



**Dauphin Way UMC
Outreach Compassion
Ministries**

Blood Drives

We partner with the American Red Cross. Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation. When you make a blood donation, you join a very select group. Currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood.

From its beginning, the American Red Cross has formed a community of service, of generous, strong, and decent people bound by beliefs beyond themselves. The American Red Cross blood donor embodies this principle. Please join us in our mission to maintain a safe and stable blood supply by donating blood at our blood drives.

Volunteers may give blood, work the front desk, or provide homemade treats for those who have given blood. Our lay leader contact is **Marvin Whitley**.

Partners in Education

- a) Adopt-a-School
- b) Tutoring
- c) Backpack Ministry

Partners in Education is a partnership designed to improve public schools in Mobile by urging companies and churches to get involved in upgrading public schools through support in whatever area they choose. Dauphin Way adopted Old Shell Road Elementary over 35 years ago. We provide tutoring and school supplies.

Volunteers work with students in tutoring, read to a class, share about their profession to a class, and attend functions in the absence of a parent. Our Backpack Ministry provides food for individuals for weekends. The tutor contact is **Harry Wilber (479-0250)**, Lienkauf & Old Shell Road Elementary Schools, Backpack Chair is **Natalie Bell (473-7458)**.

Cardboard City

Cardboard City is held on the grounds of the Alabama Math & Science School. Volunteers sleep in cardboard boxes or donate money to support someone (usually our youth) who spend the night outdoors. Our mission is to raise awareness of homelessness. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Coastal Alabama. Registration is in the fall, as announced in *Along Dauphin Way*.

Rev. Kathy Jorgensen is Dauphin Way's Compassion Minister. Kathy is the staff person in charge of these ministries. If you are interested in any of these programs and have questions, please call Kathy at the church - (251) 471-1511, ext 136.

The Long Goodbye Group

Support group for adult children or spouses of aging loved ones suffering from some form of dementia. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Bishops Meeting Room. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person); call the church for reservations.

Seed of Hope

A group of women experiencing issues with infertility. Meeting include speakers & time to share issues and help. Beginning in November 2017, the group will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 in the Dill Parlor. Leaders are **Sarah May (251-209-4028) & Kristi Hicks (251-447-4050)**.

Tool Time

Support group for widowers meets on the 1st Wednesday at noon in the Bishop's Meeting Room. Lunch is served at no charge; call the church for reservations.

Veteran's Support Group

This ministry provides aid to veterans during the readjustment period of their return to public and home life. Contacts **Marvin Whitley (marvin5113@att.net or 633-8678) or David Dukes (daviddukes@bellsouth.net or 478-5193)**.

Dumas Wesley

The mission of the United Methodist Dumas Wesley Community Center is to provide a place in Mobile, Alabama, where through a variety of service activities directed toward the benefit of men, women, youth and children, we work toward strengthening family life. Volunteers seek to be responsive to expressed needs, and to develop leadership and responsibility in the neighborhood and the community. The center offers opportunities for growth in understanding the will and unconditional love of God.

The Sybil H. Smith Family Village transitional housing program seeks to help homeless families establish and maintain self-sufficiency. The program combines transitional housing for up to 24 months with on-site support services, as well as referrals to other community agencies and institutions. Throughout the year, groups within the church are made aware of the ongoing needs of Dumas Wesley. In addition, the church supports this ministry by contributing \$7,500.00 each year. We also have three DWUMC members who are Dumas Wesley Trustees. Our Dumas Wesley lay leader is **Jessica Little: 348-7359**; Mrs. Allen Mullins is our Sybil Smith lay leader: 554-8101.

Family Promise - Interfaith Hospitality Network

Families now make up 40 percent of the homeless population, and one of every four homeless people is a child. In response to this crisis, the Interfaith Hospitality Network brings the faith community together to help families regain housing, independence and dignity. Dauphin Way UMC is part of Mobile's IHN partnership of 14 local churches helping families who are facing homelessness. The ministry offers an opportunity for volunteers to reduce homelessness and transform lives.

IHN mobilizes community resources such as our church for lodging; volunteers and social service agencies for assessment and referrals, and existing facilities for day programs. This strategy enables networks of people and entities to help homeless families achieve lasting independence—and at a third of the cost of traditional shelters. We house families once a quarter. We need food, people to visit with the guests in the evenings, and couples to be overnight hosts.

Nationally, 80 percent of the families IHN serves find long-term housing. Together, we can help change the lives of children and their families.

Volunteers can cook a supper, provide food for breakfast and sack lunches, be a mid-evening host, or be an overnight host. Our lay leader is **Emilie Winsor (654-1661)**.

Hospital Visitation

Our visitation ministry provides opportunities for church members to spend a few moments with fellow members who are in local hospitals. Visitors are called for assignments. Visits should be brief and cheerful. **The chairpersons are Dr. Bill Park & Dr. Robert McGinley.**

Inner City Mission

The United Methodist Inner City Mission serves the Oakdale-Maysville community through a Christ-centered, holistic ministry. A wide range of programs provide a safe, loving and secure environment for people of all ages, regardless of race, religion or creed.

The ministry includes recreation, enrichment and educational programs for youth and seniors; emergency services for families in crisis; safe, evening shelter for homeless single women through McKemie Place, and community development for Oakdale-Maysville residents. The contact person for this mission is **Dr. Richard Cross (342-1739/709-2099).**

Dauphin Way UMC has several members who work on the board of directions at the Inner City Mission. We financially support this mission with a contribution of \$7,500.00 each year.

The Mission administers programs which address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the community: *As our hands reach out, we see the face of God in the faces of those we serve.*

The Mission Is About:

Hope and change, by giving children, youth and families the help they need to improve their lives, and by celebrating the lives of senior citizens by providing daily activities, going on special trips, gathering for lunches and transportation to medical appointments and shopping.

Each year Dauphin Way members collect money to provide Thanksgiving turkeys for families living in Inner City Mission neighborhoods. Dauphin Way UMC members help with the upkeep of the Mission building during assigned work days, and help serve meals at McKemie Place. We take part in the yearly golf tournament to help raise money to support the Mission.

Joy for Johnny

Respite ministry for children with special needs and their families. Applications must be submitted in advance. There is a "VBS Atmosphere" of fun for the children and their siblings. Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Contact **Rev. Kathy Jorgensen or Christina Burford (225) 715-9747, cgary924@gmail.com**, if you have questions.

Support Groups Staff Contact: Kathy Jorgensen at 471-1511

Bay Area on Grief Coalition

Support group for children and youth who are grieving the loss of a close family member. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the McGowin Hall. For more information call (251) 721-2209.

Chapter Two

Chapter Two is a support group for widows between the ages of 20-69 years old. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the McDavid Library, beginning with a light supper followed by a brief program by a special speaker. We like to say the Chapter Two program offers a pleasant oasis in the journey of grief. There are off campus meetings in July and November, call the church for the location. Leader: **Lynn Stewart (476-5546).**

Compassionate Friends

A self-help organization for bereaved parents who have lost a child of any age. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary basement, room 101. For more information call (251) 721-2209.

Family to Family—NAMI

Free 12-week educational course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illness. Held during Fall and Spring each year. Check with the church for the next scheduled class: 471-1511.

Family Support Group—NAMI

NAMI Mobile offers a support program to help individuals living with mental illness and their families. We offer help with a sense of community for parents, caregivers and persons living with mental illness. This group meets on the 1st Monday of each month, room 208, at 5:30 p.m.

Going On

Support group for widows from 70-79 years old. The meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm, McDavid Library. The group goes out to eat after a brief program.

Hope

Support group for widows 80 years and older. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in McDavid Library. Call for lunch reservations (\$7 per person).

Society of St. Stephen

The Society of St. Stephen is a Dauphin Way ministry helping individuals or families with utility bills, food and clothing vouchers. Phone 479-4827 at any time to listen to a brief, informational recording. Call that same number on Tuesday mornings between 9–9:45 a.m. to schedule an appointment for the following Monday or Tuesday morning. You will be given specifics at the time of your Tuesday morning phone call. This program provides some assistance with utilities bills, but not telephone or cable bills. Bring a picture ID and your utility bill with you to your appointment.

The Society is closed on holidays and the entire month of December. During the Christmas season, Dauphin Way members adopt families and donate toys for the children in needy families. The families must register through Catholic Social Services. A volunteer works at the church on Monday or Tuesday morning. They interview clients and help them with their needs. Training is available before becoming a SSS worker. Lay leader is **Joyce Sockwell (344-4296)**.

Sweet Dreams

The Sweet Dreams committee donates new pajamas and scholastic books to the children in the Family Promise program and participants in the Back Pack ministry. The Lay Leader is **Martha Cook (232-5702)**.

Tutoring:

(1) GED Tutoring in Mobile County Jail—Mobile Area Interfaith Conference Tutors are trained by Goodwill Easter Seals to tutor inmates seeking to pass their GED before leaving jail. **Louise Wilber** is the lay leader **(479-0250 or 591-6518)**.

(2) Reading Tutors for Adults—Dauphin Way members attend a training session to help with tutoring. They are trained to teach reading through the "Laubach Way to Reading" method. Each reading tutor is matched up with an adult student to tutor once a week. Tutoring can take place at the church, one of the Goodwill Easter Seal offices or in a public library branch. If you are interested in training, contact **Kathy Jorgensen (471-1511)**.

(3) Reading Buddies—Tutors are trained to be a "reading buddy" for an elementary student in our public school system, many of our "reading buddies" help at Old Shell Road School since it is our Partner in Education school. Tutors will work with 1 child, one time a week. Contact the church office for training dates.

Letter Writers

This group writes letters to members on special occasions: confirmation, graduation, Eagle Scout honors, homebound members, and more. This ministry shows the love we share with our members. **Becky Kidd** is the lay coordinator: **344-6145**.

Meals-On-Wheels

The Meals-On-Wheels program is a 35+ year-old volunteer arm of the Compassion Ministry of Dauphin Way UMC. To qualify for meal delivery, a person should be home bound and unable to drive due to age, infirmity, or disability. Our MOW program coverage area:

Broad Street (west) to I-65
I-10 (north) to Springhill Avenue

Our interviewers make home visits initially to determine eligibility and to record all information needed for addition to the program. Volunteers prepare the meals in the DWUMC kitchen, then serve the food into delivery containers, and volunteer drivers deliver meals Monday thru Friday. Daily meals include a hot, balanced meal for lunch, along with a sandwich and fruit or yogurt for supper.

Recipients pay \$3 per day for meals; payment is made each Monday to the driver, or by the month. Our congregation subsidizes the remainder of the cost for each meal (actual cost is \$5-\$6). The church observes all major holidays and does not deliver meals on those days. Notices are sent to recipients so they can plan for alternative food on those days. To see if you qualify or to volunteer to cook, serve, or drive, please call the church receptionist (251) 471-1511, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. The lay leader is **Angela Crowell (343-0735)**.

Minor Home Repairs

This ministry helps our older adults and disabled people who cannot do minor repairs to their home for themselves. **Walter Brand (229-1021)** is the lay leader for this ministry; please contact Kathy Jorgensen so we can set up a time to review your project: 471-1511.

NAMI

Mental Health Ministry, MHM, is a new support area of our Compassion Ministries. We host the NAMI Family-To-Family course in the spring for 12 weeks. The classes begin in the Spring & Fall of each year; call the pastor's office for a schedule of our classes.

Family to Family is a course for family members of a person with a mental illness. It is the best way to learn more about your loved one's brain disorder, their behavior, meds, diagnosis, and medical treatment. The class is facilitated by trained peers, who also have loved ones with mental illness.

A support group also available for those who have completed the Family to Family course. This support group meets at the church on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Building, room 208.

If you are interested in this group or want more information, please contact **Angela Crowell (343-0735)**.

Our Sister's & Brother's Closet

This ministry provides clothing for job interviews. The drop off is located in the sanctuary basement next to the elevator. Volunteers can gather clothing for men and women and bring it to the church. **Pat Lubitz (342-6700)** is our lay leader.

PAWS for Compassion (Pet Ministry)

We are looking for calm, friendly dogs and their companions to join us in Dauphin Way's pet therapy ministry. Therapy dogs provide delightful, joyful compassion, affection and comfort to people in the community. They help by bringing a reason to smile, as God works through His furry friends. If you and your dog would make a good pet therapy team, contact ministry coordinators, **Garrett & Stephanie Williamson**, for more information: **jiminey92@yahoo.com**

The Prayer Chain

You are invited to become a Prayer Warrior and be part of Dauphin Way's Prayer Chain Ministry, a group of men and women who receive prayer requests via daily email. We share a list of our hospitalized members and friends, along with healing words of comfort and encouragement according to God's Word. This group prays daily for each request that is presented to the church. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, contact **Lorraine Zerfas 586-8992, fmawebster@aol.com**.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This hardworking group of ladies meets each Wednesday to knit or crochet shawls to give to those in crisis (illness, grief, etc.) Each shawl or lap blanket is woven with thoughts of healing, love, hope, cheer and encouragement. If you don't knit or crochet—*we will teach you!*

The purpose of knitting/crocheting the prayer shawl is to weave thoughts of healing, love, hope, cheer and encouragement into each piece, as we knit or crochet so that it may comfort the recipient. There is a ritual and blessing for each completed shawl before presenting it.

Volunteers can knit or crochet at 10 a.m. each Wednesday at the church, or at home. **Shelby Wright (342-1363)** is the lay leader.

Refugee Resettlement Program

The Refugee Resettlement Program is a branch of Catholic Social Services and a new ministry called "Dwell"; created to meet the special needs of refugees. The Mobile program is the only refugee resettlement program in Alabama. Each year, they resettle between 170-200 refugees.

Refugees seek freedom from persecution. They left their home country because of a fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinion. They are legally admitted to the United States by the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

There are many opportunities for individuals and groups to "welcome the stranger." One of the ways we help is by providing household goods for the families. **Caroline McCarthy (ccmirish@aol.com or 251 510-8257)** is our contact person for this ministry through our Social Justice Committee.

Shepherd Ministry

Each shepherd is assigned a lamb (shut-in) to visit monthly. This is to keep the member in touch with the activities at the church. **Lorraine Zerfas (586-8992, fmawebster@aol.com)** is the coordinator of this ministry.