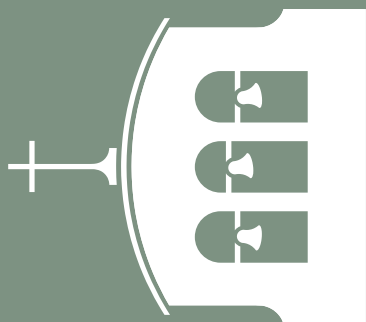




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

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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

- Fri Aug 28 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Meals and Outreach (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Aug 30 Drag-led Worship at Allendale (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Tue Sep 1 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Thu Sep 10 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (Ulmerton Rd & 49th St N) 5 PM
- Tue Sep 22 6 PM Staff Parish | 7 PM Trustees Meeting (Hybrid Room)
- Thu Sep 24 6 PM Finance | 7 PM Church Council Meeting (Hybrid Room)
- Sat Oct 10 Children's Day w/ Wonder Studio and NOMAD Art Bus (Allendale) 10 AM
- Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events*

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

REV. LOIS LEHMAN was born in D.C. and grew up in the Maryland suburbs. A graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, she served Presbyterian (PCUSA) churches in MD, SC, CA, NC, DE, ID, and FL. Lois is married to Russ, a retired Methodist minister and lives in Tampa with 3 rescued Springer Spaniels. They provide fostering and transportation for English Springer Spaniel Rescue America. Between them Lois and Russ have 4 sons: two in Florida, one in Maryland and one in New Hampshire. They are blessed with numerous grands, step-grands and great-grands.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

RHONDA JOHNSON (she/her/hers) was born and raised in California. She has been married to Ruck Johnson for 36 years. They have two daughters, Ann (wife Danni) and Emily and a grandson, Murphy. She is blessed to have both of her children living in St. Petersburg. Buck and Rhonda also share a cat named Thomas, and a dog, Roxy. She works locally as a veterinarian. Most of her free time is spent with Murphy or playing tennis.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Campbell Horn

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

piano - Tru Mizzell

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale United Methodist Church and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty for prayer vigils opposing the execution of Harold Gene Lucas on Tuesday, September 1, and Daniel Conahan on Thursday, September 10, 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. Allendale will ring its bell in lament at 6 PM, the time of the execution.

CHARITY DRAG BINGO & 5TH SUNDAY DRAG-LED WORSHIP:

Join us for a weekend of drag, community, and celebration at Allendale! On Friday, August 28 at 6:30 PM, our monthly Charity Drag Bingo takes place in the Sanctuary, with proceeds supporting Allendale's Community Outreach and our neighbors experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. \$10 for 10 games of bingo. We play for small trinkets. Then on Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 AM we have our 5th Sunday Drag-Led Worship. Through music and performance, drag artists will help us embody and reflect the image of God in which we are all created. Come for bingo, come for worship, or join us for both as we celebrate a God whose creativity is bigger, bolder, and more beautiful than any box we could ever build.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Michelle Taylor: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Sarah Brownell	Aug 27
Jenny Connor	Aug 29
Dylan Dames	Aug 31
Rey Drouin	Sep 1
Maria Brown	Sep 4
Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11

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: 107 in-person, 955 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Sep 13 & Oct 11 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

WITNESS

PROTECT THE VOTE:

Voting is more than a private act; it is one way our neighbors participate in decisions that shape their lives, families, and communities. This fall, Allendale community members have another opportunity to help protect that right by becoming trained election observers.

The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society has launched a six-week Election Observers Program, meeting online Tuesdays at 7 PM ET through Sep 22. Participants learn about the history and moral foundations of voting in the United States, the role of nonpartisan election observers, and the practical steps for serving in their own communities. Election observers do not administer elections. They are trained witnesses who help promote transparency, fairness, and public confidence in the process.

Although the program has already begun, new participants can still register through September 6. Recordings and training videos are available to help newcomers catch up, so missing the first sessions does not mean missing the opportunity.

Scripture repeatedly calls people of faith to stand alongside those whose voices are ignored, whose rights are threatened, and whose access to power is restricted. Election observation offers one concrete way to live that witness: preparing ourselves to help ensure our neighbors can exercise their right to vote without intimidation or unnecessary barriers.

In a time when democratic rights cannot be taken for granted, love requires more than good intentions. It asks us to show up, pay attention, and protect one another. Becoming an election observer is one way we can prepare now to practice that love in the face of tyranny.

Learn more and register at allendaleumc.org/protect-the-vote.



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

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
With a Little Help from My Friends | John Lennon & Paul McCartney |

WELCOME Rev. David Franks
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*SONG Allendale Band
We Are One In the Struggle | Jorge Lockward & Katie Reimer |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rhonda Johnson
Who You Say You Are | Kierre Bjorn, Jenny Wahlstrom, Isaac Gill |

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

*SONG Allendale Band
We Are One In the Struggle (Reprise) | Jorge Lockward & Katie Reimer |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Lois Lehman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & LIBERATION Rev. Dr Lee Tredwell
The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
Many Gifts and One Great Calling | Andy Oliver |

POEM Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell
In This Place (An American Lyric) | Amanda Gorman |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING Rhonda Johnson
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

*SONG Allendale Band
May We Be Brave and Curious | Carolyn Winfrey Gillette |

SERMON Rev. Lois Lehman

SONG Allendale Band
Here I Am God | Douglas Elzroth |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING Rhonda Johnson & Rev. David Franks

POSTLUDE Allendale Band

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



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INSPIRED BY

ROMANS 12:1-8, MATTHEW 16:13-20

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter answers with courage, naming Jesus as the Christ, the Living One. But that question is not only answered with words. It is answered with our lives: with what we risk, what we practice, what we offer, and how we love.

Romans 12 reminds us that no one answers this calling alone. We are one body with many members, and every gift matters.

Some bring courage, some bring care, some teach, some serve, some give, some organize, some ask the questions others are afraid to ask. Together, our lives become a living offering. When we bring our gifts and trust the gifts of others, the body of Christ becomes visible: not as one perfect person carrying everything, but as a community shaped by courage, mercy, justice, and love.

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Theologian in Residence

All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Aug 23

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

Mon Aug 24

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Aug 25

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

Wed Aug 26

Thu Aug 27

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Aug 28

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Aug 29

Sun Aug 30

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Wesley)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Hybrid)
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 - 8/23 & 9/6 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

United Women in Faith - 9/20 at 12 PM

United Methodist Men - 9/17 at 6 PM

Social Justice Team - 9/15 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 and will start back
up soon. We are delayed as we prepare for
construction in the Community Center.