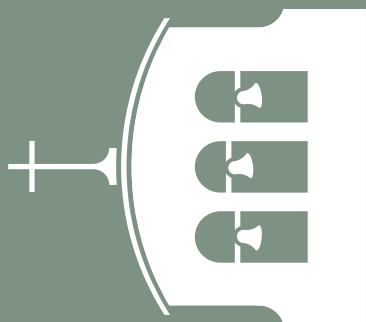




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026

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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

- 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)
- Fri Sep 25 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Pasco Pride (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- 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:

THERESA FROST (she/they) is the Campus Tours and Events Manager at USF St. Petersburg. She oversees the planning and execution of campus tours and events, ensuring a welcoming and informative experience for all visitors. Theresa graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science. She has always had a passion for justice and advocacy and is thankful to be able to do that work with our students. She is also the proud mom of two beautiful kittens, Dream and Dapper. In her free time, Theresa enjoys writing poetry and spending time with those she cares about.

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

JONATHAN SOOTS (he/him/his) is a dedicated Legal Administrative Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs, supporting veterans with compassion and expertise. He shares his life with his husband, Dr. Stephen Hawk, a psychiatrist, and their beloved Silky Terrier, Dusty. Born in North Carolina as the son of a pastor's kid, he graduated from Lee University near Chattanooga, TN, with a bachelor's degree in Biblical-Theological Studies and completed his M.A. in Teaching at Lee University. Additionally, he is a licensed Florida realtor affiliated with LPT Realty. Together with Dr. Hawk, he is active in Equality Florida, advocating for LGBTQ+ rights. His sister owns Rad Red Creative Media in Tampa.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Gabe Alves
vocals - Erica George
piano - Tru Mizzell
*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir.*

TODAY'S DRAG ARTISTS:

Veronica Foxx
Chatty Patty
Brucella DeVil
organist - Frieda Love

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.

POSTCARD WRITING GROUP:

Join us Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Hybrid Room to write nonpartisan postcards encouraging swing-state voters to vote. Fill out postcards with us during the gathering, or pick some up to complete on your own time.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Michelle Taylor: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

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: 102 in-person, 765 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. 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 Frieda Love
Trust and Obey | arr. Harold DeCou |

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell
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*SONG Allendale Band
I Am | Fia |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Jonathan Soots
I Am (Reprise) | Fia |

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Lynne Hensley & Congregation
SONG Veronica Foxx
I Believe I Can Fly | Yolanda Adams |

TIME WITH CHILDREN Theresa Frost
PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Franks
The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |

OFFERING Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell & Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

OFFERING SONG Brucella DeVil
Shake It Out | Florence and the Machine |

POEM Rose Cervantes
Joys of the Closet | Rose Cervantes |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING Jonathan Soots
Romans 12:9-21, Exodus 3:1-15

*SONG Allendale Band
When God Wore Flames of Freedom | Andy Oliver |

SERMON Theresa Frost
SONG Chatty Patty
No Smoke | Emerson Day |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation
*BENEDICTION & BLESSING Jonathan Soots & Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell
POSTLUDE Frieda Love

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



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INSPIRED BY ROMANS 12:9-21, EXODUS 3:1-15

In Exodus 3, Moses turns aside and sees a bush burning with holy fire, alive and unconsumed. Before God speaks, beauty gets Moses' attention. The flame is radiant, strange, and impossible to ignore, but it is not only spectacle. It is revelation. It is the beginning of liberation.

On Drag Sunday, this story reminds us that holiness can appear through color, courage, transformation, and becoming. The burning bush shows us a God who refuses to be contained, a God who hears the cries of the oppressed and moves toward freedom. Romans 12 tells us what it looks like to carry that flame: let love be genuine, resist evil, honor one another, practice hospitality, and overcome hatred with good. Drag artists, queer saints, trans siblings, and sacred troublemakers help the church turn aside and see again that the fire of God is still burning, but not consumed.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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

Mon Aug 31
9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Sep 1
11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)
2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)

Wed Sep 2
6 PM Post Card Group (Hybrid)

Thu Sep 3
9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Sep 4
11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Sep 5

Sun Sep 6
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 - 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

Post Card Writing Group - Wed at 6 PM
Meeting in the Hybrid Room

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.