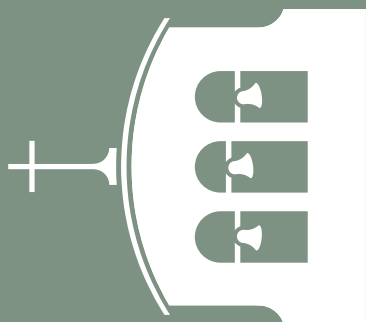




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

- Sun Sep 27 Get Out The Vote Event (Sanctuary) 3 PM
with Voter Action Pinellas, Fired Up Pinellas, Indivisible
- Tue Sep 29 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- Sun Oct 4 World Communion Sunday with Jazz (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
- Fri Oct 9 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Equality Florida (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- 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:

SHEILA STEWART (she/her/hers) grew up on Madeira Beach in a retired Air Force family with four siblings. She is an educator, an anthropologist and an archaeologist, retired from Pinellas County Schools. Her passions for social justice include bringing the native peoples of Florida back into our historical heritage, particularly those who first made Pinellas and Weedon Island their home. Among her interests are music, movies, taking hikes in nature, and travel. She lives in St. Petersburg with her husband, John Stewart, and housecat Lena Tiggy-winkle.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

vocals - Gabe Alves
vocals - Beth Heisel
piano - Tru Mizzell

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

WORLD COMMUNION WITH JAZZ:

Join us Sunday, October 4, for World Communion with Jazz, featuring live jazz, worship, and preaching by Dr. Lee Tredwell. World Communion Sunday celebrates our connection across cultures, traditions, and identities and reminds us that everyone has a place at the table. Come for the music, message, or community—and invite a friend!

BLESSING BAGS:

Join us in the Wesley Room after today's service to assemble Blessing Bags for people unhoused. We'll put together the supplies our community has donated over the past two months. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join death row exoneree Herman Lindsey at a community vigil opposing Curtis Beasley's execution Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5-6 PM, at Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North. Park in the unpaved lot behind Checkers. Bring signs or use those provided. *Find a petition and death penalty information at fadp.org. Sponsored by Allendale UMC and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP).*

SERVE ON AN ALLENDALE COMMITTEE:

Allendale's nominations committee is about to meet, and we want to hear from you if you would like to nominate yourself to serve on a committee in 2027. *Learn more about our Committees and submit your interest at allendaleumc.org/self-nominations.*

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE PLAY DAY:

You won't want to miss Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9-10:30 AM where we have a free morning of creativity, community, and fun! Families can enjoy hands-on creativity with NOMADstudio Art Bus painting, jamming on musical instruments with Girls Rock St. Pete's instrument petting zoo, imaginative play with The Wonder Studio, kid-friendly voting activities with the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, and more. Space is limited. *Register at allendaleumc.org/play.*

DISCIPLE INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY:

Take a 30 week deep-dive from Genesis to Revelation with study and discussion for people who want to make a serious, sustained commitment to studying scripture. *Learn more and let us know you're inest at allendaleumc.org/disciple. Starts Oct 21.*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

Deborah Eldred: health issues

BIRTHDAYS:

Gail Gillis	Sep 23
Lewis Wilgus	Sep 28
Renee Burk	Sep 29
James Kelchner	Oct 2
Debbie Duty	Oct 3
Trista Miller	Oct 3
Michaela George	Oct 4
Maria Rodriguez	Oct 6
Andy Oliver	Oct 7
Pris Pridgen	Oct 7
Jim Pridgen	Oct 8
Jean Hopkins	Oct 9
Cet Mohamed-Moore	Oct 9

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: 107 in-person, 850 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun 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



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

WITNESS

PEACE HOPE AND JUSTICE CANDLE:

Today we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for the journalists from CNN, MS NOW, and Politico who have been barred from the White House, and for all who work to gather and report the news in a time when the freedom of the press is under increasing strain. We pray for those who have been told that their questions are unwelcome, their reporting is false, or their presence is no longer permitted.

We give thanks for the First Amendment and for the generations who have understood that a free society depends upon the freedom to speak, to worship, to assemble, to dissent, and to hold those in power accountable.

May we be prevented from believing that the freedom of the press matters only when we agree with what is reported. And may God grant us a readiness to listen when we are challenged, wisdom to discern truth from falsehood, and courage to protect the freedom of those whose voices we may not always want to hear.

May we never forget that the light of truth is not ours to control, and may we be given courage to guard that light for one another, especially when it flickers in places where our President would rather it be extinguished.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT ALLENDALE:

Join us in the parking lot at Allendale on Saturday, October 24 from 10 AM - 12 PM for Trunk or Treat! Dress up and stop by in a Halloween costume for some treats. *Register to decorate your trunk at allendaleumc.org/trunk or RSVP at allendaleumc.org/treat if you're coming to trick-or-treat!* Allendale will also be accepting donations of candy and allergy-friendly gifts.

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
Let Love Be The Anchor | Matthew Macaulay, Michah Joy Macaulay|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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SONG Allendale Band
They'll Know We Are Guided By Our Love | Peter Scholtes|

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Sheila Stewart & Congregation

SONG Allendale Band
Another World | Kerri Meyer, inspired by Arundhati Roy|

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
Love and Justice | Richard Bruxvoort Colligan|

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sheila Stewart

SONG Allendale Band
When Enemies Are Fed | Andy Oliver|

SCRIPTURE READING Sheila Stewart
Romans 12:14-21

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
I Choose Love | Mark A. Miller|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Sheila Stewart & Rev. Andy Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band
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*Saint Francis the Wolf of Gubbio, Mosaic
Photo by Jim Forest on Flickr*

INSPIRED BY ROMANS 12:14-21

In Romans 12, Paul imagines a community that refuses to let evil decide what kind of people they will become. He does not ask them to ignore harm or pretend everything is fine. He says to hate what is evil, protect what is good, refuse revenge, and, astonishingly, feed your enemy when they are hungry. Love has moral clarity, but it also refuses dehumanization.

This is a time to befriend the wolf. Not because the bite did not hurt, and not because accountability no longer matters. The wolf has to stop biting. But the town also has to ask what made the violence possible and what must change so it does not continue. Christian peace is not passive. It protects the vulnerable, names harm honestly, leaves room for repentance, and refuses to become cruel in the name of resisting cruelty. Evil does not get to choose our weapons. We overcome evil by doing good.

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 27

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3 PM Get Out The Vote Event (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley)

Mon Sep 28

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Sep 29

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Wed Sep 30

Thu Oct 1

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Oct 2

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Oct 3

Sun Oct 4

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 - 10/4 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

United Women in Faith - 10/18 at 12 PM

United Methodist Men - 10/15 at 6 PM

Social Justice Team - 10/20 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

Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities are
delayed as we continue construction in the
Community Center.