



DAUPHIN WAY JOURNAL

Monthly Updates From the Ministries of Our Church

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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Last week, I got a card. Both inside panels were taken up with a handwritten testimony from one of our honorary stewards about how God has put this difficult season to use in her life. She told me that her husband was an infrequent attendee in worship, but he is the more technologically fluent of the two of them and so he has been helping her set up to watch our internet broadcast each Sunday, and he has changed the time of his regular Sunday golf game to worship with her in their home. “We’ll see what happens if services resume in person, but in the meantime, thanks to the church this has been a meaningful time for both of us.”

Thanks be to God.

Our evangelistic opportunity has never been greater. This time has brought many of us into personal introspection, and it is a good time for the church to look inward as well. We are discovering the power of ministries we might otherwise overlook.

Many of us are coming to the dawning realization that many things will be changed for good by the pandemic. Much of the Protestant world has been talking about the recent announcement that North Point — the largest church in America, led by Andy Stanley — has suspended in-person worship for the rest of 2020. Many of us have seen the news of congregations in our own area that resumed their in-person worship and then had to suspend it because of an outbreak that moved faster than their ability to trace it. Within our own church, we have had staff and several families spend time in quarantine after catching the virus or coming in direct contact with it. **We see that the road ahead will have seasons** of improvement and regression.

We are forced to think how our ministry will look if we are unable to turn the tide against this virus for a long time to come. On Thursday, all of our program directors presented our first drafts of “Plan B” options for every program and ministry through the school year and summer of 2021. We are still talking through those options with core volunteers and leaders, and we hope to begin sharing them in our upcoming Along Dauphin Way updates. The centerpiece of our “Plans B” is our options for gathering large groups in outdoor settings. Some of these plans, including the use of our pavilion in the Pumpkin Patch, are referenced in the Trustees’ report and will facilitate small group gatherings. Our best option may be monthly drive-in services in the parking lot of Hank Aaron Stadium. Such gatherings would cost about \$1400 per month, including the cost of staging and the use of a radio transmitter for broadcasting the service to each car. In the other weeks of the month, we would continue online worship. **The last page of this month’s journal includes a survey to gauge our congregation’s interest and comfort level with different ways we may gather.**

I am very grateful for our new and revised publications that will help us communicate throughout the pandemic and long after. I have received very positive feedback from those who downloaded the first edition of the Dauphin Way Journal, and I believe this will continue to be a helpful avenue for sharing the information that was previously only available at SAGES luncheons.

We are continuing to learn and adjust and grow, and through it all, I hope we will take a lesson from our children’s Sunday School lessons this month. It’s all about focus. If we focus on the limitations of this moment, we will be consumed. But if we **focus on our mission**, and all the ways that we can still fulfill it, then we will be filled with the purpose and assurance that only God can give.

Grace and Peace,
Michael

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change if the spread of COVID-19 slows down, or as we are able to create sheltered, outdoor spaces with social distancing for small groups, support groups, and other ministries.

All changes will be communicated through our weekly "Along Dauphin Way" updates.

SUNDAY

9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School Premier	Facebook
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday Schools	Zoom
10:30 AM	Online Worship, hosted by the Pastors	Website/Facebook
5:00 PM	JUMP (4 th & 5 th graders)	Zoom

Monday

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen (Beginning 8/10)	SSS Offices
2:00 PM	Worship Planning	Zoom

Tuesday

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen (Beginning 8/11)	SSS Offices
1:30 PM	Festival Worship Recording	Sanctuary

Wednesday

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Zoom
2:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Recording	Moore Hall

Thursday

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
1:00 PM	Full Staff Meeting	Zoom

Friday

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 2, 2020

7:00 PM Youth Movie Night Main Parking Lot

Thursday, August 6, 2020

6:30 PM Chapter Two Meeting 2020 Zoom

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

4:00 PM Finance Committee Zoom

Thursday, August 13, 2020

5:30 PM SPRC Meeting Zoom

Sunday, August 16, 2020

12:00 PM Confirmation. Mentor Training Zoom

5:00 PM Student/Parent Q&A Zoom

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

12:00 PM Trustees Zoom

Sunday, August 23, 2020

5:00 PM Youth Kickball Pumpkin Patch

Monday, August 24, 2020

5:30 PM Church Council Zoom

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

12:00 PM Pastors' Ask Me Anything Zoom/Conference Call

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

4:30 PM Nominating Committee McDavid Library/Zoom

Sunday, August 30, 2020

5:00 PM Youth Yard Games Pumpkin Patch

PROGRAM MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month we celebrated our first-ever, Virtual Camp Adventure VBS Experience. Vacation Bible School has been the cornerstone of Children's Ministries events for many years. It is unique in how it combines outreach opportunities for our own members as well as children from all over our community. It is a very "low-pressure" way for children and families to enter our church and get a sense of what the Dauphin Way family is like. This year's virtual VBS reaches farther than ever beyond the walls of our church and our community. As of now, I know that a family in Louisiana is enjoying the videos and craft packet (thanks to Kathy Jorgensen) and a family in Seattle, Washington, will soon have craft packets to use alongside the videos (thanks to Jennifer Precht).

Since I took on the role as Director of Children's Ministries three Vacation Bible Schools ago (yes, time is measured in VBS years in the Children's Ministries), we have been committed to creating our own content. We want to bring something unique to our campers. I volunteered for roughly 11 years in VBS. Over the years, I noticed children that had been to every VBS in the city and experienced some "themes" three or more times. Last summer, a group of committed volunteers dreamed up Camp Adventure. We loved the theme so much that we decided to keep the concept of Camp Adventure going, changing the daily lessons and experiences. Each day children are presented with one of the many attributes of God. God is... all-powerful, faithful, gracious, and loving. Each daily video uses skits and other presentations of Bible stories to help children understand who God is. The goal is to challenge children to learn how God has been there for His people and, in the process, discover how God has been present in their own lives. A "Craft Corner" segment details the coordinating craft for each day and helps children connect the dots between the story and the craft. At the end of each video there is a "Wrap Up" segment to help tie the day together. This process has been quite challenging; however, now I am wondering why we have not explored this option before.

As I write this report mid-week during VBS, pictures of children working on their crafts and watching the videos roll in. In Children's Ministries, so much of the energy and reward come from seeing the children enjoy their time with us; hearing them giggle, sing along, proudly show off their craft projects, and share the stories they have learned. It has been so rewarding to hear from families and see pictures of the children enjoying this experience at home. On average, we had 150 participants for each day, with a peak of 400 on the first day!

We are preparing for the coming school year and working to adjust plans as needed. Promotion Sunday and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation typically occur the second Sunday in August. We are working to find alternate ways to honor our students. Although this time has been challenging, we are finding inventive and wonderful ways to connect with our families and continue to partner with parents to make disciples who make a difference.

As July comes to a close and we wrap up our VBS experience, I want to recognize the wonderful people who have made it all possible. Many thanks to the Children's Ministry Assistant, Lindsay Lum. She has worked tirelessly. Mr. David Bush volunteered his time and talents to be the voice of the Creation Story and really bring it to life for all our listeners. Thank you, Mr. David! Last, but certainly not least, Dr. Woods Lisenby. VBS would not have been possible without Woods and his wonderful skillset. Woods gave hundreds of hours of his time to record, direct, edit, and produce VBS. If you have watched the videos and thought to yourself "Wow, that looks so polished and seamless!" or "How did they do that?", that is because Woods made it that way. Some of my "best" ideas simply did not translate to camera the way I had hoped. This was a real team effort. We are extremely blessed and fortunate to have such an amazing staff to offer their gifts so freely. Many, many thanks!

Kat Brand, Director of Children's Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY

What a time to jump into youth ministry! June 1st marked my first official day as the new Youth Director. I have wondered what I could possibly write to celebrate from the past fifty days. We started off launching a small group study of the gospel of John that would take place, socially distanced, in people's homes. After the first week, a ministry participant tested positive for COVID-19, so we moved to Zoom for two weeks. With the rise in COVID cases in our area, we felt it would be best to keep our Bible study online for the rest of July, but instead of Zoom, we would pre-record a youth worship service with music, a message, and a few thought-provoking questions for students to take into their week. Then I tested positive for COVID-19 this past weekend. Today, the girls were going to have an outdoor tie-dye and paint party that had to be canceled. Tomorrow we were going to have a volunteer day at Aid for Animals that now has to be moved. As I reflect on my first fifty days in youth ministry, the achiever in me feels like I have failed. Yet, the more I ponder on it, I realize that there certainly is still something to be celebrated, and it is this: the Word is still alive, and it is still moving. As I look back on students sharing their biggest takeaways from each chapter in John on social media, I see students digging deeper into the context of Scripture. After one Zoom call, a student wanted to stay on a little longer to ask questions about the context of a passage we walked through that evening. I see a hunger and thirst to know more. During the first week of our John study, the best moment of my week was watching light bulbs come on in our high school girls' group as we connected the dots of the Passover to why we call Jesus the Lamb of God. In all three of those instances, it is evident that the Holy Spirit was moving in their hearts and minds. We do not have to meet in person for God to speak and move through His Word. As unexpected as the past fifty days have been, I see the Lord reminding me that all I need to do as His servant is be faithful, and He will do the rest.

I have hope that in August we will be able to gather together outdoors. I am excited about our plans for several Sunday August Hang nights that are designed to be fun, socially distanced activities. August 2nd is the kickoff with a big outdoor movie night. We're asking everyone to bring a chair or blanket, and there will be designated squares for each individual to claim, so we can maintain social distancing. August 16th will be our big parent student information meeting, where we will walk through everything going on for the next school year. We will either be online or outdoors for this event. August 23rd will be a kickball tournament at the Pumpkin Patch. August 30th is a yard games night, where we will have games spread out like corn hole, spike ball, ultimate frisbee, and more. My prayer is that we will be able to gather safely for these events in August and be able to start off strong in September!

A huge thank you goes to all the parents who have reached out and helped in student ministry or encouraged me in any way this summer! Our parents that have agreed to host small groups or help lead a group have been exceptionally gracious, considerate, and flexible. To the parents that have reached out to me through a call, text, or email to send encouragement, thank you for listening to the Holy Spirit's nudge. On several of my lowest days, the Holy Spirit sent somebody to remind me that I am still called, and God is in control of it all. Thank you to both students and parents for your warm welcomes into student ministry and your love and support in this season.

Brittany McDade, Director of Student Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Now just over four months into “online-only” worship, I can’t begin to tell you when things may return back to normal. I have said before that I never thought we would be where we are right now, but I am grateful that our church leadership supports erring on the side of caution as we continue forward into the unknown. What I do know is that when we are able to return to our Sanctuary, it will be a space for worshiping God that is significantly improved over when we last gathered. This past week, I signed a contract with ESB Group, Inc. out of Spanish Fort to handle the audio/visual renovations in our Sanctuary. Over the next several weeks, ESB Group and our contracted consulting firm, Kirkegaard and Associates of Chicago, will be working on a complete overhaul of the sound system and livestreaming capabilities in the Sanctuary. This will vastly improve the audio intelligibility of our Festival worship service as well as other services, events, and concerts held in that space. This simpler, digital system will bring our Sanctuary A/V technology into the 21st Century. All thanks be to God for this much needed improvement moving forward!

There is probably nothing I have missed more during this time than the lost opportunities to make music with our church ensembles. I’m grateful for all who have lent their gifts in worship with solos and small ensembles, and I’m very ready to be back to making music with multiple people. Over the last several weeks, I’ve been communicating with the members of our Dauphin Way Chorale in preparation for making several recordings of music to be used in worship for the foreseeable future. I have sent them scanned copies of the music as well as rehearsal tracks to individually rehearse and prepare their music. Our original hope was to record all of the music on August 16. It remains my hope that date will still work out, but we are at the mercy of the virus trends. If we can’t record then, we will reevaluate for a future date. I very much look forward to this happening at the earliest possible opportunity.

Finally, as many of you know, Becca and I contracted COVID-19 at the end of June. We took careful precaution to isolate for 14 days ensuring that we did not continue the spread. During that time, so many in our congregation reached out with prayers, well wishes, dinners, goodies, and love. Becca and I give thanks to all in our Dauphin Way family for that love and support. Getting through a 14-day isolation would be incredibly difficult without people who care. Know that your love was felt and so very much appreciated.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship

ADMINISTRATION

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee did not meet in July, but we did receive approval from the Finance Committee for a proposal from our June meeting that we hire a receptionist. This position will meet three pressing needs of our church. The first is **safety**. When we fully reopen our office to weekday visitors, we need someone standing ready near our entrances to ensure all visitors comply with the health protocols (hand washing, mask wearing, and possibly temperature checks) that we will require. Even before the virus, we had a desperate safety need. On more than one occasion, visitors have entered our building unobserved and taken up temporary residence in the Gathering Place bathroom. We need eyes on our front door. The second need is **hospitality**. Many of our weekday callers and visitors have long complained about the need for a person who could direct them or their calls to the appropriate office or staff member. Our current administrative staff have too many weekly tasks to be able to drop everything and manage the number of calls and visitors we see in a typical week. The third need is **data entry and distribution**. Presently, the pastor's assistant spends 20% of her work week on routine data entry tasks, and our Communications/Children's Assistant has been devoting 20% of her time to answering the phone and managing the schedules for Meals On Wheels. This limits their availability for several other administrative tasks that our pastors end up managing personally. It is not a sustainable workload, and the current arrangement was originally intended to be a temporary fix. This hire is the last step in fully staffing our church for its present requirements and mission. Cindy McMillan is leading the hiring process for this position, and her interview team is reviewing several applications this week.

Elizabeth Percy, SPRC Chair

TRUSTEES

Nations Roofing has completed 93% of the roof. The balance remaining on the contract including retainage is \$49,062.80. Weather permitting, we expect the roof to be finished as you are reading this.

The controlling computer for the HVAC A/C control system went out. Robert and Jan were able to install another computer in its place, but this is just a short-term fix. Robert will be getting bids for a new HVAC A/C control system for the 2021 year.

When the final payments on the roof and the Sanctuary A/V upgrades have been made (probably some time at the end of August), we anticipate the final cost of those two projects will be \$7,950 more than the cash we have on hand from the Toss the Tarps campaign. A local, private foundation has pledged \$100,000 (\$50,000 in each of the next two years) to cover that balance and the costs of our deferred maintenance projects. We are so very grateful for the generosity that has made all these improvements possible.

As we continue to see the spread of COVID-19 in our area, we are exploring alternate venues for large gatherings. We expect to set up our large pavilions in the Pumpkin Patch or Lee Street parking lot for smaller gatherings. We have also explored using Hank Aaron Stadium (or its parking lot) for large gatherings. Dauphin Way will conduct a poll of the congregation to determine desires and concerns about gathering in large, very socially-distant numbers even when the local caseload is growing.

Jonathan Aeiker, Trustees Chair

FINANCE

The Finance Committee did not meet in July, but our monthly reports are listed below. Walter Brand, Cindy McMillan, and Michael Precht met on July 14 to review our giving history and project a preliminary budget total for 2021.

001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church						
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2020						
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 5 May 41.67%						
2020 Receipts & Disbursements						
ACCT #		2020 Budget	Actual for Period	2020 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
Receipts						
1131	Current Pledges	1,472,303.00	110,608.38	547,183.96	37.17%	561,281.53
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	73,615.00			0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,398,688.00	110,608.38	547,183.96	39.12%	561,281.53
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	1,509.00	0.00%	0.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	77,384.00	0.00	38,773.98	50.11%	37,028.54
1135	Loose Plate	17,896.00	0.00	3,366.90	18.81%	7,758.75
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	437,395.00	47,627.85	207,426.84	47.42%	127,018.56
1140	Interest Income	0.00	423.01	687.63	0.00%	0.00
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	150.00	2.50%	150.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	81,746.00	6,812.17	34,060.85	41.67%	77,971.98
1147	Payroll Protection Funds	207,300.00	0.00	207,300.00	100.00%	0.00
	Total Receipts	2,226,409.00	165,471.41	1,040,459.16	46.73%	811,209.36
Disbursements						
4413	Total Pastoral	4,000.00	-36.06	632.33	15.81%	1,626.68
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	1,682.37	2,990.81	44.89%	1,102.29
5011	Total Children's Ministry	17,726.00	536.41	7,397.28	41.73%	2,972.55
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,554.00	2,192.66	8,875.89	47.84%	889.16
5211	Total Adult Ministry	8,225.00	0.00	729.86	8.87%	2,362.79
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
5710	Total Connectional	32,893.00	2,741.08	13,705.44	41.67%	13,901.68
5739	Conference Apportionments	196,150.00	16,345.83	81,729.19	41.67%	70,282.07
5910	Total Membership Care	2,404.00	96.72	710.54	29.56%	196.79
6001	Community Care	23,675.00	0.00	784.03	3.31%	4,842.59
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	3,402.55	17,152.30	38.98%	12,525.61
6610	Total Office	54,697.00	6,860.22	23,295.85	42.59%	30,232.37
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	416,747.00	28,451.08	171,148.96	41.07%	168,207.81
6800	Total Loans	76,931.00	0.00	19,232.76	25.00%	7,979.70
6804	Total Operation Income	-47,760.00	-3,980.00	-21,965.00	45.99%	-20,850.00
6810	Total Operation Expenses	18,086.00	-106.84	6,324.78	34.97%	10,303.50
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	-1,103.62	0.00%	-4,222.56
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	791.39	7,876.18	33.85%	8,218.85
	Total Personnel	1,117,854.00	83,109.14	457,302.56	40.91%	503,396.68
	Total Disbursements	2,015,112.00	142,086.55	796,820.14	39.54%	813,968.56
	Income Over/Under Expenses	211,297.00	23,384.86	243,639.02		-2,759.20

ATTENDANCE AND GENEROSITY

Worship Attendance

Attendance has been difficult to gauge as we have used different platforms, but we have settled on a formula to use going forward. This formula does not count everyone who watches worship after the 10:30 hour on Sunday mornings, nor does it represent the cumulative total of viewers on Sunday mornings – some viewers stay only for a minute or so. Instead, this formula counts the largest number of viewers who were watching at the same time during the service.

- Peak Viewers = The total of peak viewership through Facebook and website between 10:30 and 11:30 on Sunday morning.
- Average Household Size = The average active Dauphin Way household has 2.48 members
- Sunday morning attendance = (Peak Viewers) x (Avg. Household Size).

When comparing worship attendance for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and Easter 2 in each of the last three years, we find this formula offers a reliable baseline:

	2018	2019	2020
Palm Sunday	798	553	786
Easter Sunday	1199	983	1089
Easter 2	806	569	806

Here is our online attendance from Palm Sunday through July 19 (Palm Sunday, Easter, and Easter 2 are italicized for each year):

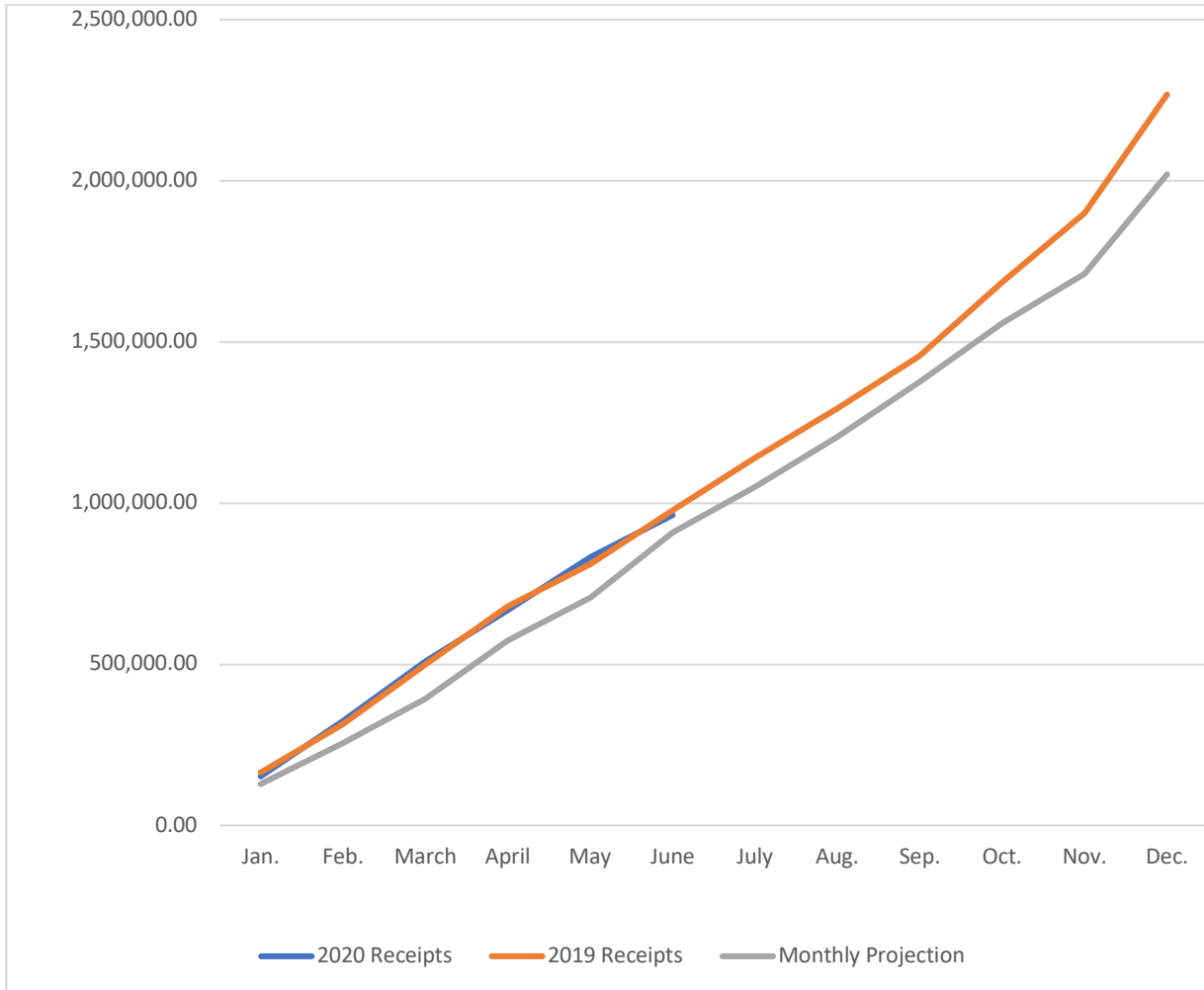
2018	2019	<i>2020</i>	
<i>806</i>	430	<i>1128</i>	4/5/20
716	<i>553</i>	<i>1089</i>	4/12/20
539	<i>983</i>	<i>806</i>	4/19/20
720	<i>569</i>	732	4/26/20
534	482	672	5/3/20
769	501	548	5/10/20
529	546	580	5/17/20
421	307	486	5/24/20
441	373	553	5/31/20
460	447	538	6/7/20
540	397	474	6/14/20
535	357	479	6/21/20
287	445	508	6/28/20
540	460	409	<i>7/5/20</i>
486	565	501	7/12/20
431	491	489	7/19/20

Giving Through June

3-Year Avg: \$908,152.49

March 2019: \$978,051.52

March 2020: \$**962,738.20**



PASTORS' REPORTS

Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

Associate Pastor (Compassion Ministries)

Meals on Wheels continues to work smoothly and safely. We have the new system working well with fewer cooks and servers in the kitchen so we can properly distance. We have our drivers line up in their cars outside of McGowin Hall so their meals and routes can be brought to them. Each driver wears a mask and gloves during their meal deliveries. So far, none of our meal recipients have gotten the virus and they are all so grateful for the meals and the chance to see our friendly drivers.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets during their regular time by Zoom. They continue to make and deliver prayer shawls to those who need them.

Chapter Two, our widow group for younger widows, has begun meeting together via zoom at their regular monthly meeting time.

We have a new ministry called “Annie’s Gift.” A member who lost a granddaughter named Annie, creates a wonderful “time capsule box” for each our new Dauphin Way babies. The box includes things like magazines and newspapers from the date of the baby’s birth, a copy of the U.S. Constitution, a complete set of the 50 State Quarters, a Native American pottery fossil, etc. On the top of the time capsule gifts is a prayer shawl blanket made by our group.

Another new ministry that is in its infancy stage is one to help us understand how to talk about race. We are considering starting with a book study and also developing a relationship with some of our fellow United Methodists at Toulminville-Warren Street UMC. Caroline McCarthy and David Peeler are gathering ideas on ways to move forward.

Phoning our church members continues to be one of our ongoing tasks. We have several church members doing daily calls. We are always interested in adding ‘callers” to our list so if you want to help out, please let me know.

Your Companion in Christ,
Kathy

Dr. Woods Lisenby
Associate Pastor (Worship and Communications)

We still all find ourselves in interesting days. Yet, time and time again we continue to see God at work in and through the life of our congregation. I give thanks that in spite of a few staff members contracting COVID-19 we have still been able to produce high level worship services each week. We finished our “Love Where You Live” and have moved into our new series called “Icon.” It has been a joy to think about the differences between idols and icons, and to help our church identify different idols in our own lives that might have gone overlooked for years. We hope this series makes a difference for you each Sunday morning.

This will likely be (God willing) my last Church Council report prior to the birth of my son, Bradshaw Woods Lisenby. Although Brianna’s due date is not until August 20, we have a feeling he might come into the world sooner than that. I will be intermittently present for a few weeks after his birth. I will maintain my preaching and writing responsibilities, but plan to spend a little time acclimating to this next phase of life. Brianna and I appreciate all the well wishes and the kind calls and texts from our church family during this final part of her pregnancy!

I also want to share how proud I am of our Children’s Ministries team! Kat and Lindsay did a fantastic job putting together an incredible Vacation Bible School under difficult circumstances. The curriculum those two developed throughout quarantine period has been great, and the VBS lessons are something, as a church, we should all be proud to share with friends and family. Even if you do not have VBS-age children at home, I encourage you to take a few minutes and watch a few of the videos. I have no doubt you will also be impressed by the quality of content that our Children’s Ministry is producing.

I look forward to the day when we are all back together in person. Until then, I have the utmost faith in our staff to continue doing the work of God in all the ways we can. I know I am biased, but I hope that during this unusual season you can look to the work of Dauphin Way UMC and be proud of the church to which you belong!

Grace and Peace,

Woods

WANT MORE DAUPHIN WAY UPDATES?

We send a weekly email update every Friday to the email addresses we have on file. If you are not receiving these documents, and would like to, please email Lindsay.lum@dauphinwayumc.org with your current email address.

You can also visit www.dauphinwayumc.org/news for all of the most recent postings from the church social media page. You do not have to have Facebook to be able to see these posts.

If you do not have access to reliable internet, or if you simply prefer paper documents, we will mail our monthly publications (Along Dauphin Way and the Monthly Journal) to a set mailing list. If you would like to remain on this mailing list, you may call the church offices at (251) 471-1511 or email Lindsay Lum at the email address listed above.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

You can complete this survey online at dauphinwayumc.org/survey

*Or, you can complete it by hand, detach it,
and mail it to the church at: 1507 Dauphin St. Mobile, AL 36604*

As of July 30, 2020 worship services are allowed, but considered “High Risk” by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Which of the following

1. If COVID-19 remains at its current levels in Mobile County, which of these activities would you be likely to attend?

Check all that apply

- A monthly, drive-in worship service at Hank Aaron Stadium’s Parking Lot (Audio would be broadcast over FM radio, communion would be offered, singing would be ok in your car).
- A weekly service held in the Sanctuary or Moore Hall (Masks required, no congregational singing, extra distance [more than 6 feet] kept between all households)
- A weekly or twice-a-week prayer service held outside under a pavilion in the Pumpkin Patch (Communion might be offered, masks and social distance required)
- A small group or supper club held outside under a pavilion in the Pumpkin Patch (Social distance between households is encouraged, masks required as long as the statewide ordinance is in effect)
- A small group or supper club held in someone’s backyard (No masks required, distance kept as much as possible)
- An indoor small group or supper club of people “in your pod” of close acquaintances who have a similar weekly exposure to your own.

2. What is your age group?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-75
- 75+

3. If we did not open Sunday School or nurseries and children had to attend worship with their families, how would that affect your ability/willingness to attend?

- Having children in worship wouldn't affect my attendance at all.
- I would not attend worship if we could not offer children's church and a nursery.