

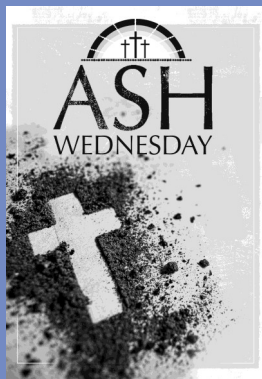


Shorelines

2025

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shoresumc@bellsouth.net

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

Did you know that just like there are seasons in our calendar year, there are seasons in the church year? There are 6 seasons of the church, in primarily 2 cycles. Each cycle contains a season of preparation (Advent or Lent), a season of celebrating a high holy day (Christmas or Easter), and a season of growth (known as ordinary time).

The first cycle begins our Christian year in late November or early December, four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is a time of preparing ourselves to encounter The gift of Jesus through Christmas. We have Celebrate the birth of Jesus through Epiphany. The Sundays following Epiphany are a time of growth, a time to put into practice the lessons of Christ.

The second cycle begins on Ash Wednesday and goes through Holy Week. Lent is a time of preparation to encounter Jesus not only as the great sacrifice, but as the risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Lent is 40 days long. If it seems longer to you, it is. However, we do not count the Sundays as part of Lent, because Sundays are always to be considered mini-Easters. We celebrate Easter until the Sunday of Pentecost. Then we enter another time of growth focus on moving forward in our faith journey.

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent is a time of self-denial, penitence, and facing our mortality. A time to focus on the fact that we can't save ourselves; we are wholly dependent on the love and grace of Christ.

Many people celebrate Lent by giving up something like chocolate, caffeine, or any number of things. If Lent is a time for repentance then I think it should be so much more. Repentance means to turn around. You are literally turning around and heading to something else. When we repent, we turn from those things/actions that lead us away from God, and turn toward God, in order to grow closer to God. So if you would like to give up chocolate, caffeine or anything else, great, but what are you going to do to grow closer to God? I believe this is an important step and one we often miss.

Therefore this Lent, I challenge you to truly use it as a time of preparation. A time of putting our focus back on God and concentrating how we might not only turn away from those things that hinder or prevent a relationship with God but how you might grow closer to God. One opportunity will be to join the Lenten study series, He Chose the Nails – What God Did to Win Your Heart. We will meet in the Sanctuary for a time of study and discussion on the Mondays of Lent at 10am or 6pm. See the schedule further on in the newsletter for more details.

May we, as individuals and a community of faith, turn from those things that bind us and keep us from encountering God. May we turn around and follow the footsteps to the cross and beyond, that we may live as true disciples who not only talk the talk, but walk the walk. Amen!

Daylight Saving Time
Begins March 9, 2025



Leading Ladies — March 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.



March 17, 2025

United Methodist Men

March 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's meeting will be held on March 27, 2025, at noon. The Executive Board meets at 11:00am. Brown bag lunch with drinks and dessert provided by our hosts; Jan Hayford and Carolyn Batwinis. New members welcome any time, we need new members to join. The Speaker for this month will be from the St. Johns Public Library with Harold George. The United Methodist Men will need help to arrange table for the Yard Sale on April 4, 2025.





March Birthday's: Steve George, Nancy Hoffman, Joshua Westlake, Wayne Warner, Marianne Turner, Diane Morris, Julie Boyette, Dalene Watson, Brett Iles, Patti Brady, Paul Maass, Eddy Conner, Ray Kelly, Andy Dombi, LynnAnne Burns, Nina Ayers, Ken Reim

Worship Attendance

| Date | 8:45am | 11:00am | Online |
|------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2/2 | 48 | 27 | 349 |
| 2/9 | 47 | 35 | 325 |
| 2/16 | 47 | 28 | 317 |
| 2/23 | 48 | 30 | 296 |

Finance Update

End of the month of February Finance Update will be sent in a separate google email after the 1st.



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.

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

Spring Tea and Crafts

Shores United Methodist Church will hold its popular, annual “Spring Tea & Crafts” on March 1st, 2025 from 10am to 2pm in the Christian Education Building. Women in the community are invited to stop by to enjoy fancy tea goodies and crafts such as gift boxes, mosaic pictures, kindness rocks and a raffle! Ladies are welcome to wear their best “fancy hat!” Reservations are not required. There is no charge for this fun event.



Outreach

7,488! That's the number of meals we have fed homeless youth in our community. (52 weeks, 6 years, 24 youth). We have provided bedding for some who had never even had a bed before. When it was cold, you dug into your closet and shared your warm clothing. You continue to support the food bank with your food and monetary donations. \$500 of Pumpkins Patch money was recently sent to the food bank. For years you have provided food for the Backpack Program. This food goes to children who would have little if anything to eat on weekends. You help feed 15 children a week. God bless you all! Cheryl Jeffries, Outreach Chair

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.

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.

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.

March Meetings

Outreach Committee-March 4th-6:00pm (CEB)

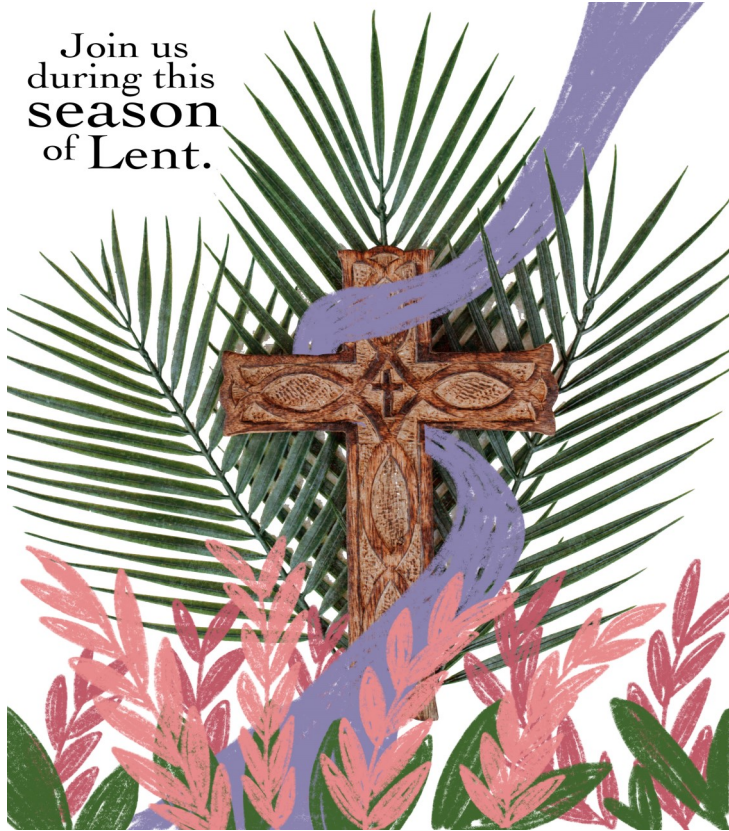
One Board Committee- March 17th-6:00pm -**Special Guest Sarah Campbell, District Congregational Vitality Leader** (CEB)

Christian Education Committee Meeting-March 18th-10:00am (CEB)

Worship Committee Meeting-March 23rd-12:00pm (Pastor Carolyn's Office)

SPRC Committee Meeting-March 30th-12:00pm (Pastor Carolyn's Office)

Join us
during this
season
of Lent.



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

Scripture/Message

3/2 Transfiguration Sunday, Communion Sunday Luke 9:28-36, Mountain Top

3/9 First Sunday of lent Romans 10:8b-13, Saved by faith

3/16 Second Sunday in Lent Luke 13:31-35, Teardrops

3/23 Third Sunday in Lent Luke 13:1-9, Reversal of the Deuteronomic Principle

3/30 Fourth Sunday in Lent 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Ambassadors



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.

MARCH—FORGIVENESS

March 6: “Asking God for Forgiveness/Lent lesson”,

Learning about Lent and Repentance. **Daniel 9:3** Dinner: Pigs in a blanket and mac and cheese Activity: Tie dye Please bring an old white shirt if you can!!

March 13: “what does it mean to forgive?” Going over Jesus’ teachings on not holding grudges. **Matthew 18:22** Dinner: Pizza and garlic bread Activity: Makin car wash signs.

Saturday March 15 Car Wash Fundraiser For Church Camp Set Up 9:30am Starts 10am-1pm!!

Spring Break March 20-No Youth that week.

March 27: “How to Forgive”, Reading a crazy story about a strong act of forgiveness. **Genesis 37:3-36 & 43:25-34** Dinner: Chicken and fries Activity: Make thrift shop signs

Saturday March 29 Thrift Shop Fundraiser for Church Camp Set Up 9:30am Starts 10:00am -1:00pm

Undi Sunday

Undi Sunday is March 9th, 2025. The UMW will sponsor a drive to help children with necessary items. On March 9th there will be a box in the narthex for items for needy children. Any socks or undies you can contribute will be great. These are items the local thrift stores do not carry. We will donate the items to the resource center at the St. Johns public schools. This group will be able to provide items for the homeless and needy children in our county. ANY SIZE IS FINE—5 YRS.—18 YRS OLD. Hopefully some items we will donate to Port in the Storm. Anything you can do will be appreciated. Thank you!

He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart, by Max Lucado

Is your heart unsettled by the chaos of the world? Are you heavy-laden with bad moments, mad moments, or anxious moments? Today, rest in God's self-giving love and leave all your troubles at the foot of the cross.

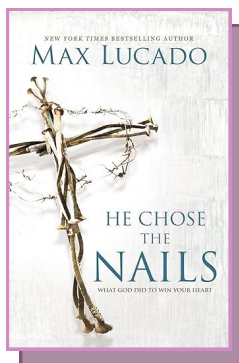
There were no accidents on the days surrounding Jesus' death. Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. Our Lord planted the trio of crosses and painted the sign. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. God didn't have to do all these things, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. So much more.

In *He Chose the Nails*, *New York Times* bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado will help you:

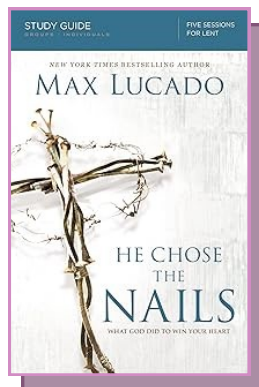
- Learn just how much God loves and cares for you.
- Take comfort that Jesus understands everything you face in this life.
- Remember that there's nothing you can do to earn God's gift.

Stand firm in the promise that you are forgiven, and you are welcome in God's presence. Search the scene of the cross and listen for God's gentle whisper, "I did it just for you."

We will be meeting in the Sanctuary the Mondays of Lent 10am. If you interested in an evening session please see Pastor Carolyn. (March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th)



He Chose the nails is \$9.51 on Amazon.
(This book is optional)



He Chose the nails Study Guide is \$7.19 on Amazon. (This book needs to be purchased)

*SHORES UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP*

*You're Invited to our
Church Camp Fundraiser*

CAR WASH

*Saturday March 15 2025
10:00AM-1:00PM
724 Shores Blvd. St Aug. FL
32086*

*SEE YOU
THERE!*

Thrift Shop

**Shores United Methodist
Youth Group invites you
For a Camp Fundraiser:**

Saturday March 29th

Open: 10Am-1Pm

724 Shores Blvd. StAug. Fl.

32086




**St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church
724 Shores Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32086
April 5, 2025 8:00am - 12:00noon**

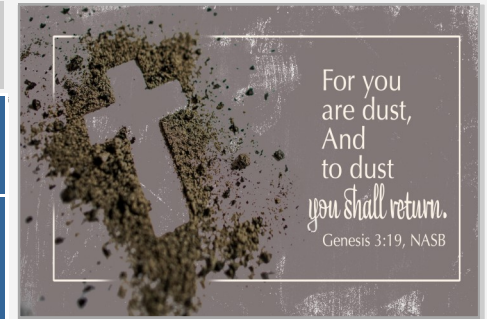
**Home-made goods, baked goods, books,
puzzles & household items will be available**

Any proceeds will be given to our community

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March 2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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**Combined Lenten Services
March 5, 2025
Ash Wednesday
5:30pm**
Grace United Methodist Church
8 Carrera Street,
St. Augustine, Florida 32086

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United Methodist Church**
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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**

Advertise Your Business Card

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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