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# REV. MICHAEL PRECHT

## SENIOR PASTOR



I see signs of resurrection all around us during this Easter season. Every Sunday, I find myself saying, “It is so good to see you here,” and I hear others saying, “It’s so good to be back!” as more and more people are getting a COVID-19 vaccine and returning to worship and other gatherings. It has been equally exciting to meet visitors who are attending worship at Dauphin Way for the first time ever, people looking for a new church home after having moved to Mobile or having discovered a new longing for God during the pandemic. It is such an honor, and an act of trust, whenever someone takes a step in faith to visit a new church, and I am grateful that we can honor that trust with our new Dauphin Way 101 and so many opportunities to make new connections.

I have also found myself going back to an old habit from this time last year: checking daily COVID numbers for Mobile County. I fell out of that daily habit sometime in October when it seemed clear that we would not be seeing a dramatic improvement anytime soon. But lately, the local reports have become my most reliable source of good news as our case numbers, deaths, and % of positive tests have all plummeted and vaccinations have become ever more widely available. By mid-May, it seems likely that anyone above the age of 16 will have had access to both doses of available vaccines. Dauphin Way is doing its part with the two vaccination clinics we have co-sponsored at Toulminville-Warren St. UMC. It feels good to help Mobile feel better. Signs of new life are all around us.

And there are even more signs of life on the way. We are entering a thrilling time of celebrations as we move from Confirmation Sunday to Senior Sunday to Mother’s Day to our special Dill Lecture with Rev. Adam Hamilton. These ministries are more than milestones; each one is an act of grace and a unique opportunity to receive a gift from God. Our confirmands are new disciples; our seniors are new missionaries being sent into new mission fields, our mothers are a sign of how God’s grace always go before us, and Rev. Hamilton’s topic — “A Thinking Person’s Guide to the Christian Faith” — is a new opportunity to address a cynical world that is trying to ask new questions about eternal truths.

As I think about all the signs we have seen and soon will see, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. Andrea Moore has been a gift beyond measure to our Confirmation experience. I’ve saved every one of her emails and announcements to our confirmands and mentors so that future leaders will have a template for the future. Confirmation directors for years to come will be in her debt. Kimi Oaks and Rana Lyons have exhausted every avenue in sharing the news of Rev. Hamilton’s visit with us, and I am astonished they have not yet exhausted themselves. And, finally, I find myself incredibly grateful for... everyone. Everyone who has returned to worship in-person; everyone who is still worshipping online every week and going out of their way to make sure I know they’ll be back in person; everyone who has continued to give and serve, and gone above and beyond to do so remotely when necessary, such that our financial situation has rarely been so healthy and all our ministries – from the CDC to our older adult classes and support groups – has found a way to thrive and grow in the most challenging of circumstances. There are signs of new life all around us every day, and all the glory belongs to the God of resurrection.

Grace and Peace,  
Michael

# THE DILL LECTURE WITH REV. ADAM HAMILTON



In August of 1972, when I was appointed to serve as Senior Minister at Dauphin Way, Bishop Kenneth Goodson said to me: *“We live in a time when there aren’t many widely known and acclaimed preachers in America, but there are some...you bring them to the Dauphin Way pulpit. Expose the congregation to the best that there is in American Protestantism.”* I tried to do that: we heard some of the great preachers and now, after retirement, Ruth and I have been honored that the Dill Lecture Series has continued that tradition of excellence.

On **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**, Dauphin Way will again host one of America’s great preachers, **Rev. Adam Hamilton**. He may be heard in-person in our sanctuary or by live stream. **Rev. Hamilton’s** topic will be **“A Thinking Person’s Guide to the Christian Faith.”** How we need to hear that!

I hope you will welcome **Rev. Hamilton** and hear him with great eagerness. His Christian influence has been remarkable. Our Sunday School classes have studied his works and watched his videos. I have a dozen of his books. **Rev. Hamilton** is the Founding and Senior Pastor of **The Church of the Resurrection** in Leawood Kansas. The first worship service of that new church was held in a funeral home in 1990 with 10 people in attendance. So, they called it **The Church of the Resurrection**. It is now the largest United Methodist congregation in the world with five campuses! **The Church of the Resurrection** has a membership of over 25,000 and, before COVID, an average weekly attendance of over 13,000.

**The Church of the Resurrection** has a threefold focus: 1. Reaching non-religious and nominally religious people and helping them become committed followers of Jesus Christ; 2. Equipping and inspiring members to live their faith in mission to the community and world; and 3. Acting as a catalyst for renewing the mainline church.

The service outreach of **The Church of the Resurrection** is equally impressive: they collect items to distribute to those in need; provide assistance at local schools; participate in construction projects to renovate homes; and provide volunteers for the region’s COVID-19 response efforts, etc. The Global Impact Ministries of **Resurrection Church** works with Christian partners in four Central American and two African countries.

Another piece of **Rev. Hamilton’s** renewal strategy is the recruiting, training and supporting of young United Methodist clergy. My own granddaughter, who is a United Methodist minister in California, attended one of **Rev. Hamilton’s** leadership conferences for young ministers.

I hope you are beginning to understand how excited I am that **Rev. Adam Hamilton** will be preaching at Dauphin Way. From the beginning of his ministry, the goal has been to welcome thinking people into the church. His aim in preaching is to impart content to the congregation that would be the equivalent of a college course on the topic. And yet, he does that “with a passionate evangelistic zeal coupled with a belief that the gospel has to be lived in social ministry to a broken world.”

At the close of a difficult year in the life of the Church and in the life of the world, we have this incredible opportunity, this fortunate prospect, of hearing **Rev. Adam Hamilton** and hearing his message about church renewal, revival and **“A Thinking Person’s Guide to the Christian Faith.”**

Please join Ruth and me in welcoming **Rev. Adam Hamilton** to Dauphin Way.

*Steve*

Stephen F. Dill

# 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	Chapel
9:15 AM	Adult Sunday Schools	Zoom
9:15 AM	Dauphin Way 101	Dill Parlor
9:15 AM	Youth Sunday School	Refuge
9:15 AM	Childcare & Programming	Upstairs Ed. Bldg, & CDC rooms
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Worship Service	Sanctuary

## MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	SSS Offices
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	McGowin & Moore Hall

## 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	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	SSS Offices

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	McDavid Library/Zoom
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice	Moore Hall

## THURSDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
5:30 PM	Pickleball (every other week)	Moore Hall

## FRIDAY

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

# MAY AT A GLANCE

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9:00 AM High School Guys Kayaking Percy Home

Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:30 AM Senior Sunday Sanctuary

\*Last Night of Children's and Youth Sunday Night Programming\*

Thursday, May 6, 2021

6:30 PM Chapter Two Zoom

Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:30 AM Mother's Day Treats McGowin Hall

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

12:00 PM Long Goodbye Bishops Meeting/Family Life Room

12:00 PM Trustees McDavid Library/Zoom

7:00 PM Compassionate Friends McDavid Library/Dill Parlor/Family Life

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Meeting SB102/Zoom

2:30 PM Clergy Session – Dill Lecture Moore Hall/McGowin Hall

6:30 PM Dill Lecture with Adam Hamilton Sanctuary/McGowin Hall

Thursday, May 13, 2021

5:30 PM SPRC Meeting McDavid Library

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

4:00 PM Finance Committee McDavid Library/Zoom

5:00 PM Youth Parent Council Gym B

Monday, May 24, 2021

5:00 PM Church Council Zoom

Monday, May 31, 2021

All Day Memorial Day Offices Closed



# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2021 CONFIRMANDS

Hudson Abernethy  
Alexander Dominic Bell  
Margaret Skinner Childers  
Rosemary Ann DeLaney  
Charlotte Ann Freeman  
Izzie Green  
Virginia Hall  
Reagan Lanier Harvill  
Carter Slade Jordan  
Wrenn Edward Landers, Jr.  
John Keith Laughlin  
Lyons Moore  
Logan Philips  
Elsa Precht  
Abigail Rhodes  
Clement Smith  
Eleanor Terry  
Sarah Frances Warren  
Emily March Waters  
Mary Brook Wills

## 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Connor Amberger  
Jackson Bassett  
Christopher Brock  
Nate Burton  
John Daniels  
Kira Feeney  
Abby Jackson  
Jay Lawrence  
Frances Megginson  
Sam Norris  
Edward Percy  
Griffin Percy  
Anna Riley Stimpson  
Cameron Snypes  
Morgan Walker  
Isabella Williams  
Emily Yance

# PROGRAM REPORTS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY–KAT BRAND



As our Sunday Night programming draws to a close on May 2, we are looking forward to celebrating the children who have been a part of evening programming. Our wonderful 3rd graders have been journeying through their new Bibles and we cannot wait to celebrate with an end of the “year” party. We will play games (Bible-themed), discuss our goals, determine new goals, enjoy fellowship, talk about things we have learned, and celebrate our time together. We have an amazing group of young disciples at Dauphin Way. Each child brings new life to this ministry. The children possess natural curiosity and wonder. I am equally amazed and impressed by their attention to detail, eagerness to learn, excitement, and willingness to ask questions. I pray that this time has been both educational and transformative. It is a privilege to see God’s active work in their lives and spiritual formation.

The other group we celebrate this month is our 4th and 5th-grade JUMP group. This group is designed for the inbeTWEEN ages. JUMP is a small group for our oldest students. As they grow and develop autonomy, both at home and at school, we strive to meet them where they are. Some of the same games and lessons they learned in 2nd and 3rd grade start to lose their effect. JUMP creates an environment that is built on trust, fellowship, faith, and of course, fun! Children enjoy more freedom in how we spend our time. This includes student-led devotionals, time to share the highs and lows of their weekly/daily lives, students have more freedom in the games they play, as well as the snacks they pick from the Snack Shack. Students have time to speak and are heard, share joys and wins as well, share struggles and losses. There is space for talking openly and space to sit in silence. A portion of this group (5th grade) will be graduating from Children’s Ministries. In the coming weeks, we will celebrate our awesome 5th graders. I have known some of the 5th graders since they were in the 3-year-old room. We are blessed by the commitment and enthusiasm of parents and students alike. The number one complaint students make is “my friends aren’t there”. This group, in particular, continues to invite friends/visitors from school, to JUMP.

For so many of us, Dauphin Way is home. It is a safe place. A place where we feel seen, heard, loved, accepted. A place filled with friends and family. A place where friends are invited and welcomed. It is not simply a building. Our version of the church cannot be contained within the walls and hallways. I pray that our students continue to live their faith out loud, everywhere they go. I know that our graduating students are transitioning into Confirmation and Youth Ministry. I look forward to witnessing their growth and spiritual development under Brittany’s incredible leadership. It is bittersweet; however, when I think of reasons to celebrate, our students are at the top of the list.

Many thanks this month to the volunteers at Dauphin Way. Ministry is simply not possible without the love and commitment of volunteers. We take great pride and care in maintaining Safe Sanctuaries policies in our church. Leading safe and successful children’s and student ministries requires many things, but none as important as dedicated volunteers. A “typical” Sunday in Children’s Ministries can require 35-40 volunteers in addition to the Nursery staff. While we are not back to “typical” quite yet, our return is built on a foundation of amazing people committed to making disciples who make a difference. With love and gratitude, thank you Dauphin Way volunteers!

Kat Brand, Director of Children’s Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRY– BRITTANY DANG



We are in our final few weeks of spring programming. Before we delve into exciting events in the next two weeks, there are some things to celebrate from March. On March 28th, our children and youth combined on Sunday evening for programming. Our youth ended up enjoying helping out in the children's ministry. Since it was Palm Sunday, the youth dressed up and participated in a reenactment of the story of Holy Week. While Patrick and I were in Oregon getting married that weekend, our amazing children's director, Kat Brand, held down the fort with our youth. Another thing to celebrate from March and this spring as a whole is the success of our monthly mixers. We started these monthly gatherings as a way for students to spend time together outside of Sundays. In March, we brought a group of twenty students to play paintball in West Mobile, and it was a hit. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, our high school girls had a backyard camping event. Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, was a Nerf night for all of our middle schoolers. On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting a high school guys kayaking day at Percy's home. These mixers have proven to be an awesome way to plug students into

the student ministry, and we plan to continue them through the summer.

There are so many bittersweet emotions as we wrap up another school year, celebrate graduating seniors, and welcome twenty new students officially into youth on Confirmation Sunday. Confirmation Sunday, April 25th, was a big day for our confirmands. It is always a joy to be able to gather as one church body to celebrate this monumental day in these students' faith journeys. On Confirmation Sunday evening, we held a party for our confirmands to warmly welcome them into youth and introduce them to all of our youth game favorites. Sunday, May 2nd, is Senior Sunday. This year, we have sixteen seniors. During the Sunday school hour, we plan to have our annual senior breakfast for all graduating seniors and their families. In both 10:30 worship services, we will recognize our seniors and pray over them. This same Sunday, our youth band will lead the closing song in the contemporary service. Later that evening will also be our last SNL of the spring. We are ending our school year of SNL with a night of worship. We will be walking through the ACTS prayer as our guide for the evening. Through our final months of the school year, we have been placing a special focus on prayer and spending time with God. In March, we had a forty-day devotional on Instagram on learning how to rest. This past week, we launched a twenty-one-day devotional on learning how to pray using the Lord's Prayer as a guide. This devotional by Pete Greig is through the Bible app, so students can read together in the app or through the condensed version on Instagram. This night of worship will be the culmination of what we have been learning at SNL paired with the themes of these devotionals we have been walking through together.

This month could not go by without thanking the thoughtful parents in this student ministry. Patrick and I walked into the Refuge on our first Sunday back as a married couple to the sweetest surprise party thrown by our students. Thank you, Angela Merrick and Missy Abernethy, for your coordination and intentionality in every single detail. We took photos in the cutest homemade photo booth, ate cupcakes, played wedding-themed games, and sung karaoke. Patrick and I were serenaded by some of our most animated students, to say the least. The love and generosity Patrick and I have received from the members of this church have been overwhelming. We love our youth families and cannot thank you all enough.

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries



## WORSHIP MINISTRY– TREY WEST



Praise God for a glorious Easter celebration! For the first time, of which I am aware, Dauphin Way hosted three Easter morning services in the Sanctuary, at 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 am. It was a very full morning with over 400 people worshiping in person in our beautiful Sanctuary, and many more still joining us through our online platforms. I celebrate many things from that Sunday – our faithful Chancel Choir, masked and distanced, leading us in hymns and anthems, Colleen and our Quimby organ filling the space so spectacularly, Karen Ann Beville and her faithful crew organizing and decorating with the most beautiful Easter lilies I’ve ever seen, the many ushers who were here throughout the morning’s services to assist our members and guests as they arrived and departed, and all of the acolytes who ushered in the flame of the Holy Spirit, crucifer, and Bible, helping us prepare our hearts for a time of worship. It was the first time in a very long-time worship felt “normal,” and I don’t know if there was a better Sunday for that than Easter.

Of course, our biggest preparations for Easter began, as they always do, with Holy Week. I give thanks to the Children’s Choirs, Dauphin Way Chorale, and Dauphin Way Ringers for their musical leadership on Palm Sunday. My wife, Becca, commented that she teared up seeing the children process on Palm Sunday, that it was “...the first time church felt real in a year.” Our Holy Week noonday services were well received in their intimacy and I was personally thankful for the time each day. I very much look forward to returning to the intimacy of our Holy Week morning meditation services, and the fellowship of the breakfasts that follow. A particularly special moment during the week happened in our Maundy Thursday service. Former Dauphin Way music directors, Val and Bonnie Jean Early, purchased copies of Dan Forrest’s arrangement of “Nearer, My God, to Thee” in memory of Elizabeth West in early 2020. Our original plan was to debut the piece on Maundy Thursday last year, but the pandemic prevented that from happening. It was a meaningful moment for the Chancel Choir to be able to sing the piece this year with Val and Bonnie Jean present, as well as Elizabeth’s daughter, Myra Martin, and her family. It was a moment that touched the hearts of many who know all of those involved, especially Elizabeth.

Finally, I mentioned it last month, but I want to mention again Chancel Choir’s upcoming concert, Americana: Songs of Our Country and Faith. This celebration of the musical diversity of America and American composers will be on June 13 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals began Wednesday, April 14, and I know this is a concert that you will not want to miss.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MINISTRY– WILSON NEWELL



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter came and went like a wonderful and dramatic blur. We experienced the humility of the ashes and witnessed the joy of children marching and singing on Palm Sunday. We felt the deep sorrow of Good Friday and were swept away to the soaring heights of Easter morning. It was truly a beautiful season of worshiping and doing life together at Dauphin Way. One of my favorite aspects of this season was that it was collaborative across services. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the gorgeous Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary, and it was great to have Trey West reading and singing in our Good Friday Tenebrae Service in Moore Hall. That night I was deeply moved by the Scripture readings and vivid imagery of the candles being extinguished, plunging us into the darkness of the grave. But Easter was every bit as bright and colorful as the Tenebrae service was dark and somber. We truly got to celebrate the Resurrection, and it was great. It may not have been a totally “normal” Easter season, but it was certainly a massive improvement from last year’s confinement to the digital realm. It felt so refreshing just to be together and to engage in these worship services with my Dauphin Way family.

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who was involved in our Holy Week services. Our volunteers dedicated a lot of time and energy to each of these services, and they were all executed beautifully. I want to thank Trey West, Kat Brand, and Beth Johnson for orchestrating the children’s Palm Sunday procession and music. It was a cute but powerful moment in our worship to “hail King Jesus together!” I also want to thank our phenomenal readers for Good Friday: Rev. Michael, Dr. Woods, Rev. Kathy, Wayne Reyner, Pat Turner, Trey West, and David Peeler. Our musicians for that service also put a lot of work into that service with a beautiful acoustic set: Emily Peeler, Clarence Mullins, Mia Thompson, and Brooks Conkle. Finally, our Easter services could not have been possible without our A/V volunteers (Justin and Angela Merrick, Gene Warren, and Dr. John Bailey, who spent countless hours working on lighting), our ushers (Bailey Savage, Jonathan Aeiker, and Courtney Murphy), and our musicians (Ann Turner James, Brittany Dang, Wayne Reyner, Shawndell Hope, Lee Redditt, and Clarence Mullins). That is a lot of people to thank, but we needed every single one of them for this and I am grateful for all of them! Because of their labors, we truly got to “enter the passion of Jesus” together. I love this team!

Our upcoming series in May, “Living Sacrifice” is going to be a great time of worshiping together as we honor the sacrifices of mothers, prophets, and soldiers and how God calls us to be a “living sacrifice.” In this series we will have the joy of recognizing our graduating seniors, our Youth Band will lead a song of worship, and the series will climax with Pentecost on May 23. We will have some fun as we celebrate the birth of the Church and seek God’s will for our lives together!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship

## COMPASSION MINISTRIES- REV. KATHY JORGENSEN



We have so many things to celebrate since we met last month. The first is having been able to celebrate Easter in person. How wonderful it was to hear the word, experience a beautiful full choir, and enjoy it all together in person! We will never take worshipping together for granted again!

Another event we are celebrating is April 25th Sunday night's book study and panel discussion on *I'm Black, I'm Christian and I'm Methodist*. Our panel consisted of Rev. Fredrick Outlaw, Rev. Sheila Bates, and Celeste Eubanks. Bill Barrick was our panel moderator. The session was on ZOOM, which allowed us to have members from each of the guest speakers' churches join us as well as many participants from other cities. Our Racial Reconciliation and Social Justice Committee were responsible for this study and panel discussion, another desire of this group was to develop a relationship with our sister church Toulminville Warren St. UMC. Thanks to the fine work done by

Jessica Barrick and John Stone we are partnering with TWS UMC to provide a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for the Toulminville community at the Toulminville UMC on April 29th and May 20th. Our Dauphin Way volunteer and Toulminville volunteers will work side by side to provide this opportunity for the community. Our Racial Reconciliation and Social Justice Committee members are: Steve and Ruth Dill, Bill and Jessica Barrick, John and Betty Stone, Bill Sisson, Frye Gaillard, and Kathy Jorgensen, David Peeler and Caroline McCarthy are the ministry coordinators.

Holy Week was the conclusion of our Thursday noon six-week Lenten Study on Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy – Jill Levine. We had 21 students. We all felt we learned so much together thanks to the author and each other's insights. It was so good to be back together for an in-person study.

Our Chapter Two widows met in person this month since the virus. We were rained out from our original planned visit in March. We had a tour of the lovely Cornerstone Gardens and Arboretum on Government Street. It was created as a place of meditation, rest, and reflection for Carriage House Repose & Restore, Inc., a Christian support ministry for ministers, missionaries, and evangelists. It was the perfect spot to welcome our windows back together. After the garden visit, we had an outdoor picnic on the Bragg Mitchel patio. We welcomed four new widows to our group that night. Great appreciation goes out to Lynn Stewart is the coordinator of this healing ministry and the helpful guidance of Betty Odom.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

## DISCIPLESHIP- DR. WOODS LISENBY



As we continue through the heart of Easter Tide, I look back on our past few months and thank God for all of the joys we experienced during Lent. Lent is a time of somber reflection both on the temporal nature of life and the impending glory that awaits us. Although we tend to view Lent through the lens of mortality, the Sundays during this season are supposed to be mini-Easters -- providing light to those who journey the forty days in the wilderness. I think the Sundays during this past Lent were all the more remarkable because we only have absence to compare them against from the previous year. I found the worship services each Sunday in Lent to be enhanced by our corporate reading of *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. I enjoyed teaching classes on this study in addition to writing sermons around it. And it was exciting to hear from many in our church who said the reading helped them experience the stories of Jesus' passion anew.

I give thanks to our worship and discipleship teams for all they did to make this a holy Lenten season. Besides providing lessons around many of the same stories that we shared in worship, they crafted special events to make the season more meaningful. Trey and the choir offered a beautiful service on Maundy Thursday, highlighted by a new piece purchased in memory of Elizabeth West by Val and Bonnie Jean Early. Likewise, Wilson and the Contemporary Worship Team orchestrated a moving Tenebrae service that helped us appreciate the darkness of the night Jesus died. Kat worked with her volunteers to make sure our children had a safe way to hunt for Easter eggs. And Brittany created new weekend gatherings to engage students as more families become comfortable plugging back into the ministries of Dauphin Way UMC. Although I enjoyed our midday worship services during Holy Week, I am very excited for next year when we can offer our Holy Week morning worship and breakfasts once again.

As we wind down the 2020-2021 school year, I am increasingly aware that the past fourteen months were some of the strangest of my life. Each week that something returns to a semblance of normalcy, I become aware of how many things I missed during these pandemic clouded months. As attendance increases, I remember how wonderful it is to praise God alongside a worship space filled with my sisters and brothers. As some small groups are beginning to meet maskless, I am delighted to see my friend's smiling faces. And as we start to look towards the fall in our planning, I am filled with anticipation for all the exciting plans God has in store for us!

I pray we will all look with expectation toward the future God will bring our church.

Grace and Peace,  
Dr. Woods Lisenby



## CHURCH COUNCIL

- Generally meets on the fourth Monday of the month.
- Anyone may attend a Church Council meeting.
- Voting members include the pastors, 12 officers, and 9-12 at-large members.

## SPRC

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee generally meets in the second week of the month. Because the SPRC deals with sensitive, employment-related issues, their meetings are usually open only to members. However, the SPRC chair may invite non-members to attend a particular meeting.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Generally meets in the second week of the month. The Board of Trustees is the only committee that elects its own chair. Anyone may attend a Trustees' meeting.

## FINANCE

Generally meets in the third week of the month. 13 voting members include Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Lay Leader, SPRC Chair, and Trustees Chair. Anyone may attend a Finance meeting.

## NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee meets three times in August and September to prayerfully consider who to nominate as officers and committee members for Dauphin Way's leadership. The committee seeks input from all volunteer teams and also considers which members have been actively living their commitments to prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Because these meetings deal with individual members of the congregation, they are strictly confidential.

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Advertising for the newly created position of Director of Serving Ministries is to commence the week of April 12, with the initial outlets for advertising to be those which the church generally uses for this purpose, including the church website, email, word of mouth, and District and Conference sites. Minimum qualifications for this position were established. A hiring team of three members from the Committee and led by Michael Precht was selected to review resumes received and make recommendations to the full Committee.

Andy Smith, SPRC Chair

## TRUSTEES

The Church and CDC both had a positive cash flow in March. The Trustees voted to transfer the balance in the Deepwater/Transocean account to the Capital Maintenance account. Four hundred dollars from the Community Garden account was transferred to cover the cost of sod needed in the garden. The Trustees voted to add in the Facilities Use Agreement that no doors are to be propped open. It is recommended that all people using the church need to be familiar with the Facilities Use Agreement. Michael will bring a proposal to the next Trustees meeting recommending McDavid Library be a resource center for small groups. Currently, worship will continue wearing a mask. A group of 20 or less can decide if they want to be mask optional. In May, the church may become mask optional.

Jonathan Aeiker, Trustees Chair

## FINANCE

Dauphin Way had total receipts of \$183,417 for the month of March, total Disbursements of \$142,557 which ended March with a surplus of \$40,859. A motion was made and passed to not include the 3% "named storm" deductible in regard to the establishment of a rainy-day fund. The total 3% "named storm" deductible for all structures at Dauphin Way is \$485,478. Having \$259,223 in our "operating checking account" at the end of the first quarter lead to a motion made and passed to transfer the \$345,156 in the "operating money market" account to the Alabama West Florida Foundation subject to the finance committee approval of their investment strategies. Plans to meet with Terry Turner to discuss said strategies are in the works. The CDC had another strong month ending the first quarter with a \$146,022 surplus.

Betty Stone, Finance Chair



001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church						
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2021						
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 3 - March 25.00%						
2021 Receipts & Disbursements						
ACCT #		2021 Budget	Actual for Period	2021 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	<b>Receipts</b>					
1131	Current Pledges	1,264,386.00	119,944.38	319,058.37	25.23%	340,517.32
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	63,219.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,201,167.00	119,944.38	319,058.37	26.56%	340,517.32
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	11,300.00	13,585.00	0.00%	1,509.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	83,162.00	0.00	20,790.62	25.00%	38,773.98
1135	Loose Plate	9,825.00	533.16	1,195.66	12.17%	3,366.90
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	764,680.00	51,547.09	120,844.78	15.80%	104,408.02
1140	Interest Income	500.00	92.65	169.42	33.88%	264.62
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	150.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	4,119.00	0.00	4,119.06	100.00%	20,436.51
1147	Payroll Protection Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,069,453.00</b>	<b>183,417.28</b>	<b>479,762.91</b>	<b>23.18%</b>	<b>509,426.35</b>
	<b>Disbursements</b>					
4413	Total Pastoral	4,000.00	0.00	516.00	12.90%	463.35
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	577.61	1,221.77	18.34%	1,068.84
5011	Total Children's Ministry	17,726.00	2,383.38	6,316.66	35.63%	4,781.37
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,554.00	1,858.67	6,387.47	34.43%	6,064.09
5211	Total Adult Ministry	8,225.00	16.28	2,051.47	24.94%	712.30
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
5710	Total Connectional	24,950.00	2,079.17	6,237.47	25.00%	8,223.28
5739	Conference Apportionments	136,023.00	11,335.25	34,005.75	25.00%	49,037.53
5910	Total Membership Care	2,404.00	-31.00	72.17	3.00%	613.82
6001	Community Care	23,675.00	0.00	446.92	1.89%	2,818.13
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	2,722.84	9,019.21	20.50%	10,694.68
6610	Total Office	91,600.00	5,985.61	15,502.98	16.92%	14,324.37
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	514,852.00	42,077.79	137,407.78	26.69%	110,170.12
6800	Total Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	19,232.76
6804	Total Operation Income	-47,760.00	-8,195.00	-17,070.00	35.74%	-10,025.00
6810	Total Operation Expenses	18,086.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	6,431.62
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-1,103.62
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	993.54	3,530.80	15.18%	6,443.74
	Total Personnel	1,182,188.00	80,753.51	261,013.51	22.08%	297,953.32
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,069,453.00</b>	<b>142,557.65</b>	<b>466,659.96</b>	<b>22.55%</b>	<b>527,904.70</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>40,859.63</u></b>	<b><u>13,102.95</u></b>		<b><u>-18,478.35</u></b>
<b>Checking Accounts &amp; Receivable Balances as of March 31, 2021</b>						
	Operating Checking	\$259,223.76				
	Payroll Checking	449.04				
	Online Checking	253.95				
	Operating Money Market	345,156.61				
	Accounts Receivable - CDC	21,246.00				

## MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

### MEMORIALS

**In Memory of *Jim Bell*:**

Judy & Bill Park  
Jana & Bobby Brown

**In Memory of *Morris & Lynn Wood*:**

Kathy Day

**In Memory of *Mariedora Moore*:**

Judy & Bill Park

**In Memory of *Jim DeVaney*:**

Judy & Bill Park

**In Memory of *Elizabeth West*:**

Myra Martin

**In Memory of *Lynne Caulk*:**

Berthaume Family

**In Memory of *Lucille (Tita) Murray*:**

Rebecca A. Rencher  
Thomas Taylor

**In Memory of *Jim & Becky Bell*:**

Bonnie Jean & Val Early

**In Memory of *Becky Bell*:**

Jana & Bobby Brown

**In Memory of *Louise Greer*:**

Allen & Kimi Oaks

**In Memory of *William A. Norton*:**

Nancy Seibt

**In Memory of *Lewis Ratcliffe*:**

Myra Martin

**In Memory of *Vaughan Murray Williams*:**

Phyllis & John Mostellar  
Ethel Golston  
Elinor & Kevin Carter

### HONORARY GIFTS

**In Honor of *Trey West & the Chancel Choir*:**

Myra Martin

**In Honor of *Ann Margaret & Brooks Bullen*:**

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh

### BAPTISMS

We rejoice to celebrate the baptism of Hudson Dore Abernethy, son of, Phillip Harrison and Missy Abernethy, on April 25, 2021.

We rejoice to celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Ann Freeman, daughter of, Scott and Lorie Freeman, on April 25, 2021.

### DEATHS

We extend our love and sympathy to Tabb Waters, and family upon the death of her father, Gordon Fonde, on March 30, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Carol Ann Patterson, and family upon the death of her son, Brian Patterson, on March 31, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Wes Pickard, his wife Susan, and family upon the death of his mother, Mary Ann Pickard, on April 20, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Judy Harvill, Judd Harvill, Peyton Harvill, Katie Harvill, and family upon the death of Judy's husband and Judd, Peyton, and Katie's father, George Randy Harvill, on April 22, 2021.

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