



# ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**JUNE 8, 2025**

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## WELCOME

**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:** Mon-Thu 9-4

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today! To learn more about the life of the church, 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.

**Zoom** links for Allendale's virtual events can be found at [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June - July	New all-church book study: Wesleyan Vile-tality - Reclaiming the heart of Methodist Identity (Hybrid Room) Sundays 9-10 AM
Tue Jun 17	Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
Sat Jun 28	Allendale is Marching in the St. Pete Pride Parade
Sun Jun 29	Drag Led Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 AM
Jun 30 - Jul 5	Youth at Warren Willis Summer Camp
Jul 7-11	Vacation Bible School at Allendale - 9 AM-12 PM
Tue Jul 8	Committee Meetings (Hybrid Room) Staff Parish 6 PM   Trustees 7 PM
Thu Jul 10	Committee Meetings (Hybrid Room) Finance 6 PM   Church Council 7 PM

*Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: [www.allendaleumc.org/events](http://www.allendaleumc.org/events)*

## WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S SPEAKER:

**MARIA DELIBERATO** is the Executive Director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (FADP). She has spent over 16 years as a capital litigation attorney, representing individuals on Florida's death row and advocating for systemic reform.

### TODAY'S LITURGIST:

**SCOTT HENSLEY** (he/him/his) was raised in Brooksville, FL. Scott works as a chiropractor in Tampa where he lives with his wife, Lynne, and their son, Isaiah. Their son, Benjamin, lives in Salt Lake City.

### TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

piano - Tru Mizzell  
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames  
vocals - Beth Heisel  
organist - Bill Lee

### COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Pam Green and Lynda Beltz

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Greg Gillis, Amy Mormino, Gail Gillis, Deborah Eldred, Gina Gibbs, Debbie Duty, Pam Green

### ALTAR DECORATION:

The descending white dove upon the cross represents Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to begin their ministry and often considered the birth of the Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ASL INTERPRETATION:

For the first time, a sign language interpreter is joining us today to make our worship service more inclusive for the Deaf community. This Pentecost marks an important step toward greater accessibility and belonging, and we hope to make this a permanent part of our worship services moving forward. Let's continue building a community where everyone has a voice!

### LOVINGKINDNESS VBS:

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School, a fun, faith-filled week of music, stories, crafts, and activities for children, happening July 7-11, 2025, from 9 AM to noon. This year's theme is Lovingkindness. Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/vbs](http://www.allendaleumc.org/vbs) to sign up and explore more details.

### "KINDOM" PRIDE T-SHIRT:

"Kindom" Pride shirts are now available at [www.allendaleumc.org/store](http://www.allendaleumc.org/store). For those who preordered a shirt, they are expected to arrive the second week of June. We will notify you once they get here.

### ALLENDALE YOUNG-ADULTS DISCORD:

Allendale UMC now has a Discord server for young adults... a space to connect, share, and build community throughout the week. Discord is a free app for group chats and online events.

Join at [www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults).

# STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS

### BIRTHDAYS:

Greg Brecht	Jun 11
Erin Giblin	Jun 12
Errol Johnston	Jun 12
David Franks	Jun 14
William Brown	Jun 17
Jackie Hunter	Jun 17
Don Windle	Jun 25

*Birthday missing? Please contact the office*

### CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver

Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at [www.allendaleumc.org/andy](http://www.allendaleumc.org/andy)*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment at [www.allendaleumc.org/david](http://www.allendaleumc.org/david)*

### LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

*Visit [www.allendaleumc.org/counseling](http://www.allendaleumc.org/counseling)*

## PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 135 in-person, 1,134 online

*Live stream: [www.allendaleumc.org/online](http://www.allendaleumc.org/online)*

### WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

**Sun Jun 8 at 10:30 AM**

Sign-up at: [www.allendaleumc.org/join](http://www.allendaleumc.org/join)

## GIFTS

Give online: [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)

Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

Buy a shirt: [www.allendaleumc.org/shirts](http://www.allendaleumc.org/shirts)



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

## WITNESS

### CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

In a spirit of solidarity, more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting a candle of Peace, Hope and Justice. This candle represents Christ's light shining even in the midst of barbed wire policies that wrap tighter each day.

On the day of Pentecost, there came from heaven a sound like the rush of a violent wind. It filled the entire house where the faithful had gathered. Then it filled each person until all could speak in ways that others could hear and understand.

This morning, we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for all who are struggling to hear—and for all who are struggling to be heard.

For those who rely on Medicaid to cover life-sustaining prescriptions, and who need lawmakers to hear: "My health—and my life—depend on access to this medication."

For parents working full-time jobs who still cannot afford groceries, and who need legislators to hear: "Shifting responsibility for SNAP to the states risks my child going hungry."

For immigrants who are in this country legally, and who need ICE officials to hear: "I have the proper documents. Please do not take me from my children."

For members of the LGBTQ+ community who need their families and faith communities to hear: "I am still the same person you once called precious and beloved. I need your love and acceptance, not your judgement and rejection."

May the same Spirit that stirred the wind in Jerusalem stir our hearts today, so we might be as quick to listen as we are to speak, to unite as we are to divide, and to embody courage instead of fear.

We light this candle proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to [www.allendaleumc.org/here](http://www.allendaleumc.org/here) or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE ..... Bill Lee

*The Lord is My Shepherd* |Irvine|

WELCOME & CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

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SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Rest On Us* |Brandon Lake|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER ..... Scott Hensley

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*For Wesley, It All Changed in Bristol* |Andy Oliver|

VILE-TALITY READING ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*Spirit* |Beyoncé|

TIME WITH CHILDREN ..... Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING ..... Congregation

*Another World* |Kerri Meyer, inspired by Arundhati Roy|  
*give online at [www.allendaleumc.org/give](http://www.allendaleumc.org/give)*

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Scott Hensley

*Acts 2:1-21*

POEM ..... Rose Cervantes

*A Blessing for the Seekers* |Rev. Sarah Speed|

SONG ..... Allendale Band

*God, When Were You in Prison?* |Carolyn Winfrey Gillette|

SERMON ..... Maria DeLiberato

COMMUNION ..... Congregation

*God Has Work For Us To Do* |Mark Miller|

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ..... Congregation

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY ..... Congregation

BENEDICTION ..... Scott Hensley

POSTLUDE ..... Bill Lee

*Psalms 19* |Marcello|



We don't want mystery—we want certainty. We want answers wrapped in a nice bow. But instead we get the enigmatic Spirit in whatever form She shows up. We get bread and wine and water and flame. We get harmonies and incense and stained glass and the cross. We get coffee and serenity prayers and hugs and Pride parades. And though God doesn't need to, God somehow uses them all to impart grace. Grace upon grace upon grace.

Thanks be to God..

*Liturgy from Enfleshed (portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Bill Lee | Organist

Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Michaela George, Erin Giblin, Courtney Ross, | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

## THIS WEEK

### Sun Jun 8

9 AM Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:30 PM Youth Group

### Mon Jun 9

6 PM Scripture Class (Zoom)

### Tue Jun 10

3 PM Aging Group (Wesley)

### Wed Jun 11

5 PM Wednesday Night Dinner (CC)

6 PM Wednesday Night Classes (Hybrid)

### Thu Jun 12

### Fri Jun 13

### Sat Jun 14

### Sun Jun 15

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley) 9 AM

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Class (Hybrid)

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

*Recovery and Support Groups meet often at Allendale and are now listed on their own calendar: [www.allendaleumc.org/recovery](http://www.allendaleumc.org/recovery).*

## CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group- 6/15 at 9 AM

*This group meets every other Sunday*

Wesleyan Vile-Tality Group- Sun at 9 AM

*6/15 Session 3: Ch 2 – Vile Before Bristol*

Aging Group - Led by Gina Gibbs

In the Wesley Room - Tue at 3 PM

*Classes run from Jun 3 - Jul 29*

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy

Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM

*Join via Zoom: [allendaleumc.org/mondayclass](http://allendaleumc.org/mondayclass)*

Young Adult Discord - Online Group

*Join at [www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults](http://www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults)*

Social Justice Team - 6/17 at 6 PM

*For those seeking to get involved with advocacy and justice work. Meets monthly on the third Tuesday in the Community Center.*

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 5 PM

*NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N*

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes

*On Summer Break - Will resume August 6.*