



January
Shorelines 2025



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Church Office is closed on January 1st for New Year's Day

Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

There is one part of every New Year that I don't like, the un-decorating. We put everything neatly away to store it for the next year. For a whole year, the decorations spend in boxes waiting to bring us joy the next year. The house quickly gets put back to "normal." It is almost as if Christmas never happened.

That is the challenge isn't it?! We come to worship we have the reminders all through the season that Jesus is the reason. All through the stress, chaos, and parties we are to keep a special place for the one perfect gift that came in the form of a baby. But now that the stress of the season is over, now that we don't have all those reminders everywhere, what now?? Are our spiritual lives supposed to go back to "normal" now that our lives are normal again? Do we go back to the way things were?

Did you know that the church follows a different calendar for the Christian year?

The Season of Advent (preparation) is from the first Sunday in Advent to the fourth Sunday in Advent. It is symbolized by blue or purple to represent the hope and royalty of Christ.

The Christmas Season (celebration) is from Christmas Eve through Epiphany. The color for this season is white, for the purity and holiness of Christ.

The Season after Epiphany, or Ordinary time (growth), is from Baptism of the Lord Sunday (the first Sunday after Epiphany) through Transfiguration Sunday. It is symbolized by the color green because it is a time for growing in our faith.

Lent (preparation) starts with Ash Wednesday and goes through Holy Saturday. The color of the season is purple for the royalty of Jesus and repentance.

Easter Season (celebration) begins with Easter and goes through Pentecost. The colors of the season are white/gold for the purity and holiness of Christ and red for the day of Pentecost to represent the Holy Spirit coming as tongues of fire.

The Season after Pentecost, or Ordinary Time or Kingdome (growth), is from Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) through Christ the King Sunday. The season is symbolized with the color green because it is a time for growing in our faith.

Note that the entire year is centered around our two main celebration days, Christmas and Easter. But we have seasons of preparation and seasons of growth. We are constantly called to move forward in our faith journey. So even though things have gotten back to normal in our lives, we are to be in a state of growth with our focus to be on God. I guess that means that the Christian normal is a state of growth and transformation as we are on this journey toward becoming more Christ-like.

May we keep Christ as our focus the whole year through!



Leading Ladies—January 21st

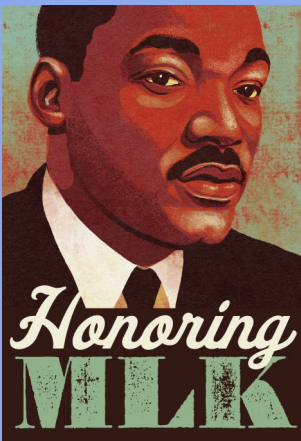
We are the widows support group of the church. We meet monthly, usually for lunch, and we discuss the issues many have faced. We all handle emotions of grief, loneliness, sadness in different ways. As life continues it is often just knowing we face each day with hope and confidence, that we are not alone. God is with us every step of the way. Having Christian friends to contact for a phone call or a walk can also be very comforting. If you are widowed we are here for you. Nancy Williby 904-797-4416.



United Methodist Men

January 13th at 11:00am UMM Meeting will be held in the Weaver Room of the church. All men are welcome to attend. Purpose— "Whoever wants to be great must become a servant." Matthew 20:25-26 Mission Statement-Meetings are to serve God through Christian Fellowship, create and assist at Church Functions.

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United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on January 23, 2025. The Executive Board will meet at 11:00am. Plan to bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by our hostesses. Meeting will be at 12:00 noon. Installation of officers will occur and an organizational meeting will occur. Many dates for 2025 will be handed out. We would love to have you!

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to join together in prayer. Please pray at 8am and 8pm for Shores United Methodist Church. Pray for the finances. Pray that God would open wide the doors and bring people in and give us the courage to invite people. If those times don't work for you, you are welcome to choose your own. If you are at work you can say a short silent prayer. We believe it is important for us to pray in unity with one another.

HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

January Birthday's

17th Shirley May Price, Earl Douglas

20th Eileen Smith

26th Olivia Long

27th Kyra Liedtke

28th Linda Hunter

29th Sharyn Grace, Amy Rose

Worship Attendance

Date	8:45am	11:00am	Online
12/1	40	21	288
12/8	42	28	399
12/15	51	30	382
12/22	42	38	220
12/24	4:00pm 87	6:00pm 51	305
12/29	43	30	137

One Board Meeting

In January the Church Council and the Finance Committee will be combined into one group/board. Time and date to be announced.

Pastor at Panera

Pastor Carolyn has office hours in the community every Wednesday. She will be at Panera from 9:00am-10:00am. These office hours are open to anyone who would like to stop by during those hours. This is also an opportunity for her to be visible and approachable within the community. You are invited to join her for coffee and conversation.



Epiphany Sunday

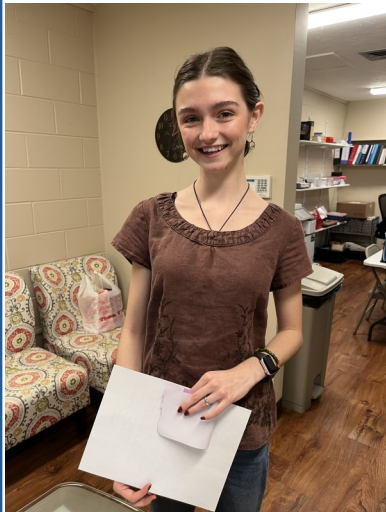
Epiphany Sunday in 2025 is on January 5th . Epiphany is a Christian celebration that commemorates the arrival of the Magi to visit Jesus. It is also known as Three Kings Day in many countries.

Helpers needed for Youth Program

We are very excited that Shelbi Baker has volunteered to head up an afternoon/evening program for Middle and High School students on Thursdays, from 5-7 pm, starting on January 9, 2025, in the Christian Education Building. We are looking for adult helpers who can help out once every month or 6-weeks rotation. Responsibilities would be helping get the meal out, kitchen clean up, and assisting Shelbi and Pastor Carolyn as needed. If you can help, please contact the church office, Shelbi Baker, or Vicki Hall. If there is a middle or high school youth in your life or neighborhood, consider inviting them to this new program. Also, please keep Shelbi and all these youth and their families in your prayers as this walk with the Lord begins in the new year!

January Youth Program Shelbi Baker/shelbibaker2005@gmail.com

January 9th: *Introduction night* getting familiar with the routine. Going over expectations, repercussions, and materials. As well as getting to know one another in the group. Dinner, pizza and sides. Activities, get to know you games inside. If time and weather permits outside games.



January 16th: *New start with Jesus.* Diving into the disciples first steps with Jesus. Matthew 4:18 & Matthew 9:9-3. Dinner, chicken and fries. Activities, outside team building games, free time outside.

January 23rd: *Leaving behind the Old.* Learning past mistakes do not define us with Jesus. Luke 8:1-2. Dinner, sandwiches and chips. Activities, getting deep with a 2 pt. Activity taping into our creative side for what we want to leave behind in 2024 and what we want in 2025.

January 30th: *Jesus Transforms all.* Understanding Jesus has a plan for us in our life. Acts 9:3-22. Dinner, spaghetti. Activities, prayer stations, and group games to apply lessons to the real world.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

SPRC Meeting will be held on January 12th at 12:00noon in Pastor Carolyn's office.

Mobility In Motion, LLC *John 3:16*

Mobility in Motion, LLC is proud to offer Zumba Gold, a low intensity, fun and uplifting way to exercise. Specifically designed for any fitness level or a beginner with easy to follow choreography to Christian Music. Classes are focused on balance, range of motion and coordination for older adults which improve activities of daily living through: Cardiovascular Fitness, Muscular Conditioning, Flexibility, Balance and Physical Well Being. Regular exercise is shown to increase overall health, physically and psychologically. Let us work together to improve daily living for older adults through mobility in motion. Certified Group Fitness Instructor Melissa Doughty will be teaching a class at St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church (Christian Education Building) every Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. There is no cost to take the class but donations to Melissa are welcomed. For more information you can contact Melissa at 904-484-4932.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 9:00am and every Saturday at 8:30am. To register for Weight Watchers visit www.weightwatchers.com

Wanted

Men or women desiring to serve the Lord our God. You were given talents. Use them for God's benefit. If wishing to service contact the church office at shoresumc@bellsouth.net.



The Staff at St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, Christmas bonus and Christmas Blessings. We are grateful for your kindness. Wishing you a Happy New Year, may God's light guide your way in 2025.



Worship With Us

Online Services visit: www.shoresumc.org

Sunday Worship Services

8:45am Traditional Worship Service

Music led by Roger Woods & Soloists

11:00am Contemporary Worship Service

Music led by Suzann Maass & Praise Team

Taking Down Christmas

On Sunday, January 5th at 12:00pm we will be taking down Christmas Decorations. Anyone who can stay and help would be appreciated. Thank you.

Scripture/Message

January

1/5/25 Epiphany Sunday, Communion Sunday Matthew 2:1-12, GPS (God's Positioning System)

1/12/25 Baptism of the Lord Sunday Acts 8:14-17 Continuing Mission

1/19/25 2nd Sunday After Epiphany John 2:1-11 Jesus' first miracle

1/26/25 3rd Sunday After Epiphany 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 The body of Christ

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United Methodist Men

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Weaver Room

Purpose: "Whoever wants to be great must become a servant." Matthew 20:25-26

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 1:00pm Shores UMC at Food Pantry 6:30pm Chancel Choir	3	4 8:30am Weight Watchers
5 12:00pm Taking Down Christmas	6	7 5:30pm Mobility in Motion 6:00pm Outreach	8 9:00am Pastor at Panera 9:00am Weight Watchers 1:50pm After School Program 6:30pm Praise Band	9 5:00pm Youth Program 6:30pm Chancel Choir	10	11 8:30am Weight Watchers
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Happy New Year



SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 am
Traditional Worship Service

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday School
Ages 5-12

11:00 am
Contemporary Worship