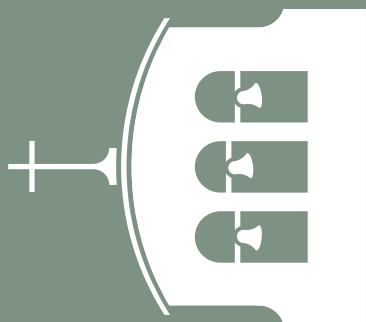




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ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

- Aug 4-7 Youth End of Summer Bash
- Sat Aug 8 Mr Bubblez Free Mobile Showers (Allendale Parking Lot) 8 AM
- Sat Aug 22 Children's Day w/ Wonder Studio and NOMAD Art Bus (Allendale) 10 AM
- Fri Aug 28 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Meals and Outreach (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Aug 31 Drag-led Worship at Allendale (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LOIS JABLONSKI (she/her/hers) is a native Floridian. She has been an educator for 28 years and specializes in teaching reading and spelling to individuals who have dyslexia. Lois and her husband, Frank, have been married for 38 years. They enjoy traveling, hiking, and visiting with their grown children, Alex and Lois Marie.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Shannon Tierney

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

piano - Tru Mizzell

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

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz & Pam Green

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Steve Geis, Sandy Geis,
Mark Frederck, Robert Salyer, Rafael Duran,
Pam Green, Jill Donaldson, Alan Miller,
Edwin Gomez

COMMUNION USHERS:

John Stewart & Jim Pridgen
Greg & Gail Gillis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. BUBBLEZ SHOWERS:

Mr. Bubblez will provide free hot showers and hygiene essentials on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 8 AM-noon at the corner of 38th Avenue North and Haines Road North. Showers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This mobile outreach serves individuals experiencing homelessness with practical care and hope.

CHILDREN'S DAY WITH WONDER STUDIO AND NOMAD ART BUS:

Join us on Saturday, August 22, from 10-11:30 AM for Children's Creative Play Day as NomadStudio brings out its mobile art bus for hands-on painting in the parking lot, while The Wonder Studio offers imaginative play and creative activities inside their studio space on our second floor. This free event is open to everyone.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Mary Ann Holtz	Aug 4
Timon Brown	Aug 6
Bill Lee	Aug 7
Bob Wallace	Aug 7
Mira Collins	Aug 10
Sheila Stewart	Aug 18
Will Redlow	Aug 19
Linda Thielmann	Aug 22
Sarah Brownell	Aug 27
Jenny Connor	Aug 29

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor

Pastor Andy is on renewal leave through the end of August. Pastors David and Dr. Lee are available to meet with for any pastoral needs:

Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell,

Pastor of Theological and Community Engagement

Office hours: 11-4 Tue & Thu *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/drlee*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: 10-1 Wed *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: 100 in-person, 1,450 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun August 9 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

WHEN STATE KILLING BECOMES ROUTINE:

On July 28, Florida did something it had not done in more than 60 years: the state executed two people on the same day. James Duckett was executed at noon, followed six hours later by Dominick Occhicone. They became the 11th and 12th people executed in Florida in 2026—and the 39th and 40th executions carried out under Gov. DeSantis.

The double execution is part of a dramatic acceleration of Florida's use of the death penalty. In 2025, Florida executed 19 people, more than in any year in the state's modern history. By July 28 of this year, another 12 people had been executed. That means Florida has put 31 people to death in less than 18 months.

At this pace, executions can begin to feel routine: another warrant, another date, another vigil. We cannot allow state killing to become background noise.

At Allendale, we believe every person has sacred worth. That does not minimize the devastating harm of murder or the grief carried by victims' families. Accountability matters. But an execution cannot restore a life that was taken, and more death does not repair the wounds violence leaves behind.

Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty reminds us that the death penalty is irreversible, arbitrarily applied, costly, and disproportionately impacts people already pushed to the margins. Florida has also exonerated more people from death row than any other state—a sobering reminder of what is at stake when punishment cannot be undone.

We can respond with more than grief. As Florida accelerates its machinery of death, our voices must grow louder in demanding another way: accountability without execution, justice without another killing.

Visit the Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty website at fadp.org for ways to take action.

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 Organist Bill Lee

WELCOME Rev. David Franks

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*SONG Allendale Band
God Is | The Outer Banks |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Lois Jablonski
God Is (Reprise) | The Outer Banks |

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

*SONG Allendale Band
Losing Faith/Finding Faith | Brian McLaren |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. David Franks

SONG Allendale Band
Be Rooted in Hope | Paul Vasile |

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
Leaning In | Christopher Grundy |

POEM Rose Cervantes
New Day's Lyric | Amanda Gorman |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING Lois Jablonski
Genesis 32:22-31

*SONG Allendale Band
Bless Us in the Wrestling | Andy Oliver |

SERMON Rev. David Franks
Family

COMMUNION Congregation
The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |
At The Table, There's a Place for You | Cameron Helwege |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING Lois Jablonski & Rev. David Franks

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit. All are welcome to participate fully.



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INSPIRED BY GENESIS 32:22-31

In Genesis 32, Jacob stands at a crossroads in the dark, alone with his fear, his past, and the family story he helped wound. Before he can move forward, he has to wrestle with what has shaped him. By morning, Jacob is changed. He receives a blessing and a new name, but he does not leave untouched. He leaves limping.

This is the honest work of family, faith, and healing. God does not bless Jacob by pretending the harm never happened. God meets him in the struggle, holds him through the night, and sends him forward marked by both wound and blessing. Our stories are often complicated, too. We carry what we inherited, what we survived, and what we still hope can be healed. Yet God stays with us in the wrestling, helping our scars become wisdom and our limping become testimony.

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**Mallory Edghill
Lashley Marks
Elizabeth Stice**
Allendale Kids Leaders

Dr. Kate Pravera
Theologian in Residence

All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Aug 2

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Wesley)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Ella Baker)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Mon Aug 3

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Tue Aug 4

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

Wed Aug 5

6 PM Town Hall (Sanctuary)

Thu Aug 6

9 AM Tai Chi (Community Center)

Fri Aug 7

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Aug 8

8 AM Mr. Bubblez mobile showers (Parking lot)

Sun Aug 9

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (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 - 7/26 & 8/9 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

United Women in Faith - TBD

United Methodist Men - 3rd Thu at 6 PM

Social Justice Team - 8/18 at 6:30 PM
Meeting in the Hybrid Room

Adult Sunday Morning Book Study
In-Person Book Study - Sun at 9 AM
Book - *Building Beloved Community:
The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*
This group is now meeting in the Wesley Room

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

Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities are
on Summer break during June & July and will
start back up in mid-August.