honor of our living mothers and mother-figures. May God bless them all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING YOUR TEDDY BEAR TO WORSHIP:

Last Sunday, MJ Wasmund invited Allendale to bring stuffed animals into worship on Sunday, May 17. For many of us, teddy bears were companions when we were young. They helped us feel safe, held, and less alone.

You are invited to bring a teddy bear or stuffed animal to hold during worship as a reminder of the tenderness and strength we carry with us, including the younger parts of ourselves that still need care. You are also invited to bring an extra one to give away, so someone else can receive a small sign of comfort and love.

MARCHING IN THE PRIDE PARADE:

Allendale United Methodist Church will march in the St. Pete Pride Parade on Saturday, June 27. Join us as we celebrate God's inclusive love and show support for the LGBTQ+ community. *To march with Allendale or help with the parade float, sign up at www.allendaleumc.org/pride26.*

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Allendale United Women in Faith will meet Sunday, May 17, after worship in the Wesley Room to discuss the UWF Charter for Racial Justice. Throughout May, UWF is also collecting diapers and wipes in the donation barrel for Cornerstone Family Ministries daycare centers.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Henry Brown May 12
Jeff Ishman May 24
Chris Marks May 28
Ginger Holton Jun 6
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: 113 in-person, 2,704 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun May 10 at 10:30 AM
Sun June 14 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

NOW HIRING NURSERY WORKERS:

Allendale UMC is looking for caring, dependable nursery workers to help create a safe and welcoming space for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings, with occasional opportunities to serve at other church events.

This is a meaningful role for someone who enjoys working with young children and wants to be part of a community that values inclusion, kindness, and care. Nursery workers help our youngest children feel secure while parents and caregivers participate in worship and community life.

Pay is \$20 per hour. All nursery workers complete a background check and follow Allendale's Safe Sanctuaries practices, which include training, screening, and safety protocols designed to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults, and the people who care for them.

To apply or learn more, contact the church office at 727-527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT ALLENDALE:

Allendale is preparing to launch a new Children's Church program for kids in kindergarten through third grade.

In the coming weeks, children will have two options during worship: they may stay in the sanctuary for the full service, because children belong in worship, or they may attend Children's Church after the Children's Time and return before the final song.

Children's Church will offer age-appropriate activities that help kids explore faith, ask questions, build relationships, and experience God's love in an engaging way.

To make this possible, we need volunteers who can help once a month, once a quarter, or as they are able. *To learn more or fill out an interest form, go to:* www.allendaleumc.org/childrenschurch.

This is one more way we are making room for children, families, and all generations at Allendale.

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

Let It Grow | Bombaro |

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG Allendale Band

One Love | Bob Marley |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John Stewart

God Has Work For Us To Do | Mark A. Miller, Carl Daw Jr |

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

SONG Allendale Band

God Has Work For Us To Do | Mark A. Miller, Carl Daw Jr |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE, CONFESSION, & LIBERATION Rev. David Franks

The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |

MISSION MOMENT Linda Thielman

OFFERING Congregation

give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

Pray With Our Feet | Paul M. Vasile |

POEM Rose Cervantes

The Committee for the Management of Other People's Pain | Dylan Vireo |

SONG Allendale Band

Love Of God, No Longer Hidden | Andy Oliver |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING John Stewart

Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Congregation

Let Us Be Known By Our Love

| Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION John Stewart

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



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INSPIRED BY

ACTS 17:22-31 AND JOHN 14:15-21

Paul brings faith into the public square. He does not hide it inside a temple or keep it as a private feeling. He stands among the monuments, marketplaces, questions, and competing stories of the city and speaks of a God who is already near: the One "in whom we live and move and have our being."

Likewise, Jesus reminds us that love is not proven by slogans, but by lives people can see. Love takes flesh when it becomes public: in compassion, courage, truth-telling, welcome, and care for the vulnerable. The Spirit helps love move from belief into action, from private devotion into visible witness, from words into a way of life.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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Sign Language Interpreter

Dr. Kate Pravera
Theologian in Residence

All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun May 10

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon May 11

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue May 12

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)
2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed May 13

5 PM Dinner at Allendale (Community Center)
6 PM Journey Class (Hybrid Room)
6 PM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Thu May 14

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Fri May 15

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat May 16

Sun May 17

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12 PM United Women in Faith (Wesley)

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

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group - 5/17 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

United Women in Faith - 5/17 at 12 PM

United Methodist Men - 5/21 at 6 PM

"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 May 13

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Ciabatta Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert

Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities will go on Summer break during June & July and will start back up on August 5.