

St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church
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Bless this year
with love and light.
Bless this year
with faith and sight.
Bless this year
with grace and ease.
Bless this year
with joy and peace.



December 13, 2021-By Joe Henderson | FLUMC

Recovering from catastrophic damage wrought by the tornado outbreak in December could take years, but the machinery to begin that process is already in motion. In the United Methodist Church, that means following established disaster response protocols by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in an organized, systematic way. While statewide conferences in the hardest-hit areas, especially Kentucky, will work directly with UMCOR and established relief agencies like FEMA and the Red Cross, conferences in other states begin fund-raising and preparing their relief teams to go for in-person assistance if asked. In this case, the Florida Conference will take its cue from its colleagues in Kentucky. For now, that request is simple: the people affected by this calamity need money and prayers while long-term relief is organized. "Something as devastating as this will take years to recover from," said Trish Warren, the Florida Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. "The emergency response is going on now in Kentucky, and that consists of search and rescue. When that is finished, then early response and recovery begins." The scope of the damage in Kentucky is staggering. In Mayfield—with a population of about 9,800—few buildings remain standing after an F-3 tornado struck with 150-mph winds in the darkness of early Saturday morning. Many homes and businesses can't be salvaged as residents lost everything. The 100-year-old Mayfield First UMC, described by the New York Times as "a cavernous sanctuary with a stone facade," was destroyed in seconds. There was no power, running water, or food in the hours after the catastrophe. Leveled businesses meant lost jobs, and people were lucky to escape with the clothes on their backs. "Local districts will assist with that instead of us going in with clothes and water," Warren said. That includes undamaged churches offering their facilities as a shelter for displaced people. Others donated bedding and hygiene supplies. Churches throughout the Florida Conference are asking members to donate money for the relief effort. And when it does come time to send in teams to help with repairs, the Conference has 350 early response teams ready to lend assistance. In a website post, Kentucky Disaster Response Coordinator Jim Morse stressed that Mayfield was not the only place rocked by the storm. "The majority of the local and national news has focused on Mayfield because of the tremendous damage there, but areas east of there, stretching past Bowling Green, also have been hard hit," he said. "We are still working to gather information from those parts of the state. The emotional damage can be overwhelming. "Survivors will need spiritual and emotional care and support. Are there trained local resources available to support these needs?" Morse said. "This type of support and care is not for everyone. It is very easy, despite the best of intentions, to say or do something that is hurtful or damaging to a survivor." Recovery is a massive undertaking that cannot be rushed. As a veteran of dealing with Florida disasters, including Hurricane Irma and the recent Surfside condo collapse, Warren understands what a long, arduous path is ahead for those affected by these storms. The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church stands with those who lost loved ones, lost their homes, and desperately need to be embraced by the love of Jesus. "We'll help in any way we can," she said. "It's just getting started." St. Augustine Shores UMC is always generous in donations to UMCOR and we have already helped by sending \$965.00. If you would like to donate make checks payable to "Shores UMC" and in the memo section put "Kentucky." Please continue to pray for all those who lost loved ones and all those working hard to assist. Thank you.



8th
Linda Bargmann

12th
Jim Batwinis
Mary Landry

14th
Jessica Kelley

15th
Linda Meyer

17th
Shirley May Price
Earl Douglas

21st
Tom Smith

26th
Olivia Long

27th
Tim Cavacini

27th
Krya Liedtke

28th
Linda Hunter

29th
Sharyn Grace

31st
Dick Hall

Worship Attendance

We would like to share with you our worship attendance.

	Traditional Service	Contemporary Service	Online
12/5/21	62	43	151
12/12/21	59	51	129
12/19/21	62	39	183
12/24/21	144	57	550
12/26/21	45	36	149

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

Thank you

Thank you for the gifts, Christmas Bonus, Christmas Cards and Christmas Wishes! Wishing you a Happy New Year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2022. Pastor Carolyn, Roger Woods, Suzann Maass, Susan Corcoran and Toni DeLoach.

Sunday School For Children

Sunday School for children ages 5 - 12 will begin on January 9 in the CEB at 10:00am. It will be a one room Sunday School classroom for the first 3 months until we see what our numbers are going to be. The teachers will be Alexis Stilwell and Sidney Baker. Children will need to wear a mask unless they are fully vaccinated.

Sunset Circle

The Sunset Circle has made two deliveries to First UMC downtown for their ongoing mission to the "street-homeless." You can take part of our church's annual drive to collect new and gently used, clean blankets, bedspreads, afghans, throws, coats, socks, and clothing for men and women. Put your donations in the labeled bin inside the front doors of the Narthex. Thank you to everyone for helping "the least of these."

Sunday School Class

The adult Sunday School class led by Jessie Gail Atkins will be reading the book "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church" by Rachel Held Evans, beginning January 9, 2022. If anyone has a copy of the book they would like to donate or lend to a class member, please call the church office. If you would like to join in the class, everyone is welcome! Thank you!!!

Pledge Card 2022

Please turn in your pledge card for 2022 if you have not already done so. You can also pledge online at www.shoresumc.org. Click on "Pledge 2022" at the top.

Happy New Year from the Sunset Circle

We pray everyone had a safe and joyous Christmas. The Sunset Circle met in December at the home of Deb & Larry Hallman for a scrumptious pot luck supper. It was the first time most of the ladies tasted "ham loaf!" They stuffed socks with toiletries (and the socks looked pretty mis-shapen) for Port in the Storm. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and time together. The ladies provided a ham dinner, with all trimmings, for the teens at Port in the Storm on December 21st. Tentative plans are progressing for the "High Tea & Crafts" on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Christian Education Building. This is always a fun and well attended event. Watch the church announcements for ways you can help or how to RSVP. Better yet, if you want to be a part of the planning, be at the Sunset Circle meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Christian Education Building. We will also be planning the lunch for Port in the Storm that night. All ladies of the church are welcome to be part of the Sunset Circle, especially those who cannot attend mid-day meetings.

Scripture/Message

January 2nd Epiphany Sunday, Communion Sunday
Matthew 2:1-12, "A star with a message of Hope and Joy"

January 9th Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Worship Through Music
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16th Second Sunday after Epiphany
Guest Speaker: Vicki Hall

January 23rd Third Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 12:12-31, "Many Gifts"

January 30th Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10, "His plans"

Outreach

On December 19 eighteen singers (plus Santa and Stirling, the dog) sang carols at Publix. Got a warm reception from shoppers. We said first time we'd ever gotten hot and mosquito bites while singing Christmas carols! Our next meeting will be January 11th in the Christian Education Building at 6:00pm. We will start planning Spring outreach activities. Cheryl Jeffries, 904-377-7950.

United Methodist Women

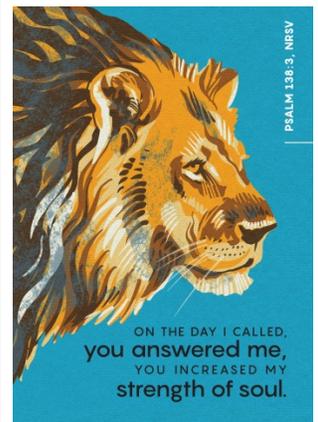
On December 9th twenty-six ladies gathered for the UMW Christmas party. We had ordered lunches from Honey Baked ham. We played a Christmas carols game with prizes. We also had door prizes. Our next meeting will be January 27th at noon in the Christian Education Building. Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Hostesses will be Alexis Stilwell, Cheryl Jeffries, and Cheryl Appelquist. All ladies of the church are welcome. Cheryl Jeffries, 904-377-7950.

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Online Services visit
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**8:45 am
Traditional
Worship
Service
Music led by
Roger
Woods &
Soloist**

**11:00 am
Contemporary
Worship
Service
Music led by
Praise Team**





January 6, which marks the end of the Christmas season or Christmastide. In the Western churches, Epiphany Day has marked the observance of the arrival of the wise men. In the earliest Christian traditions, maintained by the Eastern churches, the day began a period that celebrated the incarnation and baptism of Christ. The liturgical color for Epiphany Day is white.

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January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Years Day
2 2nd Sunday After Christmas	3 Church Office Closed 1:00pm After School Meeting	4 6:30pm Praise Band	5	6 Epiphany 1:00pm Shores UMC at Food Pantry 6:30pm Chance1 Choir	7	8 10:00am LCR in CEB
9 1st Sunday After Epiphany	10 10:00am Care Ministry	11 6:00pm Outreach 6:30pm Praise Band	12	13 6:30pm Chance1 Choir 6:30pm Sunset Circle	14	15
16 2nd Sunday After Epiphany	17 5:00pm Finance 6:00pm Church Council	18 6:30pm Praise Band	19 9:00am Pastor at Panera 7:00pm SPRC	20 1:00pm Shores UMC at Food Pantry 6:30pm Chance1 Choir	21	22
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30 4th Sunday after Epiphany	31					

Happy New Year



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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 Service**