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# FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

According to legend, seven magic words that can kill any idea within a church: “We’ve never done it that way before.” In 2020, I think Dauphin Way has definitively refuted this old accusation against the church. We have adapted, reacted and adjusted over and over again to be a faithful witness no matter what the year threw at us.

Even as our church has tried new things, I think everyone around us has come to appreciate that maybe there is more goodness than we realize in some of the things that are most familiar. Through the uncertainty of storms, a plague, and political strife, there have been times when anything “normal” felt like a miracle. A mom stopped by after our confirmation service to tell me how much it meant, and how it felt like she couldn’t keep up with life; how all her friends were saying the same. I have heard the same from our Dauphin Way kids; how they manage practices and school days that may be interrupted or suspended at any moment because a storm blew in or a classmate got sick. I have heard our older members who feel like they put in double effort now, just to keep up with friends they have not seen in far too long.

If you are feeling the same, it is understandable.

You have never had to work so hard, just to keep it together.

That is the paradox of our time: it takes extraordinary effort to make anything feel ordinary, which makes this the perfect time for Advent. Advent is the season when we remember that God holds together the things we cannot. Advent is a season of mystery and paradox. Advent is when we talk about a baby who is fully human and fully Divine. Advent is when we talk about a Savior who was, and is, and who is to come.

The paradox of this particular Advent is the opportunity to experience all the sights and sounds of Advent in a new way. In the days to come, you will be invited to host or attend a **White Christmas Watch Party on December 20**. You will be able to register for whichever one of our **nine (9!) Christmas Eve Services** that will make it feel like Christmas for you. Kat Brand cannot wait to tell you all about our **Children’s Live Nativity on December 6**. You can also learn more about our **Longest Night worship service on Dec. 21**, which we offer every year for those who have lost loved ones, and who need a place to pray and sing through the harder parts of the season.

God holds it all together when we cannot, and so through it all, our Advent worship theme this year is **Holding Christmas Together**. As we take time to focus on the mysteries and the paradoxes of Christmas, may we find God’s mercies are new every morning, and yet as familiar as an old friend. Our God holds more things together than we can ever understand, and that is all the more reason to kneel before the manger that once held... everything. Come, let us adore the One who holds it all together.

Grace and Peace,

Michael

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change throughout the month.

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

## SUNDAY

8:20 AM Chapel Worship Service- Adkins Chapel  
9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schools- Zoom  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service- Moore Hall  
10:30 AM Festival Worship Service- Sanctuary  
10:30 AM Online Worship  
10:30 AM Children’s Sunday school  
5:00 PM Youth Activities & JUMP

## MONDAY

7:00 AM CDC Classes CDC Rooms- Ed Bldg.  
8:00 AM Meals on Wheels  
10:00 AM Society of St. Stephens- SSS Offices  
10:15 AM Worship Planning- Zoom

## TUESDAY

7:00 AM CDC Classes CDC Rooms- Ed Bldg.  
7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast- McDavid Library & Zoom  
8:00 AM Meals on Wheels  
10:00 AM Society of St. Stephens- SSS Offices

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM CDC Classes CDC Rooms- Ed Bldg.  
8:00 AM Meals on Wheels  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry- Zoom  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Fellowship- Zoom

## THURSDAY

7:00 AM CDC Classes CDC Rooms- Ed Bldg.  
8:00 AM Meals on Wheels  
10:00 AM Full Staff Meeting- Moore Hall

## FRIDAY

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

# DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

## **Sunday, November 29, 2020 – *First Sunday in Advent***

8:20 AM	First Day Worship***	Adkins Chapel
10:30 AM	Festival Worship*	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship*	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School*	Children's Classrooms

## **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

4:00 PM	Finance Meeting	McDavid Library & Zoom
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## **Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

6:30 PM	Chapter 2	Zoom
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## **Sunday, December 6, 2020 – *Second Sunday in Advent***

8:20 AM	First Day Worship***	Adkins Chapel
10:30 AM	Festival Worship*	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship*	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School*	Children's Classrooms
4:00 PM	Family Christmas & Live Nativity	Pumpkin Patch

## **Monday, December 7, 2020**

5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting	McDavid Library & Zoom
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## **Thursday, December 10, 2020**

5:00 PM	SPRC Meeting	McDavid Library & Zoom
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## **Sunday, December 13, 2020 – *Third Sunday in Advent***

8:20 AM	First Day Worship***	Adkins Chapel
10:30 AM	Festival Worship*	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship*	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School*	Children's Classrooms
4:00 PM	Youth Christmas Party	Main Parking Lot

## **Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

12:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	McDavid Library & Zoom
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## **Sunday, December 20, 2020 – *Fourth Sunday in Advent***

8:20 AM	First Day Worship***	Adkins Chapel
10:30 AM	Festival Worship*	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship*	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School*	Children's Classrooms
6:00 PM	78th Annual White Christmas Premiere	via Live Stream

## **Monday, December 21, 2020**

6:00 PM	Longest Night Service***	Adkins Chapel
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## **Thursday, December 24, 2020 - *Christmas Eve Services***

11:00 AM	Children's Christmas Eve Worship***	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Moore Hall
2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Pumpkin Patch
3:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Moore Hall
5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Moore Hall
8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship**	Sanctuary

\*= Registration is required and regular child care is available.

\*\*= Registration is required and child care is available for 4 yrs and under.

\*\*\*= Registration is required and no child care is available.

# PROGRAM REPORTS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- KAT BRAND

This month we celebrate the close of our Adventures in Learning ministry. Over the past 3 months a team of dedicated volunteers and staff members worked to open our doors for 15 students from Leinkauf Elementary school. The children's ages ranged from Kindergarten-5th grade. This was a monumental effort that we pray continues to bear fruit for many years to come. It was a joy and a privilege to see the children daily and create an atmosphere of respect and trust. I am so proud of the children and volunteers. Please pray for our precious group as they have returned to their school for in-person learning. The student's names are: Austin, Allyssia, Mallorie, JaMason, Maison, Levunje, Twanda, McKinley, JaBryson, Amon, Dyllon, Brooklyn, Dejuan, Justin, and Zakendrick.

We are preparing for a return to Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Programming for all ages. On November 8th, we will begin offering childcare and curriculum for children during the 10:30 worship hour. We will use our Sunday School curriculum during this time. Children will be dropped off in their classrooms before worship instead of being in the worship services and traveling upstairs. Over the next few weeks we will be preparing material and making adjustments to accommodate our students as safely as possible. We are excited to continue adapting and continue our mission, to make disciples who make a difference.

This month I would like to thank the many volunteers who made Adventures in Learning possible. Dozens of volunteers committed their time and their gifts to this incredible ministry. I was fortunate to see the relationships that volunteers formed with our students. I saw patience, joy, excitement, love, and kindness being poured into our students daily. As the weeks went by we began to learn so much about our students, their favorite foods, hobbies, favorite sports teams, favorite books, their weaknesses, their strengths, and even the names of their favorite stuffed animals. It was glorious to see a group of committed volunteers use their unique gifts and strengths to work together for this ministry.

Kat Brand, Director of Children's Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRY- BRITTANY MCDADE

Two words can sum up the highlight of October in the student ministry– Pumpkin Patch. Despite the late start this year, we are on the right track and are staying busy. As of Wednesday, October 28th, we have made over \$15,000 in sales. A portion of our pumpkin sales go to the company we work with, Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser, which is a ministry in itself, with its base of operations at a Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico. With cooler temperatures coming this weekend in addition to October 31st being on a Saturday, we anticipate another busy weekend at the Pumpkin Patch! Another celebration this month is the success of our first ever Youth Party in the Patch! On Sunday, October 25th, our students gathered at the Patch to carve and paint pumpkins, roast s'mores, and participate in some games including a scavenger hunt. We had over forty youth present in addition to some families from the community that jumped in to join us. We had a blast and are already planning for more fun with this event next year!

Coming up is sign ups for the 2021 Winter Retreat! After meeting with our Youth Parent Council, we are tentatively moving forward with planning Winter Retreat, which will be January 8-10, 2021, at Camp Lee. Registration for Winter Retreat will open in November. Our weekly programming, SNL and Midweek, will continue through November. SNL (Sow New Life) is on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will be wrapping up our discussion on several of Paul's Letters at SNL. Midweek this fall has been for our ladies in 6th-12th grade, and we have been doing a study called "Lies," which will wrap up in November as well. December 13th is our annual youth Christmas Party. We will gather in the main church parking lot for dinner before splitting up by middle school and high school to have dessert outdoors and play white elephant in two different homes to give us space to spread out. It is hard to believe that Advent is right around the corner!

To each and every person who has volunteered at the Pumpkin Patch or purchased a pumpkin from us, we extend our utmost gratitude! There is absolutely no way we could pull off the Pumpkin Patch each year if it were not for the immense help of our congregation and youth families that volunteer. From helping unload an eighteen-wheeler of pumpkins to sitting at the pumpkin table to bringing supplies for Party in the Patch to driving the tractor and reading stories to our small group of field trippers this year, thank you all so much. There are a few people that particularly stand out for their leadership this month. The Pumpkin Patch could not operate smoothly without the great time, effort, and planning that the Percy family puts in every year. Party in the Patch would not have been as organized if it were not for the coordination of volunteers and supplies by Lisa Howard. Thanks to our Youth Parent Council for helping recruit volunteers and pull off Party in the Patch. Through this crazy month, I am reminded once again how much of a blessing it is to serve alongside this church family. The support our student ministry has received from this congregation has been wonderful. The assistance and encouragement I have received personally from our parents has been amazing. A few months ago, we were unsure if we would even be able to have the Pumpkin Patch this year; looking at it now, I am glad we did thanks to all of you.

Brittany McDade, Director of Student Ministries

## WORSHIP MINISTRY- TREY WEST

It was September 2019 when David Roberts, as the Trustees' chair, and I first began discussing an Audio/Visual renovation for the Sanctuary. Over the last year we've brought in Kirkegaard and Associates, Inc. out of Chicago to acoustically evaluate our Sanctuary and act as our consulting firm throughout the project. With Kirkegaard, we contracted ESB Group out of Spanish Fort to handle this renovation. It's taken a year, but we now see the fruition of all that work. We have a new sound system in place in our Sanctuary consisting of two new Iconyx speaker columns for the Nave, two new Iconyx speakers serving as the monitors in the Chancel, a new Yamaha TF-3 24-input digital sound board, four new Shure wireless microphone packs with two Countryman headset mics and 2 Shure lapel mics, two new Shure wireless handheld microphones, and new microphone receivers, amplifiers, and sound equipment racks. We also switched to Vimeo Livestream as our livestream service provider last summer which immediately improved our capabilities for sharing and storing our worship services. Although that was a very positive move, our equipment was badly outdated, preventing us from reaching our full potential in online ministry. With our completed renovation, we've added three Sony HD 1080p PTZ cameras, a new Blackmagic ATEM Production Studio 4K Switcher, and several other pieces of video equipment that will allow us to fully display the beauty of our Sanctuary and vibrant energy of our Festival worship service to those worshipping remotely.

I just rattled off a long list of complicated equipment, all the purposes of which I can't cover in this one-page report. What I can tell you is that much time was spent with Kirkegaard and ESB to ensure that every piece of equipment is high quality and essential to the improvements we wanted to see in our Sanctuary. Throughout the entire process, we scrutinized every decision and purchase to make sure that those improvements and pieces of equipment were made and purchased with responsible stewardship in mind. Now on the other side of this project, I think an absolutely outstanding A/V system was put together for our beautiful Sanctuary. I'm grateful to Brenda Walker and Jeff Human at Kirkegaard and Nic Taylor at ESB for their countless hours and careful considerations with this project. I'm grateful to David Roberts for his assistance as the project began as last year's Trustees' chair, Jonathan Aeiker for his help in seeing it completed as the current Trustee's chair, Woods, Michael, Robert Hunter, Cindy McMillan, and the other staff members who have helped me with countless small projects along the way. And I'm mostly grateful to our Dauphin Way members, who have trusted me to be your Director of Music and Worship and spearhead this important project for our church, and who have graciously funded it. I'm very proud of this system and my hope is that, for yours to come, it will continue to project and reflect the holy, exciting, and meaningful worship that takes place in our Sanctuary every single week.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MINISTRY- WILSON NEWELL

October has been another fantastic month serving with the Contemporary Service at Dauphin Way. On October 4th, we moved back to Sunday mornings for our worship services, and it was a beautiful thing! Even with spacing and masks, it had that joyful “Sunday morning church feeling” that we had missed so much for six months. The presence of the Holy Spirit was thick around us as we worshiped together through prayer, reading Scripture, hearing the proclamation of the Word, reflecting on music, and receiving Communion. It gave me both a sense of excitement and calming assurance, knowing that Christ is with us. What made it even better was that our live-streaming capabilities were improved through some new equipment upgrades and the work of our talented Audio/ Visual volunteers. We are using multiple high-definition cameras with improved lighting and retaining a “host” to engage with viewers. This enabled those who were not ready or able to be back in person to have a deeper online worship experience so that they can be even more immersed in worship and connected to our church from home.

We have lots to look forward to as we approach this season of Thanksgiving and Advent. On November 1st, our combined Confirmation service in the sanctuary will be a joyful celebration as we officially welcome students into the Body of Christ and support them in their decisions to follow Christ. Another thing I know that many parents will be thankful for is that childcare is returning on November 8th during the 10:30 services! Our hope is that this will enable more people to attend worship and for children to be ministered to specifically during that hour. We will continue to offer a Children’s Moment in worship in order to retain connection with kids who are still worshiping at home.

One group of people that has been vital in our return to in-person worship has been our ushers and greeters. I have been especially grateful for the head ushers who have stepped up each week and provided guidance and oversight to ensure that people have registered for worship and are following our protocols, have their temperatures checked, and receive Communion. These individuals include Bailey Savage, Kathy Chavers, Jonathan Aeiker, and John Gage. Thank y’all for your hard work to help us re-enter worship spaces safely!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

SPRC did not meet in October, but have some very exciting news! The church has hired Rana Lyons for the part-time Communications Specialist position. She is the daughter-in-law of our DWUMC members, Randy and Fran Lyons.

We are still in need of a CDC Director.

Elizabeth Percy, SPRC Chair

## TRUSTEES

The church received a grant of \$15,000 from the state of Alabama. This grant provides a cushion for the CDC should it be required. Thankfully the CDC finished this month \$730.81 ahead of budget. However, that was without making the rent payment to the church.

The roof has five or six spots that are still leaking. We will release the remaining balance for the roof once we know the leaks are no longer present and the closure documents are received.

The new sound system is complete. However, there is a shaking issue with two of the Sony cameras. Trey has identified this being a zoom issue. Trey is holding the final payment to ESB until the problems no longer an issue. We are waiting for the final invoice from Kirkegaard.

We are grateful for William Terry's leadership with our community garden. The garden has its own working irrigation system, fruit trees, a chicken coop, grapes, and many more items. Robert will get a quote from Image Keepers Lawn Care to find out how much it would cost to add mowing and weed-eating the garden to our monthly invoice. William and Jonathan are hoping to recruit volunteers to help in the garden. Dauphin Way community garden is the only garden in Mobile, Alabama, that is a "permagarden." Woods suggested that the Program Staff take up the garden topic during Thursday's staff meeting and consider where it fits within the fold of ministry at Dauphin Way UMC.

Jonathan Aeiker, Trustees Chair

## FINANCE

October giving was on pace with the budget. Our pledged-giving is running slightly behind the budget, but non-pledged giving is up already over last year's total. We are still on pace to meet our annual budget. Overall, we remain in strong financial shape.

As of now, we have received 137 pledges for 2021 that total \$1,028,000.00. Twenty of these pledges are new pledges! We plan to contact people who pledged in 2020 and kindly request they to finish out their pledge. Further, after a close analysis from the pastors and finance chair, we will communicate with various church members, encouraging them to prayerfully consider making a commitment for the coming year.

Finally, the church's custom is to provide our maintenance staff with lunch cooked by the Meals on Wheels Ministry. Meals on Wheels can no longer afford the cost associated with these meals. The Finance Committee agreed that this cost would come from an addition to the personnel budget.

Walter Brand, Finance Chair

# FINANCE CHART

001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church						
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2020						
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 10 October 83.33%						
2020 Receipts & Disbursements						
ACCT #		2020 Budget	Actual for Period	2020 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	<b>Receipts</b>					
1131	Current Pledges	1,472,303.00	101,233.24	985,065.30	66.91%	1,183,281.70
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	73,615.00			0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,398,688.00	101,233.24	985,065.30	70.43%	1,183,281.70
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	3,259.00	0.00%	0.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	77,384.00	20,790.62	78,951.59	102.03%	75,721.78
1135	Loose Plate	17,896.00	516.00	3,951.90	22.08%	15,064.66
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	437,395.00	32,679.20	412,353.54	94.27%	268,580.46
1140	Interest Income	0.00	130.99	1,355.11	0.00%	0.00
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	150.00	2.50%	6,150.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	81,746.00	6,812.17	68,121.70	83.33%	156,125.73
1147	Payroll Protection Funds	207,300.00	0.00	207,300.00	100.00%	0.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,226,409.00</b>	<b>162,162.22</b>	<b>1,760,508.14</b>	<b>79.07%</b>	<b>1,704,924.33</b>
	<b>Disbursements</b>					
4413	Total Pastoral	4,000.00	1,500.00	2,132.33	53.31%	4,311.07
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	560.47	4,892.36	73.43%	4,798.03
5011	Total Children's Ministry	17,726.00	1,646.50	13,356.66	75.35%	9,440.84
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,554.00	2,459.08	14,427.75	77.76%	12,242.24
5211	Total Adult Ministry	8,225.00	0.00	1,210.89	14.72%	3,318.96
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	850.00
5710	Total Connectional	32,893.00	2,741.08	27,411.56	83.34%	27,803.34
5739	Conference Apportionments	196,150.00	16,345.83	163,457.62	83.33%	140,564.16
5910	Total Membership Care	2,404.00	96.72	1,163.82	48.41%	809.11
6001	Community Care	23,675.00	10.19	8,944.22	37.78%	14,050.47
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	2,556.91	26,242.96	59.64%	22,681.86
6610	Total Office	54,697.00	6,603.12	53,053.10	96.99%	56,940.49
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	416,747.00	30,686.96	322,094.91	77.29%	344,907.48
6800	Total Loans	76,931.00	6,410.92	44,876.44	58.33%	15,689.06
6804	Total Operation Income	-47,760.00	-3,980.00	-37,085.00	77.65%	-54,926.09
6810	Total Operation Expenses	18,086.00	0.00	6,324.78	34.97%	21,101.45
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	-1,103.62	0.00%	-6,128.93
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	2,251.84	14,497.48	62.31%	17,022.64
	Total Personnel	1,117,854.00	91,731.50	910,522.93	81.45%	949,274.35
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,015,112.00</b>	<b>161,621.12</b>	<b>1,576,421.19</b>	<b>78.23%</b>	<b>1,584,750.53</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b>211,297.00</b>	<b>541.10</b>	<b>184,086.95</b>		<b>120,173.80</b>
<b>Checking Account Balances as of October 31, 2020</b>						
	Operating Checking	\$316,047.60				
	Payroll Checking	449.04				
	Online Checking	253.95				
	Operating Money Market	319,744.28				

## ATTENDANCE UPDATES

October Total in-Person Worship Attendance: 466

## GENEROSITY UPDATES

October 2019: \$1,698,774.33

October 2020: \$1,553,058.14

Pumpkin Patch Totals: \$9,704.66

We have 144 pledges totaling \$1,065,566 for 2021.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of **Becky Bell:**

*Given By:*

Karen Anne & Lewis Beville

Pat & Max Turner

David Avant

William & Alix Hardie

Betty & John Stone

Diann & Mike Weeks

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Evans

Stewart & Susan Haines

Dan Miller

Mary & Maxey Roberts

Jim & Joyce Sockwell

Peggy Capell

Lynda Newton

Mary Mostellar

Sally & Greer Megginson

Sarah & Tom Damson

Randy & Laurie Crane

Shirley McKinney

Thomas Gaylard

Patricia Lawshe

Lynn & Richard Byrd

Keith Air Conditioning

Jessica & Bill Barrick

Sydney & Joe Robinson

Martha Cook

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Odom

Dr. & Mrs. M. Richard Cross

Jackie Wear

Sharmon & Walter Meigs

Chris & Mary Bell

Julie & Corky Carter

Wayne & Lorraine Zerfas

Tom & Lisa Clement

Eldridge & Janice Endfinger

Sherry & Bill Daniels

Annette Pilcher

Elizabeth & Lewis Redditt

In Memory of **Jean Willard:**

*Given By:*

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Braswell

James & Cecile Fibbe

In Memory of **Dr. Larry**

**Mcgee:**

*Given By:*

Linda Wettermark

Patricia Lawshe

John & Phyllis Mostellar

Lynn & Richard Byrd

Shirley McKinney

Betty & John Stone

Barbara & Bernard Malkove

Trudy White

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Evans

Sally & Greer Megginson

Erling & Jeri Riis

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meaher

Keith B. Arendall, Sr

Sherry & Bill Daniels

Sarah & Tom Damson

Mrs. Rayford Smith, Jr. &

Ceil Smith McGehee

In Memory of **June & Mary**

**Capell:**

*Given By:*

Peggy Capell

In Memory of **Joe Little:**

*Given By:*

Barbara & Bernard Malkove

In Memory of **Jane Capell:**

*Given By:*

Sharmon & Walter Meigs

In Memory of **Dolly & Don**

**Wyatt**

In Memory of **Dr. Charles**

**Salisbury:**

*Given By:*

Angela Crowell

In Honor of **Martha Cook:**

*Given By:*

Rosemary Meador

## BAPTISMS

November 15, 2020, Contemporary Worship Baptism: Frances Hayse Arendall

Parents: Drayton Burke & Megan Gunter Arendall

Grandparents: Rob & Donna Arendall

# PASTORS' REPORTS

REV. KATHY JORGENSEN

Associate Pastor (Compassion Ministries)

We are so thankful for ways Dauphin Way has been able to reach out and help others this Fall in spite of the pandemic.

Our Meals on Wheels program continues to serve healthy meals to our homebound community five days a week. Our drivers and cooks continue to provide meals in the safest way possible, wearing gloves and masks to prepare and deliver each meal.

Our Society of Saint Stephens Ministry has reached out to those that have difficulties meeting their essential monthly expenses or are in need of food. Currently they are collecting money for turkeys for Thanksgiving meals for families of our Inner City Mission. In addition, we are so pleased that our goal to sponsor at least 50 “Angel Tree” children for Christmas, was not only reached but nearly doubled, having had 95 children sponsored. Society will also have a special Santa walk-in day on Friday December 18th for families who missed the deadline of being placed on other community Christmas list.

In response to the recent racial issues in our country and community, we developed a committee on Racial Reconciliation. Out of the committee, a study on the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson was presented in the month of October. Author Frye Gaillard was the presenter with Steve and Ruth Dill offering extra commentary. We were so pleased to have over 50 people join us each week for the study. All four sermons were recorded and are available on Vimeo. It is the desire of the group to look for ways for Dauphin Way members to relate to members of our sister church Toulminville Warren Street UMC in the near future.

Another thing we celebrated this Fall is that we have continued to serve our hurting community by opening back up for safely distanced, in-person meetings for our support groups. Our Chapter Two ladies were treated by a wonderful session in November by our guest speaker Drexel Gilbert. She spoke on “*How Heavy is Your Rock*”. She talked with our younger widows about their current burdens they are carrying and ways they can let go of them. “Tool Time”, “Hope” and “The Long Goodbye”, support groups are also safely meeting in person. Our homebound members are being checked on by our Shepherds by phone each month. We look forward to the day we can start back with in-person home visits.

Absolutely none of these ministries would take place without the loyal and loving leadership of individuals:

- Meals on Wheels – Angela Crowell and Marsha McGehee
- Society of Saint Stephen – Joyce Sockwell
- Chapter Two –Lynn Stewart and Betty Odom
- Shepherd Ministry-Lorraine Zerfas

In this season of anticipation, I look forward to all the ways God will continue to use the people of Dauphin Way to spread his hope and love in our church and community.

Your companion in Christ, Kathy Lincks Jorgensen

**DR. WOODS LISENBY**  
**Associate Pastor (Worship and Communications)**

I am grateful that we are beginning to have momentary glimpses of normalcy. Although things are not as they were, we are working towards creating experiences that help our church members feel a sense of reconnection to Dauphin Way UMC. Through our worship, children's, youth, and discipleship ministries we are beginning to see opportunities for engagement that resemble some of the options we offered prior to the pandemic.

I am very proud of all of our program staff that continue to think of innovative ways to make their ministry function at its highest level during this pandemic. Trey brought our new sound system and livestream online and both have been a vast improvement over what we had previously. Wilson has already recruited new members into the Contemporary Worship Team. Brittany executed her first Pumpkin Patch at such a high level that, despite a delay due to the global pandemic, we nearly raised the same amount of money that we have in year's past. Also, Kat has laid the groundwork for bringing our children back to worship and programming on Sundays.

I am very excited about what is before us. Beginning this coming Sunday we will have childcare during worship, children's programming for all ages in the evenings, an adult Bible study, and all of our normal youth offerings. That means, November eighth will be the first time that we have had an on-campus option for every age member of our church since March 15!

I appreciate the patience of our congregation as we navigate these uncharted waters. This time has been fraught with challenges from disease to hurricanes. However, in the midst of all this I have felt the support of Dauphin Way, and the belief in what God has in store for this church! We know that none of us can predict the future, but I feel confident in saying we are approaching a very good season in the life of our church.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Woods Bradshaw Lisenby

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DAUPHIN WAY UMC PRESENTS

# Holding Christmas Together



Advent 2020



Sunday, November 29th



Sunday, December 6th



Sunday, December 13th



Sunday, December 20th

# Christmas 2020

Sunday, December 6, 2020 - Second Sunday in Advent  
4:00 PM Family Christmas & Live Nativity Pumpkin Patch



Sunday, December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday in Advent  
4:00 PM Youth Christmas Party in Main Parking Lot

Sunday, December 20, 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Advent  
6:00 PM 78th Annual White Christmas Premiere via Live Stream



Monday, December 21, 2020  
6:00 PM Longest Night Service\*\*\* in Adkins Chapel



Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve Services  
11:00 AM-Children's Christmas Eve Worship\*\*\* in the Sanctuary  
12:00 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in Moore Hall  
2:00 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in the Sanctuary  
2:00 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* at the Pumpkin Patch  
3:30 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in Moore Hall  
5:00 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in the Sanctuary  
6:30 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in Moore Hall  
8:00 PM-Christmas Eve Worship\*\* in the Sanctuary



\*= Registration is required and regular child care is available.

\*\*= Registration is required and child care is available for 4 yrs and under.

\*\*\*= Registration is required and no child care is available.