



The Evening of July 6

Last night I stumbled into a lightning bug convention held on my street. Since it was the day after July 4th, I wondered if they were inspired to compete with the fireworks of the day before. The floating sparks weren't as spectacular as the colorful streamers of Independence, but their simplicity gained my attention just as easily.

Again and again, I watched as the gentle globes gathered together and then dispersed. Everywhere I looked, lights were blinking. They were always on the move. Action – oriented and yet reserved. They were too shy to come near me, yet I still felt welcome. No motivational speakers, no Power Point presentations, yet they captured my interest as no meeting has done before.

Their messages were clear:

- * Relax. Enjoy the journey of life.
- * Float together sometimes.
- * Float alone sometimes.
- * Be gentle.
- * Let your light shine.

The Silence of Nature contains beautiful meaning.

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Happy Fourth of July!

St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church

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Email your prayer concerns to the church office at

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Special Sunday Apportionment Offering is July 19, 2020



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**Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM.
Come as you are and stay in your car!!!**

This is the date we will be resuming in-person worship. Hallelujah!

We have considered the input provided after our last communication with you and direction from Bishop Ken Carter. We believe that a Drive-In service is the only type of gathering we can safely have at this time. Pastor Carolyn will be wearing a cordless microphone and there will be 4 large amplifiers placed outside. We will not be using an AM/FM transmitter, so cars will not need to be running. Car windows or sunroofs will need to be open to hear and possibly catch a breeze. It truly will be experimental.

- Since the service will begin promptly at 9 AM, plan to arrive 15-30 minutes ahead of time so that the ushers can get you properly parked. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Cars will be parked in "every other" space.
- You will need to stay in your car, so masks are not required.
- You may want to bring your own water or coffee. Keep in mind that bathrooms will not be available.
- You will be able to hand in your offering at the end of the service by dropping it in a bucket as you leave.

Because the electrical equipment and keyboard are going to be outside, we will not hold a service in the rain. The decision will be made at 7 AM if we are "GO." If there is need to cancel, it will be posted on the church's Facebook page before 7:15 AM and an email will be sent out to the Google Group list. **If we do not have an email address for you, call the church office, 797-4416, and get on the "Google List." Please "friend" the church on Facebook so that you will receive notifications.**

We are asking for your continued prayers and additional grace for our Task Force members, ushers, and participants in the service who will also experience a "first" with this Drive-In experience.

We will continue to videotape our service and post it online by noon on Sundays.

God bless you and keep you safe from all harm!

Task Force Members: Pastor Carolyn, Susan Corcoran, Suzann Maass, Cheryl Jeffries, June & Sidney Baker, Bill Vershave, Phyllis Wolfe, Gary Morgan, Dennis & Lisa Jones and Vicki Hall.

**DRIVE IN
SERVICE**



Milton Brantferger, Elizabeth Dupes, Nancy Williby, Janet Hayford, Sadie Harper Cook, Mary Alyce Eldridge, Sharon Augustinos, Shelbi Baker, Larry Hallman, Caleb Johnson, Ashley Westlake, Mary Bridgette Fink, Zoe Baker, Chase Sequin, George Milroy, Jeff Cooper, Rev. Randy Strickland, Roger Woods, Carolyn Batwinis



Shores United Methodist Church is asking everyone to stop at noon daily and pray...for the Great Healer to intercede, for the sick, the medical professionals, the caregivers, the decision-makers, and those who are scared! Call or FaceTime a friend and pray with them on the phone. God is in control!

Scripture and Message Titles

7/5 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Message: The Love Chapter

7/12 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message: It is not the seed, but the soil

7/19 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12

Message: Curse or Blessing?

7/26 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-7, 45b; Romans 8:31-39

Message: Why We Praise

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Google Group

Call the church office to receive periodic e-mails sent to members of our Google group.



*Thank you for the prayers,
cards and support during
my recent surgery. Your
kindness and concerns were
greatly appreciated.
Pastor Carolyn*



The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Masks required and practice social distancing when in our buildings and if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms such as a fever, coughing, and shortness of breath please return another day when you are feeling better.



Care Ministry-Our congregation is committed to regularly pray for prayer concerns requested. Please call the church office (904) 797-4416 if you need prayer or have a loved one in need of prayer. You can also receive weekly and urgent prayer requests from our congregation via email from the Shores UMC office. To receive the Prayer Concerns emails, call the office (904) 797-4416.