

St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church
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May 9th



Task Force Update...April Showers Bring Worship Changes in May

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, compassion, and understanding as we navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic at Shores UMC. The goal of the Task Force from the very beginning has been to keep our staff and congregation as safe as possible, given the unpredictability of the virus. We continue to monitor the St. Johns County testing positivity rate and do our part to mitigate the spread of the virus on our church campus. This message is long, so please read it carefully. It contains an abundance of information and attempts to clarify much of the mis-information that has been brought to the Task-Force's attention.

Attendance at our drive-in, indoor, and online services continues to be strong. We will continue to publish the Sunday attendance on the Shores UMC Email list. We have yet to reach capacity for the drive-in or indoor services. We continue to make friends with our Shores neighbors. We currently envision a "new member" Sunday to welcome new and transferring members.

The current guidelines from the Florida Conference and the CDC have not changed for churches. Pastor Carolyn received her 2nd shot on April 20th so she will be inoculated by May 4th. She is the last of our church employees to be fully inoculated. Therefore, we are happy to be able to make a big change in our indoor worship service. By a vote of the Church Council, starting Sunday, May 9, 2021, singing aloud (with masks) will be permitted at the indoor service. Masks, social distancing, and advance reservations will still be necessary.

We currently have two adult Sunday School classes meeting at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Christian Education Building. We may be adding a third class in the next few weeks, when requested by the teacher and members of that class.

At the request of the Christian Education Committee, we recommended and the Church Council approved a week-long, outdoor VBS in late June, in conjunction with First and Grace UM Churches. We also recommended and the Council approved a two week Pumpkin Patch in October, as requested by the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee decided not to sponsor a Fall Festival. The Committee indicated they MAY request, at a later date, to hold Trunk or Treat on Halloween. The final decision to proceed would fall on the Church Council. At the request of the United Methodist Women, we also recommended and the Church Council approved holding the Annual Christmas Market in November. We believe these activities are the next safe steps forward for our church in the midst of the current contagious climate.

As a result of discussion, deliberation and prayer which began immediately after Easter, we will recommend to the Church Council at its May 17, 2021 meeting, that they approve the addition of a third worship at 11:15 a.m., beginning Sunday, June 6, 2021. For the safety of everyone in our church family, we encourage the use of masks and social distancing at this new service. To be clear masks are encouraged but not required, it is at your discretion. At this time, our Contemporary Praise Band will provide the music for this last service of the day. Singing aloud will be permitted at this service as well. No reservations will be required for this new service, however, the maximum capacity will continue to be 55 people, including the pastor, musicians, and ushers. In order to accommodate this service, we will recommend changing the times for the two existing services. The outdoor drive-in service will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Second Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Masks and social distancing will still be required at the Second Service, however no reservations will be

necessary. Seats will be positioned and reflect the total capacity of 55. We will recommend that the current system of everyone entering the sanctuary through the main doors and exiting through the Gathering Room be continued. We will also recommend that the offering plates remain in the Gathering Room and not be passed during the indoor services. We will continue not passing the attendance pads at either indoor service. All of these proposed changes will be considered in conjunction with the COVID infection rate in our communities.

For safety purposes, the church sanctuary is still being disinfected with vapor every Sunday afternoon. Everyone should be out of the building by 2 p.m. on Sundays and not re-enter until Monday morning. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call a member of the Task Force or the church office. We sincerely thank you for your prayers, supportive emails, and input as we continue to do our best to advise the Church Council of their important decisions. God bless you and keep you and your family well.

To begin June 6th pending Church Council Approval on May 17, 2021

First Service Drive-In

In Cars (no masks)

Seated in front of auto (masks required)

Second Service Inside

Traditional

Masks Required

Social Distancing Required

Stay in Seats

Singing (with masks) to start May 9

Third Service Inside (Starting June 6)

Contemporary

Masks Optional

Social Distancing



4th
Lois Meyers

5th
Sophia Fink

6th
Pat Jilson

9th
Bet Mends

10th
Dallas Kimbrough

15th
Frank Schmidt
Paul Cote
John Hunter

19th
Doug Fallin

20th
Anndie Blaschke
Jessie Gail Atkins

21st
Deborah Hallman

23rd
Terry Lowery
Vicki Hall

26th
Lezlie Cox

27th
Pat Tracy

29th
Cynthia Avance
Earle Hayford

30th
Boone Griffin

Covid Task Force Update for May 2021

We would like to share with you our worship attendance. Our indoor capacity is 55 people and our outdoor capacity is 100.

April 4th Indoor Service 38 Outdoor Service 76 Online Worship 113

April 11th Due to extreme weather no Outdoor Service & Fla. Conf. Cabinet prepared a full length worship service Online Worship 59

April 18th Indoor Service 31 Outside Service 39 Online Worship 69

We have plenty of room for you! Come worship with us, or continue to worship online. God Bless you and Shores UMC.

Graduation Celebration

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 we will be having a drive through celebration for our graduates. These graduates include: Sidney Baker - Pedro Menendez HS, Rylie Baker - Pedro Menendez HS, Sarah Stilwell - University of North Florida, Kyra Liedtke - Flagler College. These girls have been a part of the Shores family for years! They have worked hard to receive their diplomas and deserve our church families' congratulations! Unfortunately because of COVID still being with us, we cannot have the kind of celebration that we otherwise would have. So at the end of the first service, during the SS hour, and at the end of the second service, the girls will be at the welcoming and goodbye drive through area for you to show your congratulations by waving, shouting out "Good job" or "Congratulations" and giving a thumbs up! We're also requesting cards for the girls and possibly a small monetary gift or gift card. Please put the card and gift in separate envelopes with the girls' names on the outside. There will be a large gift box for you to drop your card into. Some suggestions for gift cards would be Walmart, Target, VISA or MasterCard, and Publix. If you will not be in attendance that Sunday, you can drop your cards by the church during the preceding week or send them through the mail to the church.

God our Creator, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



Wonderful News!

On April 25, 2021, Portia Warner, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair, announced at both services that Pastor Carolyn was reappointed by the Florida Conference for another year of ministry at St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church. Please pray for Pastor Carolyn as she continues to lead Shores United Methodist Church into another year of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! If you would like to send a card of celebration and thanks to Pastor Carolyn you may use the church address (724 Shores Boulevard, St. Augustine, Florida 32086.)

Drive-in Service-Come as you are and stay in your car (rain or shine)

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. If there is need to **cancel due to extreme weather** 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. We will continue to videotape our service, additional music and post it online Sunday afternoon. Pastor Carolyn will be wearing a cordless microphone and there will be 2 large amplifiers placed outside. Weather permitting, those who attend the outdoor, drive-in service, will have the option of bringing a lawn chair and sitting in front of their car during the service. Masks are suggested, especially if the car next to you is parked immediately beside yours.

Resuming In-Person Worship at Shores UMC

The In-Person Worship Service will begin at 11:00 AM. Masks required. Reservations are required. How Should I Register for Worship? First and most importantly, no one should come to the service who has had a fever or symptoms of Covid-19 (which includes cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, recent unexplained loss of taste or smell, or a sore throat), or have had known exposure to a Covid-19 case in the prior 14 days, or are waiting for Covid-19 test results. **Please register each week by calling the church office (904-797-4416), between 9 AM and 1 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday.**



Starting May 9th we invite you to sing during the Worship Hymns but we ask that you please keep on your mask. Thank you.

Sanitization Information

The church Sanctuary building is being cleaned every Saturday by a Janitorial Service and on Sunday afternoons by Enviro-Master Virus Vaporizing Service (<https://enviro-master.com/commercial-cleaning-services/virus-and-germ-spraying/>). Hand sanitizer will be available at various locations.

Online Services
www.shoresumc.org

Drive-in Service
Come as you are.
Stay in your car!
9:00am
Every Sunday

In-Person
Worship
11:00am
Every Sunday
Reservations
Required

May 31th
Church
Office is
closed



Sidney Baker,
Rylie Baker, Sarah
Stilwell, Kyra Liedtke



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Church Email
Call the church office to receive periodic e-mails sent to members of our Church Email.

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Call the church office to received prayer requests.

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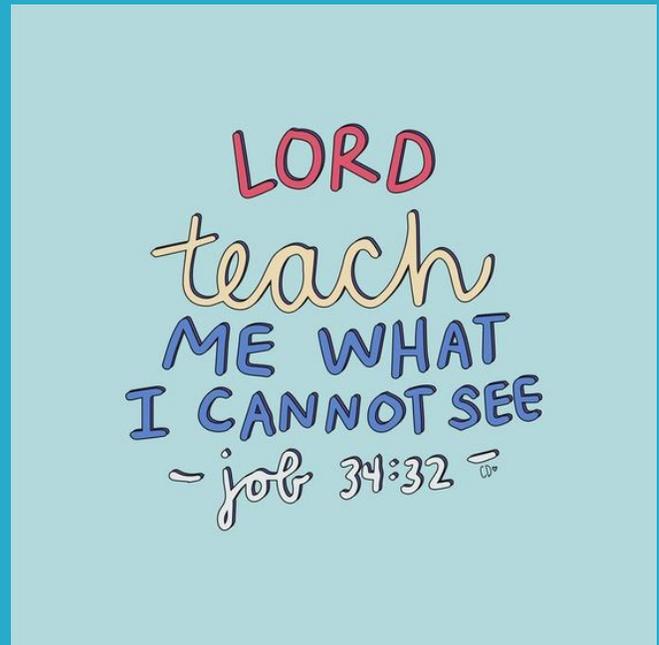
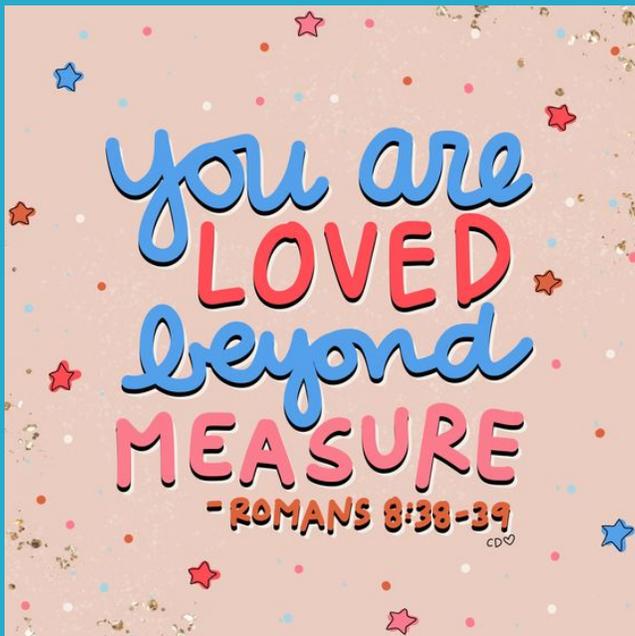
SUBJECT [Shores UMC Note 468] March Newsletter

SUBJECT [Shores UMC Note 399] Update to Port In The Storm Shower

SUBJECT [Shores UMC Note 389] UMW Yard Sale

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May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Confirmation Class 9am to 12noon
2	3 7pm Staff Parish Relations	4	5	6	7	8
8 Mother's Day	10 10am Care Ministry	11	12	13 7:00pm Sunset Circle	14	15 Confirmation Class 9am to 12noon
16 Graduation Celebration	17 5pm Finance 6pm Church Council	18	19	20	21	22 Confirmation Class 9am to 12noon
23 Confirmation Sunday	24	25	26	27 12:00 United Methodist Women's Meeting	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					



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