



February

Shorelines 2025



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shoresumc@bellsouth.net

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

I know that everyone is consumed with worry and frustration about the current financial situation at Shores. I would like to let everyone know that Staff Parish and the One Board are working diligently to try to help alleviate the financial stress. In times like this I know that with worry comes passion around the issue. May I remind you to be kind? We are all concerned, we are all working toward solutions. Those options cannot be shared right now because they are just discussions. I can tell you that all options are on the table. As soon as something is decided we will let you know. What can we all do in the meantime?

Continue giving (of your time and money). If you love the church then withholding gifts to wait and see what happens simply isn't helpful. We need all gifts to continue to move forward. Pray, pray, pray! We are to talk all things to God. And then we must be open to hearing what God might be calling each of us to do.

Be kind. I know I said this earlier, but it bears repeating. Being hurtful and disrespectful does not help the situation. I am not saying we have to all agree, but we do need to be able to have respectful conversations. How we respond and treat one another is our choice. Let us choose love and kindness.

Refrain from spreading gossip and rumors. Not only are these on the list when Paul talks about sin in our life, but it only causes more chaos and hurt.

Find your hope in the Lord. God is not finished with Shores. Talking with Susan, this is not the first time shores has been through this type of conversation. There were times when the discussion had to happen every month to decide what bills to pay. So even if things do seem hopeless to you, they are not. God is still on the move and with us.

Choose joy. Joy doesn't always mean we feel happy. Joy is knowing that God is with us and doing mighty things. Focus on the positive. This does not mean do not deal with the negative but remind yourself of what is good and praise worthy. All the mission work that is still going on. The Afterschool program with 26 kids coming over from Hartley. The Youth group has restarted and we have 10-13 kids showing up. God is here and God is at work.

Here is a reminder of the fruit of the spirit. These are the nine things that every Christian life should include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; found in Galatians 5:22-23. And here is a reminder about hope. In the Bible, hope is a feeling of expectation and anticipation, and the belief that good things will happen. It is a feeling of assurance, certainty, and trust in God.

Bible verses about hope

- Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles"
- Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing"
- Romans 12:12: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"
- Psalm 62:5-6: "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken"

Psalm 55:22: "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved"

Finally, I love Shores UMC! I love all of you! I am helping work on every possible solution to set Shores up for the opportunity to grow and thrive. May we all remember that we are loved beyond measure. But this is not a stagnant gift. It is dynamic. God's love is meant to be shared.



February 2, 2025

Ground Hog Day



Leading Ladies — February 18th

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

February 10th 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.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet February 27th, 2025 at noon. Executive Board meets at 11:00am. Brown bag lunch with drinks and dessert provided by our hostesses. The speaker for this month will be from the Alpha Omega, Events Coordinator, Andrea Young.

1st Ann Schubert

3rd Mickey Thayer

4th Cheryl Jeffries

10th Portia Warner

11th Elaine Iles & Susan Corcoran

14th Addison Burns

17th Dave Westlake



Worship Attendance

Date	8:45am	11:00am	Online
1/5	43	28	173
1/12	43	27	N/A
1/19	29	28	240
1/26	51	32	232

Finance Update

Week of January 26th

Income: \$5,164.05 + Vanco TBA

Budget Expense per week \$6,064.54

YTD Actual Expenses: \$22,942.61

YTD Actual Income: \$15,441.05

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.



First United Methodist Church

First UMC St. Augustine 200th Anniversary Celebration Week is February 2-9, 2025. More information on events please visit <https://firstaug.com/200th-anniversary>

Celebrating

St. Augustine UM Churches Combined Lenten Services

March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 5:30pm will be held at Grace United Methodist Church located at 8 Carrera Street, St. Augustine , FL 32086

April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00pm will be held at First United Methodist Church located at 118 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

April 18, 2025 Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00pm will be held at Shores United Methodist Church located at 724 Shores Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32086

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday



More than 15 million healthy meals are needed this year. Can you help? Please bring canned goods to the church on Sunday, February 9th. If you wish to make a monetary donation make checks payable to "Shores UMC" and in the memo section put "Souper Bowl of Caring." All food items and monetary donations will go to the St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for February 6th at 6:30pm in the CEB.

SPRC

SPR Committee Meeting will be held on February 16th at 12:00noon in Pastor Carolyn's office.

Mobility In Motion, LLC *John 3:16*

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



The Church Office is closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 for President's Day.

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 shore-sumc@bellsouth.net.

One Board Meeting

On Board Meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 6:00pm in the CEB.



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

Scripture/Message

2/2/25 4th Sunday After Epiphany, Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Gift of Love

2/9/25 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, A lesson from Arnold Horshack

2/16/25 6th Sunday After Epiphany

Luke 6:17-26, Is it bad to be rich?

2/23/25 7th Sunday After Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Family Reunion

YOUTH GROUP

Shelbi Baker is leading the Youth Group Program for Middle and High School students. Meets every Thursday from 5-7pm in the Christian Education Building. To register please call the church office at 904-797-4416.

February Theme: LOVE

Feb 6: The Greatest Commandment , a good reminder of how we should love.

Mark 12:28-31. Dinner: Chicken and fries. Activity: Bracelets and free time.

Feb 13: Different types of love, Diving into friendships, and sibling / family relationships.

Proverbs 17:17. Dinner: Pizza and Valentines treats. Activity: Valentines cards.

Feb 20: Self Love, Reminder we are made in the image of God- all equal and beautiful.

Psalms 139:13-14. Dinner: Sandwich and chips. Activity: Decorating objects to remind us how wonderful we are made.

Feb 27: The Greatest gift, A type of love that is immeasurable. *John 3:16-17*

Dinner: Taco night (group effort) Activity: praise night to thank God for his gift.



Spring Tea

and Crafts

March 1, 2025 10am-2pm

Women in the community invited.

No charge for this fun event!

Reservations not required. Fancy tea goodies and crafts you can make! Wear your best hat if you want!

Bring a friend.

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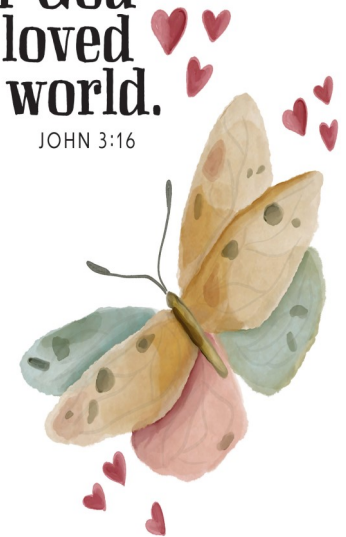


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For God
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JOHN 3:16



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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

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Members/Friends of our church may place a business card size ad in our monthly newsletter for \$10.00 per month. Please contact the church office if you would like your business card put in the newsletter.



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United Methodist Men

Meet 2nd Monday of the Month 11:00am
Weaver Room

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

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