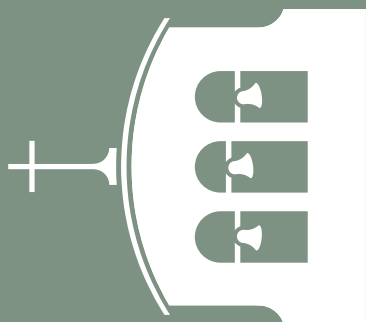




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ALLENDALE

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

- 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
- Sun Oct 4 World Communion Sunday with Jazz (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Sat Oct 10 Children's Day w/ Wonder Studio and NOMAD Art Bus (Allendale) 10 AM
- Sat Oct 24 Trunk-or-Treat in the Parking Lot (Allendale) 10 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

LASHLEY MARKS (she/her/hers) was raised in St. Pete, moved to UF for college, then to Virginia Beach for graduate school. There she met her husband, Chris, at the Methodist Church his father pastored. She was excited to return to St. Pete to be near parents and younger siblings. She now works as a psychologist at the USF Counseling Center. She and Chris were then blessed to be placed with their son, Elijah, whom they adopted in August, 2021. She loves music, spending time with family & friends, and the Gators. Lashley's grandfather, Rev. Lee Pearson, was pastor here at Allendale from 1973-1977.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik
guitar/vocals - Eddie Kusar
organist - Bill Lee

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The pink rosebud on the altar honors Annika, born September 4, weighing 6 lbs, 1 oz to Jessica and Dustin. She is welcomed by sisters Natalya, Bianca and Isla, and grandparents Kate Pravera and Jerry Miliszkievicz. Allendale offers heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the entire family on this joyful occasion!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING:

The Social Justice Team will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:30 PM in the Hybrid Room. Interested in getting involved? Join us to connect with others and learn about upcoming social justice and advocacy opportunities.

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:

Kirsten Anderson	Sep 11
Gina Gibbs	Sep 11
Rhonda Johnson	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: 129 in-person, 2,014 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 Haitian community of Springfield, Ohio, as they face increased immigration enforcement, fear, and uncertainty.

We pray for families afraid to leave their homes, go to work, or gather for worship because of the presence of ICE in their community. We pray for those who fear detention or separation from the people they love, and for children carrying the weight of that uncertainty.

We give thanks for clergy, neighbors, and advocates gathering alongside Haitian congregations as witnesses and companions. God of refuge and liberation, strengthen all who are standing against fear and intimidation. Remind us that no immigration status can erase a person's sacred worth, and that solidarity asks more of us than sympathy.

May the people of Springfield know they are not alone. And may your Church have the courage to become a sanctuary in both word and action.

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HISTORICAL PHOTOS FROM ST PETE:

Join Jim Cate for a History Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 19, from 9 AM-12 PM in the Ella Baker Room at Allendale United Methodist Church, 3803 Haines Road N., St. Petersburg. Explore more than 3,500 historic local photos, including many that have never been published or posted online.

JAZZ WORLD COMMUNION:

Did you enjoy Jazz Pentecost? We've invited the jazz band to join us again in Worship on Oct 4 for World Communion Sunday. Join us as we celebrate communion alongside folks around the world, with special music from the jazz band, and Dr. Lee preaching.



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 Organist Bill Lee
Blessed Assurance | Hughes |

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SONG Allendale Band
Dream God's Dream | Bryan Sirchio |

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Lashley Marks & Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Put Down What You Are Carrying | Trevor Hall |

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Lee Tredwell

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Rev. Andy Oliver & Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
Loosen, Loosen | Aly Halpert |

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lashley Marks

SONG Allendale Band
Let Some Things End With Us | Andy Oliver |

SCRIPTURE READING Lashley Marks
Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Lashley Marks & Rev. Andy Oliver

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name | Prentice |



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INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 18:21-35

In Matthew 18, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive, and Jesus answers with a story about someone who receives mercy but refuses to pass it on. The parable is not asking us to ignore harm or call injustice acceptable. It is asking what we will do with the grace we have received.

This is a time to lose our inheritance. Some things handed down to us are worth treasuring: love, courage, wisdom, faith, and stories that help us become more human. But other things need to end with us: vengeance, shame, prejudice, greed, and the old ledgers that keep score of who deserves mercy. Jesus invites us to live as people freed by grace, not people who rebuild the same prisons for someone else.

We forgive not because harm does not matter, but because liberation matters. We release what brings death so those who come after us can inherit more justice, mercy, and love.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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Bill Lee Organist	Mallory Edghill Nursery Coordinator
Courtney Ross, Erin Giblin, Pam Green, Michaela George, Susie Chisolm, Nevina Milano, Evann Dickerson Nursery Attendants	Mallory Edghill Lashley Marks Elizabeth Stice Allendale Kids Leaders
Maddie Johnson Sign Language Interpreter	Dr. Kate Pravera Theologian in Residence
Revs. Lois & Russ Lehman Rev. David Franks Clergy in Residence	All of Us in the Congregation Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Sep 13
9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3 PM New Moon Makers Market (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley)

Mon Sep 14
9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Sep 15
11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)
2 PM Pilates (Bill W/Nursery)
6:30 PM Social Justice Team (Hybrid)

Wed Sep 16
6 PM Post Card Group (Hybrid)

Thu Sep 17
9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Sep 18
11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Sep 19

Sun Sep 20
9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Wesley)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group (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 - 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.