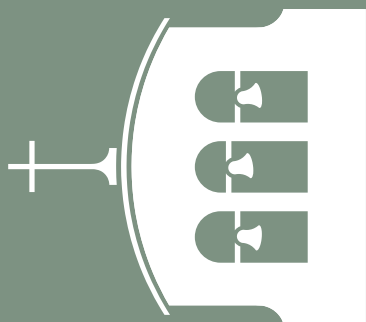




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

- 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 LITURGIST: DR. BOB WALLACE

(he/him/his) was born in Ohio, moved here in 1972, and went to Northeast High, St. Petersburg Junior College, and FSU. He continued to the University of Florida College of Medicine, and did his residency at Bayfront Medical Center. Bob has provided medical care to the St. Pete community for 43 years. He is one of the first doctors willing to treat HIV/AIDS patients, and helped develop special medication for them. Bob is known locally as an expert in HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C treatments, and focuses on eliminating Hepatitis C at his clinic, Love the Golden Rule, Inc. He's been attending Allendale since the mid-1990s..

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
piano - Tru Mizzell

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Jane Mann Brown & Pris Pridgen

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Steve Geis, Amy Mormino, Mark Frederick, Robert Salyer, Rafael Duran, Pam Green, Jill Donaldson, Barb Balmer & Amy Bordeaux

COMMUNION USHERS:

John Stewart, Jim Pridgen, Greg & Gail Gillis

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The two Bird of Paradise blossoms honor Pastor Andy's return from three months of Renewal Leave and Pastor David's retirement from his ministry as Allendale's Minister of Pastoral Support. We give thanks for the gifts they have shared with this community and ask God to bless them with joy in who they are and in who they are becoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join Allendale United Methodist Church and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP) for a prayer vigil opposing the execution of 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.

COME FROM AWAY OUTING:

On Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 PM, Eight O'Clock Theatre in Largo will present the musical "Come From Away," the story of hospitality offered to stranded travelers in a small Canadian community following the Sept. 11 attacks. Allendale United Women in Faith members are attending, and all are welcome to join. Group tickets are \$38. *For more information, contact the church office at 727-527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.*

BLESSING BAG AND FOOD COLLECTION:

The Blessing Bag collection drive for people experiencing homelessness continues. A list of needed items is available at the collection barrel in the Narthex, where donations may also be dropped off. On Sunday, Sept. 27, after worship, volunteers will gather to sort the donated items.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Michelle Taylor: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Scarlett Morrison	Sep 6
Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11
Campbell Horn	Sep 15
Cameron Helwege	Sep 20
Parker Hutton	Sep 21
Lois Lehman	Sep 23
Elijah Marks	Sep 24
Scott Hensley	Sep 25
Craig Bowman	Sep 26
Lewis Wilgus	Sep 28
Renee Burk	Sep 29

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. Dr. Lee Tredwell,

Pastor of Theological and Community Engagement

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

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 109 in-person, 1,226 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

PEACE HOPE AND JUSTICE CANDLE:

Today, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope and Justice, for the countries and communities around the world being devastated by the effects of climate change. Especially today we pray for the communities in the Himalayan mountains where a massive flood from a melting glacier killed more than 600 people on August 26th. We honor the religious pilgrims who came to Mount Kailash as an act of worship only to be caught in the rushing waters, and our compassion extends to all Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Bons who revere this mountain as a sacred place. We pray for the loved ones of those who perished, and for the more than 4,700 missing people; for rescuers digging through thick mud in search of survivors. And for the city of Bharatpur, downstream from the area where the landslide occurred, where bodies are washing up on the riverbanks and morgues are at capacity.

God of justice, as we witness the impact of our warming planet, we are also aware of our complicity. While the country of Nepal contributes less than 0.1% of the total global emissions from the burning of fossil fuels, they are at risk of continuing to bear the brunt of the climate crisis. Meanwhile, the US and Europe are responsible for 47% of historical carbon emissions. When President Trump withdrew the US from the Paris Climate Accords in January of this year, we became one of only four countries in the world not part of this agreement, and of those, we are by far the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

God of all people, we pray for political leadership that embraces the reality of climate science, and that commits to the responsibility of caring for our planet. Curb our reckless overconsumption of resources, and make us mindful of our connection to communities around the globe that are bearing the burdens of our choices.



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
Evidence | Josh Baldwin |

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SONG Allendale Band
Home | Phillip Phillips |

CALL TO WORSHIP & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Bob Wallace

SONG Allendale Band
David, Now Retire in Peace | Andy Oliver |

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. David Franks

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver & Hillary Daley

OFFERING Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
Talkin' Bout a Revolution | Tracy Chapman |

SPECIAL MUSIC Allendale Band

SONG Allendale Band
Repair Our Vision | Andy Oliver |

SCRIPTURE READING Dr. Bob Wallace
Selected Verses from *Matthew 18*

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Allendale Band
The Lord's Prayer | Mark A. Miller |
Give Us Love | Will Reagan, Freddie Washington |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Dr. Bob Wallace & Rev. Andy Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



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INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 18

In Matthew 18, the disciples ask Jesus who is greatest, and Jesus places a child among them. He turns their attention away from status, size, and power, and toward the one most easily overlooked. Then he tells them of a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to search for the one who is missing.

This is a time to repair our imagination. Jesus invites us to stop confusing bigger with better, success with faithfulness, or visibility with worth. The way of Christ teaches us to notice who is missing, honor the ones the world forgets, and trust that love is never wasted on the small or unseen. Wherever two or three gather in this spirit, Christ is present. Not because the gathering is impressive, but because love has made room.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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Allendale Kids Leaders

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All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Sep 6

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

Mon Sep 7

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Sep 8

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

Wed Sep 9

6 PM Post Card Group (Hybrid)

Thu Sep 10

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Sep 11

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Sep 12

Sun Sep 13

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 - 9/6 & 9/20 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 Hybrid 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
delayed as we prepare for construction in the
Community Center.