

DRIVE IN SERVICE

The Florida Conference Cabinet will make available a full-length worship service for use in local churches on Labor Day Sunday, September 6th. This worship service is meant to give a Sabbath break to our pastors and worship leaders who have tirelessly devoted hours to creating virtual worship over the last months. **We will NOT have Drive-In Service on September 6th** however the full-length service will be available to watch online by visiting www.shoresumc.org. Communion Sunday will be September 13th at Drive-In Service.

Come as you are and stay in your car!!!-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.

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 will continue to videotape our service and post it online by noon on Sundays. God bless you and keep you safe from all harm!

St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church
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Email your
prayer concerns
to the church
office at
shoresumc@bellsouth.net

Special Sunday
Apportionment
Offering is
September 20th



Online Giving is
available for
contributions to
the Budget,
Apportionments,
Food Pantry,
Pastor's
Discretionary &
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"sermons"

Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

I have talked to so many people who are struggling. How can you not in these times? With Politics, viruses, pain, confusion, suffering, negativity, anxiety, disagreements... It is hard to hold your head above water sometimes.

I was spending some time in prayer this morning and this verse came to me:

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

This was one of my father's favorite verses. He would remind me of it whenever I was overwhelmed. Later when Alzheimer's was invading his mind, he still would think of this verse. It gave him hope because it would place his focus beyond himself, beyond the disease.

There are things that overwhelm us, I would never say otherwise, However, God is with us. It is God who will renew our strength. If we rest in God and not the world we will be renewed, we will soar. We will find strength through Christ (another one of his favorite verses).

In this time (in all times), I encourage you to look beyond yourself, look beyond the TV, look beyond the internet, look beyond our differences, and look to Christ. May our Hope be in Christ. May we soar! My prayers are with you all!



Reid Myers, James Jarvie, Dean Ford, Barb Brooks, Wanda Dighton, Suzann Maass, Steve Day, Jim O'Reilly, Ryan Baker, Walt Hardy, Janet Pope, C.J. Wohlford, William Liggett, Billie Landrum, Helen Tenney, James Crookshank, Sada Harding, Rod Paul, Danial Griffin, Hannah Fink



Scripture and Message titles for September



9/6 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Message: Rule of Christ

9/13 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31

Message: Dry Ground

9/20 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Message: 1st Shall be last

9/27 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32

Message: All Authority

Outreach Committee News by Vicki Hall, Outreach Chair

These days, many things are different in the life of our church. However, the generous spirits of our people have not changed. This church is amazing!! We have continued our support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry, financially and by placing non-perishable food in the bins beside the sanctuary doors. The teens at the Port in the Storm shelter have received incredible, scrumptious lunches EVERY Tuesday (for over a year) thanks to 3 different Sunday School classes, the Sunset Circle, the UMW, and members of the Outreach Committee. If you, your family, and friends want to get in on the fun and fellowship of helping these homeless teens, call Cheryl Jeffries or Vicki Hall.

Blessings in a Backpack, a weekend food program for some Hartley Elementary students who live in food-insecure homes, is resuming when school starts. Cheryl Appelquist is scheduling volunteers to help pack bags of food on Friday mornings. Call her if you have 90 minutes to spare!

After much prayer and deliberation, we decided not to sell pumpkins this year because of the pandemic. Instead, we would like to put up a "Fall Photo Booth" in October, where the pumpkin tent usually stands. This way families could still stop by and take those traditional fall pictures with pumpkins. If you would like to help with this project, contact Vicki Hall. The people at Shores UMC are truly "Pentecost People" and the Outreach Committee appreciates your continued support of our missions. God bless you !

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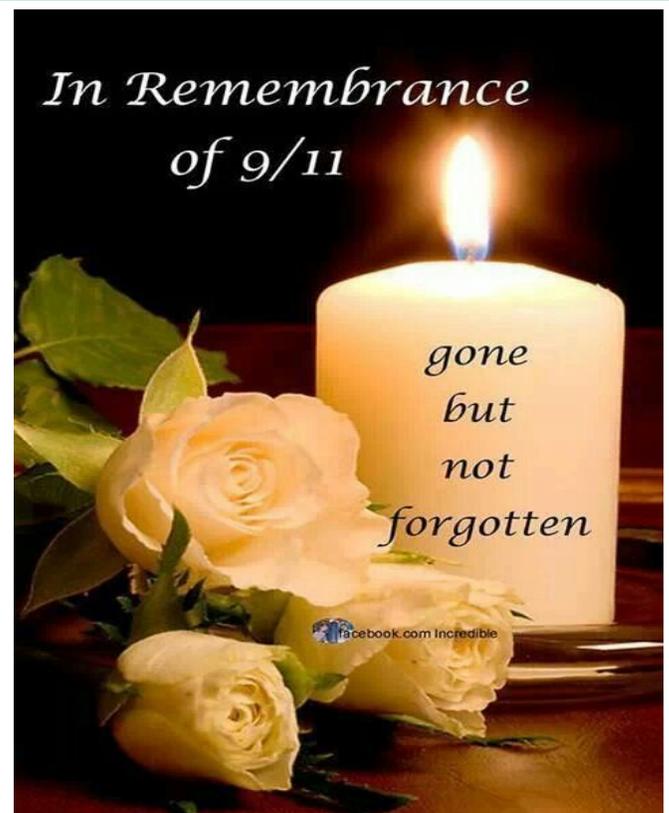
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Google Group

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



Food Pantry

Shores United Methodist Church, You all keep the food pantry in great order with volunteers to help at the pantry, monetary donations and your food donations-we couldn't do it without you! We are asking that you have your food donations to the Church for pickup by 11:00 am on Thursday. If you have donations after that time we ask that you hold on to them until Monday. Also, if you bring something that is sensitive to heat please bring to the church office so that it won't spoil outside in this summer heat. Thank you. Alexis Stilwell, Food Pantry Representative for Shores UMC

Port in the Storm

This is a shelter for homeless youth. Our church has been involved in feeding them lunch every Tuesday. We prepare enough food for 16-18 kids and deliver it by 11:00 am. If you are not already involved in this ministry and would like to help contact Vicki Hall at 904-823-6478 or Cheryl Jeffries at 904-377-7950. You can drop it off at the church or arrange for it to be picked up at your home. They have on more the one occasion said when we drop off food, " We know their tummies will be filled on Tuesdays."

Thank you!

Just a note to thank your congregation for sticking with us during this difficult time. Your support to Port in the Storm is deeply appreciated. Stay safe and well. Sincerely, Karen Hensel, Assistant Director

Labor Day

Church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 for Labor Day.