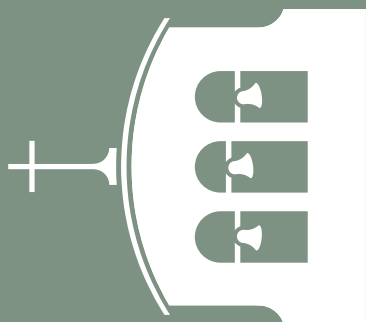




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 11, 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 Oct 13 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- Thu Oct 22 Interfaith Tampa Bay Speak Open Discussion Event (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM
- Sat Oct 24 Trunk-or-Treat in the Parking Lot (Allendale) 10 AM
- Sun Nov 1 All Saints Sunday - *Submit names to allendaleumc.org/saints.*
- Sun Nov 1 Charge Conference (Sanctuary) 12 PM
- Fri Nov 6 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Celebrate Outreach (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

GINA GIBBS (she/her/hers) Pinellas County born, raised and returned. She's a LCSW psychotherapist in private practice, with an office on the Allendale UMC campus. She and her wife, Deborah, are the proud chosen parents of their daughter, Bianca. They live in Largo with Stevie (the cat), and a colossal number of plants, unfinished books, and craft projects.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

guitar/vocals - Eddie Kusar
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOV 1:

On All Saints Sunday, we'll remember and give thanks for those who have died, including the people whose love and presence shaped our lives. *If someone you love has died within the past year, you're invited to share their name at allendaleumc.org/saints so we can remember them together in worship.*

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.
allendaleumc.org/self-nominations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF TAMPA BAY

CONCERT: LIFT EVERY VOICE:

Join the Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay at Allendale on Saturday, October 17, at 8 PM for Lift EVERY Voice, a concert celebrating empowerment, resilience, and justice. Through music and storytelling, the chorus explores transgender dignity, racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights, and immigrant justice. ASL interpretation will be provided. *Tickets are available at GMCTB.org.*

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT ALLENDALE:

Join us in the parking lot at Allendale on Sat, Oct 24 from 10-11:30 AM 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.

ALLENDALE GREEN TEAM MEETING:

The new Allendale Green Team will meet after worship on Sunday, October 18, in the Wesley Room. Join us to explore ways we can care for the environment through sustainable practices at Allendale, in our daily lives, and throughout our community.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join community members for a vigil opposing the death penalty from 5-6 PM on Tuesday October 13 at the northwest corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street North in mid-Pinellas County. 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).*

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

Laurie Hempel	Oct 13
Marcelino Avina-Norris	Oct 16
Elijah Edghill	Oct 16
Theresa Frost	Oct 18
Ty Throop	Oct 18
Emmett Edghill	Oct 19
Theresa Baecher	Oct 21
Kay-lynn Taylor	Oct 24
LaDonna Hill	Nov 1
Carol Henderson	Nov 3
Lois Jablonski	Nov 4
Chris Fontaine	Nov 7

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH PASTOR ANDY:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor
Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment*
at www.allendaleumc.org/andy

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center
Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 120 in-person, 8,228 online
Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:
Sun Oct 11 & Nov 8 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.*

Drag Bingo on October 9 raised \$1,053 for
Equality Florida!

WITNESS

PEACE HOPE AND JUSTICE CANDLE:

Today we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for Christa Pike and all those who face capital punishment at the hands of the government on death row. The State of Tennessee sentenced Christa to death for a crime she committed when she was 18 years old. Last week, after she received two doses of lethal-injection drugs during one failed execution attempt, Christa was intubated and put on a ventilator in a Nashville hospital. Her attorneys have reported that she has since regained consciousness.

We remember that our Savior was executed by the state. Jesus's resurrection is a rejection of everything the cross represented. The death penalty is an affront to Jesus's teachings of mercy and redemption. Now, as President Trump approves plans to livestream an execution, we reject the attempt to turn state-sanctioned killing into a public spectacle. No person's death should be treated as entertainment, and no act of cruelty becomes justice simply because the government carries it out. We know that almost all people facing capital punishment are poor, and a disproportionate amount are people of color. We ask God's guidance in confronting these injustices.

God of mercy, we ask that you strengthen our convictions so that we may stand with all who are imprisoned and to resist the temptation of retributive justice. Help us to remember that no one is beyond the grace or love of God. Help us to reaffirm the dignity of every person, remembering that every person on death row was created in your image. Embolden us to take action to protect our neighbors facing capital punishment. We pray for Christa's recovery and for her future, and we ask you to draw near to her and all of your children who face execution at the hands of our government.

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
Rest On Us | Maverick City Music |

CENTERING Rev. Andy Oliver

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Gina Gibbs & Congregation
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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Lynne Hensley

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Andy Oliver

TIME WITH CHILDREN & LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Andy Oliver

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

OFFERING Rev. Andy Oliver & Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
A Beautiful Noise | Alicia Keys & Brandi Carlile |

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gina Gibbs

SONG Allendale Band
What Will We Build? | Andy Oliver |

SCRIPTURE READING Gina Gibbs
Exodus 32:1-14

SERMON Nela Lamb

SONG Allendale Band
Wayfaring Stranger | Johnny Cash |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Gina Gibbs & Rev. Andy Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



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INSPIRED BY EXODUS 32:1-14

In Exodus 32, the people are afraid, uncertain, and tired of waiting. So they gather their gold, hand it to Aaron, and he builds something they can see and touch. Their fear becomes an idol. The story brings an uncomfortable question: what do we build with the fear, trust, money, and hope people place in our hands?

That question still matters today. Fear can drive power, division, exclusion, and loyalty to leaders who promise certainty at someone else's expense. But our gifts can build something different. We can build belonging instead of suspicion, courage instead of control, and community instead of scapegoats. Faith asks us to notice what our resources are creating and whom they are serving. We do not have to hand our gold to fear. We can use what we have—our money, time, voices, and lives—to build a world where dignity is protected, neighbors are welcomed, and love becomes visible.

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All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Oct 11

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 Oct 12

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Oct 13

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Wed Oct 14

Thu Oct 15

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Oct 16

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Oct 17

8 PM Gay Men's Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)

Sun Oct 18

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 & 10/18 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

This group is discussing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermon, "Loving Your Enemies" Oct 11-25
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.

DISCIPLE INTENSIVE BIBLE STUDY:

Take a 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 in* allendaleumc.org/disciple.