

Drive-In Service

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

Survey

Greetings in Christ! We pray that you are safe and healthy. We would like to move forward in our phased plan to resume a modified in-person worship. Please complete this survey indicating your preferred method of Worship, by responding to this email or calling the church office:

1. Online video
2. Drive-in Service
3. In person worship with restrictions
 - a. Limited capacity of 62 (including Worship leaders)
 - b. Advanced reservation required (instructions forthcoming)
 - c. Social distancing
 - d. Masks are required
 - e. No congregational singing (humming is allowed)
 - f. Clean/sanitize after indoor worship service
4. None of the above

Would you also please let us know if you are willing and able to volunteer for any of these capacities:

1. Usher
 - a. At the Drive in service
 - b. At the In person worship
2. Greeter
3. Clean/sanitize

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

Phases worship and building use at Shores UMC

Phase One:

- ❖ Online Worship

Phase Two:

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings

Phase Three:

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings
- ❖ Drive-in Worship

Phase Four: *starting September 28th*

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings
- ❖ Drive-in Worship
- ❖ Committee Meeting permitted inside buildings, with restrictions as follows
 - Scheduled through church office
 - Limited to 10 or less
 - Social distancing
 - Masks required
 - Clean/sanitize after meeting

Phase Five: *Targeting November 1st*

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings
- ❖ Drive-in Worship
- ❖ Committee Meetings permitted inside (with restrictions, see phase 4)
- ❖ One in person worship service in sanctuary, with restrictions as follows
 - Limited capacity of 62 (including Worship leaders)
 - With reservation (instructions forthcoming)
 - Social distancing
 - Masks are required
 - No congregational singing (humming is allowed)
 - Clean/sanitize after worship service

Phase Six:

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings
- ❖ Drive-in Worship
- ❖ Committee Meetings permitted inside (with restrictions, see phase 4)
- ❖ Two in person worship services in sanctuary (with restrictions, see phase 5)

Phase Seven:

- ❖ Online Worship
- ❖ Zoom Meetings
- ❖ Drive-in Worship
- ❖ Committee Meetings permitted inside (with restrictions, see phase 4)
- ❖ Two in person worship services in sanctuary, (with restrictions, see phase 5)
- ❖ Programs (youth, UMW, UMM, Children) will be phased in

**If you are feeling ill in any way with flu like symptoms, please stay home*

**Be flexible – dates may change based on the status of the virus*

**Updates will be shared as they become available*

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Email your prayer concerns to the church office at shoresumc@bellsouth.net

Special Sunday Apportionment Offering is October 18th



Online Giving is available for contributions to the Budget, Apportionments, Food Pantry, Pastor's Discretionary & Youth. Visit www.shoresumc.org and click "Donate" on the top right.



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Greetings from the Task Force that has been working to resume face-to-face worship at our church. We sincerely hope you are healthy, happy, and finding a way to continue to connect with our Lord and other people in our church family.

Enclosed you will find a Phase Plan outlining how we plan to resume in-person worship. We have actually been following this plan since March and wanted you to see where we plan to go. This has been a difficult and heart-wrenching 7 months.

Everyone on the Task Force wants nothing more than for us to be able to gather and worship together safely in our church sanctuary and to resume ALL of our programs, missions, and events.

Our paramount goal has been to provide for the safety of all of congregants, especially our pastor and her family.

Right now, the 32086 ZIP code, where our church and most of our congregants live, has the third highest incidence of the COVID 19-virus, of the 10 ZIP codes in St. Johns county.

We have watched other churches in our community and in our ZIP code open, only to become fodder for the local media and social media when a COVID outbreak occurred. We have no desire to be in that position.

We are also fully aware that even when we resume in-person worship, we will have those who have decided not to attend. That is the reason that throughout all of the remaining Phases, the On-line and Drive-in worships services will continue to be provided.

As stated earlier, our main concern is the health and safety of ALL of our congregants as we provide meaningful worship services and active church functions.

We appreciate your prayers, patience, and lack of pressure as we consider all the advice and guidelines from the Florida Conference, the state of Florida, and CDC. We particularly appreciate the hard work of our Lay Leaders, June Baker and Doug Fallin, who continue to do their duties and share your opinions and desires to "reopen" the

church soon as possible. We share the frustration that comes with the delays. Our Lay Leaders have reported that some members of our church family have or are considering moving on to another church that is "open." We've already seen some of our church family relocate out of town and out of state to be closer to family members. Sadly we've seen some of our church family return to their heavenly home in this time also.

Phase 4 of our plan will begin next week. We will permit committees to meet in our buildings with stipulations, as outlined in the attachment. Committees may elect to continue with Zoom meetings if this would allow more committee members to feel safer as they participate in the meeting. Committee chairs are responsible for adhering strictly to the established restrictions.

Phase 5, which includes one (1) in-person worship service, with restrictions, inside the sanctuary is targeted to begin November 1, 2020. This is contingent on the guidelines mentioned above and our ability to identify people who are willing to commit to greeting, ushering, and cleaning/ sanitizing the church after the service on a regular basis.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact any member of the task force. If they cannot help you, they will identify someone who can. We ask for your continued prayers, patience, and understanding as we trod through these uncharted waters. We KNOW the Lord is with us. We continue to pray for His wisdom and discernment as we act responsibly in your behalf.

In His Service, Pastor Carolyn, Susan Corcoran, Suzann Maass, Lisa & Dennis Jones, June & Sidney Baker, Gary Morgan, Bill Vershave, Phyllis Wolfe, Cheryl Jeffries, Vicki Hall



Demetrie Augustinos, Sarah Cavacini, Marge Johnson, Taylor Doll, Cole Sequin, Kane Sequin, Peggy Fallin, Pat Rodgers, Ginny Douglas, Franklin Westlake, Michal Dighton, Sande Liggett, Elliott Wohlford, June Baker, Barbara Smith, Jackie Hashhagen, Don Hollingsworth, Marilyn Boren

Scripture and Message titles for October

10/6 18th Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday



Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14

Message: Christ! Not me.

10/13 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Message: In the "absence"

10/18 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Message: How much more?

10/25 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Message: "Let me sum up"

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee currently has 3 missions ongoing. Thanks to our Sunday School classes, the UMW, and the Sunset Circle, the teens at Port in the Storm continue to receive a hearty lunch every Tuesday from our church. If you want to help, contact Vicki Hall.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry continues to distribute bags of donated food to families in our community. Watch your email and the church's Facebook page weekly for items needed by the Pantry. If you want to help, contact Alexis Stilwell. The Backpack food is now going to Hartley every Friday. We pack bags of food to tide-over 15 Hartley children on the weekends, when they are away from the school cafeteria. If you want to help with this mission, call Karen McDonald.

We are sad that the Pumpkin Patch, Fall Festival, and Trunk or Treat will not happen this year. The Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 6 pm in the Christian Education Building. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Fall Greetings from the Sunset Circle!

Fall is in the air and the change of weather is welcome. The ladies of the Sunset Circle continue to provide lunch for Port in the Storm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. In August we did "Taco Tuesday" and in September it was a "Baked Potato Bar." What fun planning and preparing these meals! The Sunset Circle is providing a home library for two Osceola Elementary 5th graders this school year. Due to the pandemic, students are limited in the books they can borrow from the school libraries. Every month these students will receive their very own book to build their own home library. We are looking forward to the day when we can meet again as a group. Until then, stay safe, wear a mask, and wash your hands!

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Google Group

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



Thank you!

"I want to thank my church family for all the caring, prayers and concern during Jim's passing. I appreciate all the love you showered on us. God is good-- all the time." Karen McDonald

Dear Shores Family,

Thank you for your many kindnesses and love over the past 11 months with my knee surgeries. I had my 6 week check-up this week and all is looking good with this permanent knee replacement. My new knee is pain free, bending well, and there is no sign of infection. I truly appreciate your care, concern, cards, calls, meals, visits, and above all prayers. I am convinced that without your prayers, I would be in a woeful state. God bless you and your sweet, kind, supportive hearts!

Vicki Hall

Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and **October 11, 2020** is Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you Pastor Carolyn for all the ways you let God shine through your life! Send PC a card and let her know how much we appreciate her!

**Columbus Day is October 12th.
The Church Office will be open.**

