



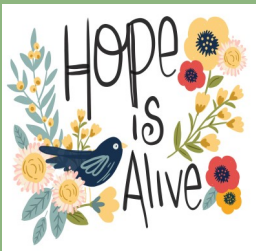
Shorelines

April

2025

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shoresumc@bellsouth.net

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

Matthew 28:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." ⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

This takes place as the women arrive at the tomb. Notice that the Angel and Jesus greet the women saying "Do not be afraid". They knew that the women would respond with fear.

Every time God calls us to do something there is often fear on our part. Sometimes that fear is debilitating. The doubts in our own abilities surround us and we just can't seem to move past it. That got me wondering about how often we encounter being afraid as we read through the Bible. I researched the word afraid. There are 105 instances of that word in the entire Bible. For all of those times it is when people were called to trust God and do what God had asked.

I started thinking about how God responds to those times, as in our passage above. I researched "Do not be afraid" – Jesus said this phrase 21 times – it occurs in the entire Bible 100 times. After the resurrection Jesus uses the phrase "Peace be with you" 4 times and that phrase does not occur anywhere else in the Bible. That is a total of 104 times that people are told not to be afraid, with most of those being God saying them and the rest are from representatives of God, encouraging individuals to follow where God is leading in spite of their fear. Most accompanied with a reminder that God will be with them and help them.

What does all this mean for us? Often one of our reactions we experience when we encounter the Living Lord is fear. It is natural to experience fear when we are called to do things that are outside our comfort zone. It also means that God recognizes that fear, and promises to help us, to be with us, so that we can move forward courageously. This does not mean we will move forward with the absence of fear, but with the confidence of knowing that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us.

This Easter may we take the words of Jesus to heart and "Rejoice!" and to not be afraid follow where God leads!



United Methodist Men

On Monday, April 14, 2025 at 11:00am the UMM meeting will be held in the Weaver Room of the church. All men are welcome to attend. Purpose—"Whoever wants to be great must become a servant." Matthew 20:25-26 Mission Statement-Meetings are to serve God through Christian fellowship, create and assist at church functions.



Leading Ladies — April 15th

We are the widows support group of the church. We meet monthly, usually for lunch, and we discuss the issues many have faced. We all handle emotions of grief, loneliness, sadness in different ways. As life continues it is often just knowing we face each day with hope and confidence, that we are not alone. God is with us every step of the way. Having Christian friends to contact for a phone call or a walk can also be very comforting. If you are widowed we are here for you. Nancy Williby 904-797-4416.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday April 24, 2025 at noon. Executive Board meets at 11:00am. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert provided by our hostesses; Deb, Dot and Sophia. New members are welcome any time. The Speaker for this month will be from the Council on Aging, Amy Robinson. May will be our covered dish luncheon. No speaker in May.



Lois Meyers, Mary Griswold, Joe Boyette, John Hunter, Anddie Blaschke, Jessie Gail Atkins, Deborah Hallman, Vicki Hall, Lezlie Cox, Pat Tracy, Cynthia Avance, Boone Griffin

Worship Attendance

Date	8:45am	11:00am	Online
3/2	49	22	407
3/9	48	28	222
3/16	48	24	151
3/23	49	22	125

April Meetings

Outreach Committee April 1st at 6pm (CEB)

Board of Trustees April 3rd at 7:00pm (CEB)

One Board meeting April 28th at 6pm (CEB) (End of the month of March Finance Update will be sent in a separate google email after the 1st.)

United Methodist Men April 14th at 11am (Weaver Room)

United Methodist Women April 24th at 12pm (CEB)

Recipe courtesy of Lorraine Delaney

Cherry White Chocolate Chip Cookies (Serves: 16)

(Traditionally made with semisweet chips and raisins, we swapped in cherries and white chocolate.) (I also added chopped walnuts.)

1¾ cups old-fashioned rolled oats

1 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. baking powder

1/2 cup butter, at room temp.

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 cup dried cherries

1/2 cup white chocolate chips

~ Heat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. In medium bowl, combine oats, flour, baking soda, baking powder and 1/4 tsp salt; reserve

~ On medium speed, beat butter and brown sugar until fluffy, 2 min. On low, beat in egg and vanilla then reserved oats mixture, dried cherries and white chocolate chips.

~ Divide mixture into 16 portions; shape into 2½ disks. Place 2" apart on baking sheets. Bake until lightly browned, about 12 min. Let cool 2 min. Transfer from baking sheets to rack; let cool.

Per serving: 180 cal., 3g pro., 25g carb., 1g fiber, 12g sug., 30mg chol., 130mg sod., 8g total fat, 5g sat. fat

YOUTH GROUP APRIL Grace

April 3rd: "What even is Grace?" Learning what Grace is , How God gives us grace and to give it to others as well. **Romans 6:14** Dinner: Sandwiches and chips Activity: Games

April 10th: "Prevenient Grace" Talking about the Grace that goes before , the grace we maybe weren't aware of. With a dash of a Palm Sunday lesson. **John 21:12-19** Dinner: Pizza Activity: Thank you Cards

April 13 Palm Sunday Fundraiser Before Both the 8:45am Traditional Service and 11:00am Contemporary Service. We will be serving bake goods during these times. With a Youth Sunday School in between at 10:00am

April 17th: "Justifying Grace" Going over the Grace we experience when we recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. **Luke 23:32-43**

Dinner : Spaghetti Activity: Discussion. AKA to be decided together.

April 24th: "Sanctifying Grace" Learning about the Grace that makes us closer and more like Jesus. **Romans 8:24-28** Dinner: Pigs in a blanket & Mac and cheese Activity: craft to remind us of grace.



Shores UMC Youth
Fundraiser

Helping to fund Church
Camp

Palm Sunday
Bakesale

Sunday, April 13. 724 Shores
Blvd. St. Aug. FL 32086

8:45- Traditional Service
11:00- Contemporary Service





Church Office closed on Monday April 21, 2025. Have a very Happy Easter.

UPCOMING Spring FLING

Picnic sponsored by the trustees. April 27th (Sunday after Easter) immediately following the 11:00am service. Hamburgers, hotdogs, time for fellowship and getting to know fellow members and attendees. Guest are welcome to come!

Fairy Hair Party

Held in the Christian Education Building on Sunday April 27th at 12:00noon. Cost is \$20.00. Please call the church office if you are planning on attending at 904-797-4416.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 9:00am and every Saturday at 8:30am. To register for Weight Watchers visit www.weightwatchers.com.

Mobility In Motion, LLC *John 3:16*

Certified Group Fitness Instructor Melissa Doughty will be teaching a class at St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church (Christian Education Building) every Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. There is no cost to take the class but donations to Melissa are welcomed. For more information you can contact Melissa at 904-484-4932.



Worship With Us

Online Services visit:

www.shoresumc.org

Sunday Worship Services

8:45am Traditional Worship

Music led by Roger Woods & Soloists

11:00am Contemporary Worship

Music led by Suzann Maass & Praise Team

Worship Information

4/6 5th Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday John 12:1-8 "Adoration"

4/13 Palm/Passion Sunday Luke 19:28-40 "Shout"

4/20 Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12 "Where are we looking"

4/27/25 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32 "Obeying God"



**St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church
724 Shores Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32086**

April 5, 2025 8:00am-12:00noon

**Hand-made items, baked goods, books, puzzles
& household items will be available**

Raffle will be available

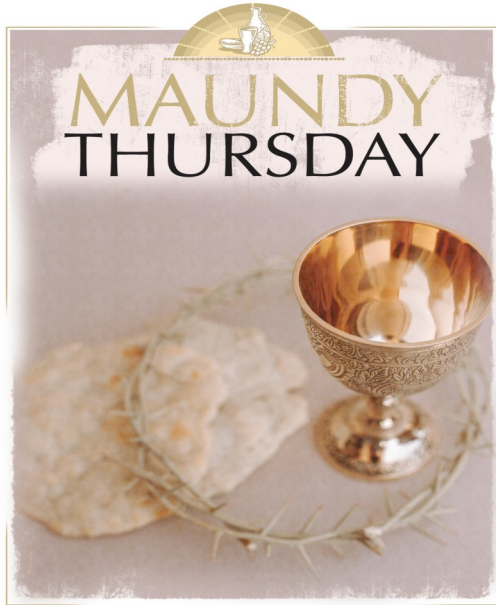
Any proceeds will be given to our community

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Palm Sunday-April 13, 2025

Our congregation is proudly waving Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families and communities find pathways out of poverty. Here is what makes Eco-Palms Different: Ecologically friendly, Economic Opportunities, Sustainable Income. Let us proudly wave our Eco-Palms, giving thanks to God and inviting palm harvesters, their families and communities to our celebration! Wr.org/palms



Maundy Thursday-April 17, 2025

Community Service held at First United Methodist Church (118 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084) at 7:00pm

Christian Holy Day that commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.



Good Friday –April 18, 2025

Good Friday is April 18th. We will be hosting the Good Friday service at 7pm. First UMC and Grace UMC will be participating as well. I would like to ask that if you are able to, please attend for a meaningful service and to welcome our guests. I understand that some of you may not be able to make it to the evening service for various reasons; therefore, I will be opening the church up for prayer and communion from 12-2pm. I will have scripture sheets available if you would like to pray through the scriptures about Good Friday. I will also have communion prepared and blessed in the front of the church, for you to take as part of your prayer time in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us. May your Lenten journey be blessed. Pastor Carolyn

Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025
10:00am

Free Community Event
Easter Egg Hunt begins
at 10:00am SHARP!

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Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs and visit with our guests. If you can help please call/email the church office at 904-797-4416 shoresumc@bellsouth.net. Thank you Cheryl Jeffries, Outreach Chair



HAPPY *Easter*

We are sending blessings
as we celebrate the
resurrection of Jesus!
Please join us as we worship
our risen Savior and rejoice in
the new life He offers.

Easter Sunday Worship

Everyone Welcome

April 20, 2025

8:45am Traditional Service
10:00am Devotions at the cross
(Bring fresh flowers for the cross)
11:00am Contemporary Service

April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 5:30pm Mobility in Motion 6:00pm Outreach Committee	2 9:00am Weight Watchers 1:50pm After School Program 6:30pm Praise Band	3 1:00pm Shores UMC at Food Pantry 5:00pm Youth Program 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Board of Trustees	4 9:00am UMW Set-up Yard Sale	5 8:00am-12:00pm UMW Yard Sale 8:30am Weight Watchers
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20 Easter Sunday 10:00am Devotions at the Cross (bring fresh cut flowers)	21 Church Office Closed 6:00pm One Board Meeting	22 5:30pm Mobility in Motion	23 9:00am Weight Watchers 1:50pm After School Program 6:30pm Praise Band	24 12:00pm UMW 5:00pm Youth Program 6:30pm Chancel Choir	25	26 8:30am Weight Watchers 10:00am-5:30pm Scapbooking (CEB)
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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

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Members/Friends of our church may place a business card size ad in our monthly newsletter for \$10.00 per month. Please contact the church office if you would like your business card put in the newsletter.



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