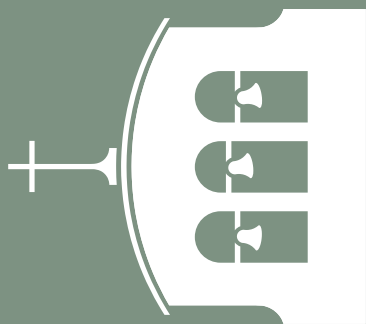




ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 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

- Mon Oct 26 FAST Gathering - Annual Assembly (200 78th Ave NE) 7 PM
- Sun Nov 1 All Saints Sunday - *Submit names to allendaleumc.org/saints.*
- Sun Nov 1 Charge Conference (Sanctuary) 12 PM
- Thu Nov 5 Anti-Death Penalty Vigil (49th St N & Ulmerton Rd) 5 PM
- Fri Nov 6 Drag Bingo at Allendale for Celebrate Outreach (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Fri Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance
- Fri Dec 4 Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay Holiday Concert (Sanctuary) 8 PM
"Happy HoliGays To You!" Get tickets at gmctb.org
- Fri Dec 11 Drag Bingo at Allendale Christmas Edition (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sat Dec 12 Brunch with Santa (Sanctuary) 10 AM
- Fri Dec 18 Annual Unhoused Memorial Service (100 Mirror Lake) 4:30 PM
- Mon Dec 21 Longest Night: The Night Is Holy, Too (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Wed Dec 23 Impromptu Christmas Pageant and Nativity (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Thu Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight (Sanctuary) 6 PM
- Sun Dec 27 Christmas Gospel Drag Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM

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

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

BARBRA BALMER (she/her/hers) Born in Northfield, MN, 5th in a family of 8 children (6 girls & 2 boys). Moved from Phoenix to Florida in 2020 to be closer to my 3 younger sisters after loss of husband of 34 years. Was employed in the banking industry for 40 years becoming a Vice President in lending. Now retired and enjoys spoiling adopted dog, Paddington, crafting, volunteering, and exercising at the gym. She became a proud member of Allendale in June, 2024.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano/vocals - Judy Haines-Hricik
guitar/vocals - Eddie Kusar
*Contact tru@allendaleumc.org
to join our band or choir*

CHARGE CONFERENCE:

Allendale's annual Charge Conference will take place Sunday, November 1, immediately following worship. This is our annual church business meeting, where we celebrate the past year of ministry, elect and affirm leaders, and look ahead to how we'll continue living out our mission together. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage you to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - OCT 26:

Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST), a coalition of local congregations including Allendale, will hold its Annual Assembly on Monday, October 26, at 7 PM at Holy Family Catholic Church (200 78th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg). Join us to represent Allendale and help decide which local issues FAST will prioritize in the year ahead!

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.*

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY VIGIL:

Join community members for a vigil opposing the death penalty from 5-6 PM on Thursday November 5 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

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: 116 in-person, 2,059 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunities:

Sun Nov 15 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

WHAT YOUR GIVING MAKES POSSIBLE AT ALLENDALE IN 2027:

A Sanctuary for All

Worship, pastoral care, music, children's formation, and a congregation that openly welcomes LGBTQ people and others who have experienced religious rejection.

A Faith That Shows Up

Our public witness for justice, advocacy alongside immigrants, unhoused neighbors, and other vulnerable communities, and the organizing relationships that make such work possible.

A Church Building Community

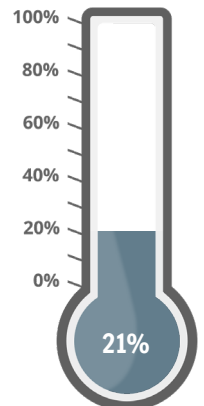
Supporting the life of the Community Center, neighborhood partnerships, and spaces where people gather, organize, create, celebrate, and find support.

A Sustainable Future

Fair compensation for staff, care for our buildings, utilities, insurance, and the ordinary expenses that sustain extraordinary ministry.

\$67,860 of our **\$325,000**

goal has been pledged to 2027 Operating Budget. As of October 22, we've received 10 pledges representing 16 people. Last year, we received a total of 54 pledges.



You can submit your pledge using the card that came with this bulletin by dropping it in the offering box or delivering it to the church office, or online using this QR code:



Or by visiting www.allendaleumc.org/pledge.

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

CENTERING Rev. Andy Oliver

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Barbra Balmer & Congregation

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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Hillary Daley

SONG Allendale Band
Draw The Circle Wide | Mark A. Miller |

PASTORAL PRAYER Hillary Daley

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

SONG Allendale Band
Let Us Be Known By Our Love
| Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore |

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Carol Henderson

OFFERING Rev. Andy Oliver & Congregation
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give
Lead With Love | Melanie DeMore |

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barbra Balmer

SONG Allendale Band
7th Inning Stretch | Andy Oliver |

SCRIPTURE READING Barbra Balmer
Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG Allendale Band
Let Love Shine A Light | Katrina and The Waves |

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Barbra Balmer & Rev. Andy Oliver

POSTLUDE Allendale Band



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INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 22:34-40

Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment. His answer is simple enough to remember and difficult enough to shape an entire life: love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. Everything else, Jesus says, hangs on these.

But love is more than a feeling or a slogan. Love takes up space. It needs open doors, room at the table, time, attention, courage, and resources. It asks us to notice who has been pushed aside and to make room where others have been told they do not belong. At Allendale, that is part of what we are trying to build together: a community where welcome becomes practice and love becomes visible. The measure of our faith is not only what we say we believe, but whether our neighbors can experience that love through us.

Liturgy by Allendale United Methodist Church

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Theologian in Residence

All of Us in the Congregation
Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Oct 25

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM Youth Group (Wesley)

Mon Oct 26

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Tue Oct 27

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Wed Oct 28

Thu Oct 29

9 AM Tai Chi (Sanctuary)

Fri Oct 30

11 AM Metro Men's Group (Wesley)

Sat Oct 31

Sun Nov 1

9 AM Adult Sunday Morning Book Study (Wesley)
9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Charge Conference (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 - 11/1 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

United Women in Faith - 11/15 at 12 PM

United Methodist Men - 11/19 at 6 PM

Disciple - Wednesdays at 6 PM

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

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.