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WHITE CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS EVE, AND MORE!

DAUPHIN WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## REV. MICHAEL PRECHT

#### Senior Pastor



It is fitting that the month of November is a month of triumph in the Christian year – we begin by celebrating the saints who have entered the Church Triumphant, and we typically end with Christ the King Sunday, celebrating "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation" shall overcome the reign of our Lord (Rom. 8:38-39). This November was a triumphant month at Dauphin Way as well. It was a time for enjoying the return of Family Camp, the excellent response from our Commitment Sunday, and the last gatherings of many of our fall programs. Perhaps the most triumphant occasion of this November was the welcome of 10 new professing members into the life of our church. We are so glad that God has sent the Cummings family (Philip and Debbie, with their teenage children Andrew and Evelyn), the Poth family (James and Karen with their son Sander), and Delaney Dodson to join the mission and ministry we share at Dauphin Way. Jesus shall reign, indeed!

But, as football coaches remind us often, the best way to celebrate a victory is to prepare for the next one, and as we begin the Christian new year with Advent, we do so in anticipation of many triumphs to come. It was a small, but important victory for me that after a one-year hiatus, the Dauphin Way Advent Devotional has returned, with contributions from 21 different church members, aged 8-85. I hope that these daily reflections bring as much joy and reverence to you in the praying as they did for me in the reviewing – our church has so many thoughtful, faithful witnesses within it. We are also preparing for the year ahead as our Discipleship Campaign continues into its second phase. Dauphin Way typically receives 50% or more of its annual commitments *after* Commitment Sunday, and I am so grateful to Curran Foose and his follow-up team for their work in calling those who have not yet made a pledge to encourage their commitment for the year ahead.

And of course, the Advent season itself is full of triumphant promises. In addition to our outstanding traditions of White Christmas Concert, the Longest Night Service, and our Candlelight Christmas Eve, we also have the opportunity to praise God by honoring Rev. Kathy Jorgensen's "Jubilee" – her fiftieth year of ministry on Dauphin Way's staff. We will celebrate Kathy with a special reception, following our worship service on Dec. 19. I am grateful to Curry Stahl, Sara Jane Fulmer, and Sally Partridge for volunteering to assist in the planning and accomplishing of this reception in Kathy's honor.

With all of these celebrations behind us and ahead of us, I expect that Christmas Day will find Dauphin Way ready and waiting to receive our King and share the good news of His kingdom with everyone we meet!

Grace and Peace, Rev. Michael Precht

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change throughout the month. All changes will be communicated through our weekly "Along Dauphin Way" updates.

8:20 AM	Chapel Worship	Temporarily in the Sanctuary			
9:15 AM	Adult & Youth Sunday Schools	Classrooms around church/Zoom/Refuge			
9:15 AM	Dauphin Way 101	Dill Parlor			
9:15 AM	Nursery & Children's Sunday School	Upstairs Ed. Bldg, Treehouse, & CDC room			
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			
2:00 PM	Prayer Team	Dill Parlor			
6:30 PM	Scout Den Meetings (Dec 6 only)	Upstairs Education Bldg			
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			

#### WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 PM	Noonday Ringers
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer
5:00 PM	Committee on Racial Justice (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice

**Chancel Ringers** 

#### THURSDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
5:30 PM	Pickleball (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

#### FRIDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels

SB104

CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen Family Life & Bishops Meeting Room SB104 Dill Parlor Zoom Sanctuary Chancel Area Moore Hall

CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen Moore Hall

CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg Kitchen

#### DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, December 1 12:00 PM Tool Time 6:30 PM Youth Salt Meeting

Thursday, December 2 6:00 PM Guided by Grace

Sunday, December 59:15 AMHospitality Team Training5:00 PMChildren's Christmas Program5:00 PMYouth Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 712:00 PMTrustees4:00 PMFinance Committee

Wednesday, December 8 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Meeting

Thursday, December 9 5:30 PM SPRC Meeting

Sunday, December 12 5:30 PM White Christmas

Monday, December 135:00 PMChurch Council6:15 PMCub Scout Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 1412:00 PMLong Goodbye7:00 PMCompassionate Friends

Wednesday, December 15 9:00 AM SSS Angel Tree Gift Pick up

Thursday, December 16 12:00 PM Chapel & Sanctuary Worship Committee

Friday, December 17 9:00 AM SSS Christmas Walk-Ins

Sunday, December 1911:30 AMRev. Kathy Jorgensen's Jubilee Reception5:00 PMJUMP Christmas Party5:00 PMLongest Night Service

Friday, December 242:00 PMCandlelight Service3:30 PMChildren's Chrismon Service4:00 PMChristmas Eve Service5:30 PMCandlelight Service

Bishops Meeting Room Dang Home

Family Life Room, Dill Parlor

TBD McGowin Hall Moore Hall

McDavid Library/Zoom McDavid Library/Zoom

McDavid Library/Zoom/Courtyard

McDavid Library

Sanctuary

McGowin Hall Moore Hall

Bishops Meeting/Family Life Room McDavid Library/Dill Parlor/Family Life

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Sanctuary Sanctuary Moore Hall Sanctuary

### PROGRAM REPORTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY– KAT BRAND



I remember the first time my family went to Family Camp with Dauphin Way. My oldest two children were a little anxious about spending a weekend away at a new place. My youngest two (twins) were 3 years old. As I recall, my main concern was keeping the twins out of the lake. It took roughly 9 minutes of running the halls of Blue Lake Camp for my children (and myself) to realize we had found *it*. We found a place where our whole family could retreat. A place for us to wander, play, explore, worship, and fellowship. I did not know it at the time, but we found forever friends and a lifetime of family memories. We bonded with another "twin family" The Percys. The Percy boys and the Brand boys became inseparable. Fraternal twin boys, ten years apart, friends for life. When one of my boys (Paul) was "missing", I knew I simply needed to find Edward because Paul would be one small step behind him.

Family Camp holds a special place in my heart. Time is one of our most precious

commodities. We always seem to search for more time. More time for work, more time for hobbies, more time for friends, more time for rest, more time to finish that project, more time to visit family, more time to spend with the kids, more time for prayer, reading scripture, volunteering. Family Camp is always an intentional time, set aside for you and your family to be present. A space carved out for you to rest, reconnect, renew.

## Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30.

We enjoyed an amazing weekend at Blue Lake November 5-7. We ate, played, worshipped, prayed, and spent time in fellowship with 104 brothers and sisters in our Dauphin Way family. I try not to pick favorites, but this year will go down as one of the very best. It was glorious to be back together after so long apart. A weekend set aside for families to join together for worship, prayer, fellowship, GaGa ball, fun (lots of fun), food, and games was exactly what we needed. One of the selling points of Family Camp typically gets left off the list is *rest*. Rest, not the kind of rest you feel after sleeping in on Saturday morning or an afternoon nap, the kind you feel in your soul. The kind of reconnection that you feel when the only thing on your to-do list is *be present*, breathe in nature, let worship wash over you, soak in the sounds of friends laughing and children playing, slow down to drink in the last drops of sunset. Renewing our spirits with time to catch up with old friends, connect with new friends, eat meals with our family was priceless. May we learn to be quick to remove the yoke of hurry and burden.

We are looking forward to a busy Advent season filled with events for the whole family. We will host the Children's Christmas Program on December 5<sup>th</sup> as well as a special celebration for our JUMP (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) students. This is a special time for families to join together and celebrate. We will enjoy Christmas Carols, crafts, and special snacks. We are also preparing for our Winter Retreat at Blue Lake Camp in February. Winter Retreat is a conference-wide event where children and leaders from our conference meet for an amazing 3-day experience. We currently have 20 children(3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and several chaperones signed up to attend. This is another event that was put on hold last year. We are so excited to attend!

I would like to extend special thanks to Hill Aeiker. She is a church member and has two children (Lila and Garner) in the Children's Ministry. Hill has graciously signed up to help coordinate volunteers for the Children's Ministry. We have seen so many children return over the past 6 months and Hill, and the volunteers she has organized, have made it possible to run Sunday morning and Sunday Night programming. She has been an incredible blessing to me personally and to our Children's Ministry. Our sincerest thanks to Hill!

Kat Brand, Director of Children's Ministries

#### YOUTH MINISTRY– BRITTANY DANG



Here we are in December already! This year's Pumpkin Patch ended with our greatest profit since 2014! When I went to the patch on November 1st, we only had twenty-five pumpkins left. Our revenue was \$34,778.14. Our net profit was \$16,732.91. Since we made just over \$30,000 in pumpkin sales, we were able to keep the maximum percentage of 40%. The other \$4,702.75 came from hayrides, the bake sale, hot dog meals, pumpkin painting, and field trips. The Maguire family graciously donated a brand new grill to the student ministry. This grill aided in hot dog sales and will help us significantly in the future. Philip Maguire spent almost every weekend at the Pumpkin Patch grilling hot dogs, making pumpkin sales, or driving the tractor. Thank you to every individual who baked something for our bake sale! Our last-minute idea of a bake sale on a Saturday morning ended up bringing in over \$300. Thanks to Lisa Howard and Missy Abernethy for all their help in coming up with creative ideas at the Patch, volunteering their time, recruiting volunteers, and helping close on days I could not be there. To every person who worked a shift, bought a baked good, or purchased a pumpkin, thank you so much

for supporting the student ministry and helping our students attend faith-forming experiences like Winter Retreat, youth camp in Orlando, and our upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico this July!

Fall programming has come to a close around here as we ended with our SNL Night of Worship on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This night of worship flowed perfectly out of a series we just concluded on creating spiritual habits. Our SALT Team, made up of senior high student leaders, decided that this night of worship should be centered on rest. The last few months of the year are an exceptionally busy and stressful season for our students; there is a hunger in our group for spiritual rest. We felt it was most fitting to end our regular SNL programming with this night of worship, where we walked through different prayer and activity stations that all center around creating space for spiritual rest. My prayer continues to be that each and every student is able to have an undisturbed, honest conversation with God and leave with their cup filled with a type of peace and restoration only the Holy Spirit can give.

Our Youth Christmas Party is coming up quickly on Sunday, December 5th, from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm in Moore Hall. Our SALT team wanted to mix things up, so this year's theme is "flannels and flapjacks." SALT will be preparing breakfast for dinner and we have some exciting activities planned. If you have a child in youth, they will not want to miss this fun gathering! In addition to our Christmas Party, each of our five small groups will be going shopping for a child through the Society of St. Stephen this year. Advent is a wonderful time to teach our students that the acts of serving and giving are better than any material gift. Our small groups are looking forward to this opportunity to both brighten a family's Christmas and take this next step of practicing The Way through our gifts.

As this year begins to draw to a close, there is a leader who joined us in January, who has become one of our most faithful, invested youth leaders. Andrew Peeler is someone who recognizes the value in showing up for our students. In addition to consistently being at SNL and Sunday school, Andrew is always looking for where he can help. He shows up early and stays late to help with set up and tear down for SNL. After working a night shift in the ER a couple of weeks ago, Andrew joined our students at Carpe Diem for our morning gathering before school. Just this past weekend, he attended St. Paul's production of *Little Women* with a group of youth and a few other leaders to support a couple of our high school students. When our leaders go through youth leader training, three expectations I have in place are to (1) be present, (2) be real, and (3) be a light; Andrew exemplifies all three. Thank you, Andrew, for truly being a disciple who is making a difference.

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP MINISTRY– TREY WEST



One of my closest friends is a CPA, and in our friend circle, we all know that March and April are the "Busy Season" in his line of work. This season is pretty much off-limits for most anything on his social calendar. "Busy Season" in music ministry hits twice a year: the week leading up to Holy Week as well as Holy Week itself, and Advent. Although a very busy time, Advent is my favorite time of year, which is something you probably know about me even if you don't know me well. The music, decorations, spirit of giving, and generally festive moods make it a truly magical time for me.

Here are many of the reasons I think this Advent is going to be an especially special one: White Christmas is on December 12 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Our Chancel Choir, Dauphin Way Chorale, Chancel Ringers, and Noonday Ringers have all been working diligently to prepare the music, and it promises to be a beautiful evening. One big highlight of this year's White Christmas is being back in-person! After a wonderful, virtual White Christmas last year, we will be back in the Sanctuary together to sing our favorite

carols, hear wonderful anthems, and share some pimento cheese sandwiches at the reception. A second big highlight is the musical culmination of the evening in the Chancel Choir and members of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra performing John Rutter's *Gloria*, a monumental piece that could only be rivaled in performance by the angels appearing to the shepherds themselves. I am truly so very excited for this evening, and I hope you are as well.

Christmas Eve is extra special this year as we offer our 3:30pm Children's Christmon Service in the Sanctuary, 4pm Candlelight Service in Moore Hall, and 5:30pm Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary as in years past, and add an additional Candlelight Service at 2pm in the Sanctuary. On December 19, at 5pm, we will have our Longest Night Worship Service in the Sanctuary, offering a time to get away from the noise of the holiday season and reflect on the somberness that Christmas may bring for some. Please join us for one or all of these services in the week leading up to Christmas, and take in all of the emotions this time of year has to offer.

Finally, I must thank Jasyn Fowler for the magic he performs in our Sanctuary each and every year. This year we added two new 15' trees in our Chancel, and repurposed the trees that previously stood there to replace our depleted Chrismon tree in McGowin Hall. Karen Anne Beville and Bill Smith handled all of the Chrismon decorations and are working to refurbish and replace many for next Advent. I'm grateful to all of them as they add so much to the Advent and Christmas season at Dauphin Way.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship

#### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MINISTRY- WILSON NEWELL



November was a busy and beautiful month of worship at Dauphin Way. We kicked off worship this month, not in our beloved building at 1507 Dauphin Street, but at our "home away from home," Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia, AL. It was such a gift to get away with over a hundred church family members for Family Camp. The highlight for me was worshiping together inside the beautiful Lambeth Chapel, a gorgeous historic chapel on the camp's property. It is one of my favorite worship spaces in the world. Heaven was within reach as the sunlight poured through the old window panes and our voices reverberated around the room. It was a moment to savor with my church family.

The very next day, we launched into our "Saints" series on All Saints Sunday. We read the names, lit candles, and rang the bells to honor them, and it was a sacred and tender moment. Tears of sorrow and joy were shed as we remembered loved ones lost and rejoiced that they are now cheering us on and that we will see them again. "Saints" was an encouraging sermon series as a whole, as we pondered what it means

for us to journey toward holiness and sainthood by standing on the shoulders of those who went before.

Finally, I was also honored to lead the music for Bishop Graves' clergy gathering for the Mobile District of the Alabama-West Florida Conference right here at Dauphin Way in Moore Hall. Let me tell you, there is nothing like singing in a room full of pastors! We belted out the old hymns, "My Hope is Built" and "Victory in Jesus," which happens to be Bishop Graves' favorite song. It was another great time of worshiping together with God's people.

And now we dive headfirst into the most wonderful season of all: Advent! It is a season of new beginnings, hope, joy, peace, and love. It is a season of anticipation and waiting with great expectations. It is a season of reflection, growth, generosity. I am so excited to hear the story, sing the songs, lament the world's brokenness, marvel at the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, and long for the bright future together with my Dauphin Way family.

I want to thank a friend in ministry who has been a go-to from the beginning: Brooks Conkle! Brooks is a one-of-a-kind guy who is always willing to help, loves learning new things and meeting new people. He could make friends with a wall! Brooks plays drums for us regularly, but recently he learned how to mix sound out of a desire to be helpful. It's great to have so many gifted people like Brooks around. I appreciate his attitude and love for our church and for Christ, and I'm grateful to know him!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship

#### SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRIES- KAREN SMITH



Over the past month, the exceptional people at Dauphin Way have adopted 75 children's wish lists in order to provide some much-needed Christmas Magic! In addition, at the time of my writing this, you have donated \$1500 in turkey money for families in need of a warm Thanksgiving meal. Our Backpack Ministry provided bags to be sent home with local students for the Thanksgiving break, as well. All of these children and families get to experience God's love through your generosity and care. I am honored to be part of a congregation that consistently goes beyond itself in showing love and compassion.

As we look to Advent and the New Year, I know that there will be many new faces in our midst. We need many Ushers and Greeters to be sure everyone receives a warm welcome when they enter our doors for special events and Sunday morning worship. Phyllis Mostellar is working to line up volunteers to sit at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering

Place. This ministry of Hospitality has been on hold due to the pandemic, so we are all so thankful to see it come back! I hope to have a similar team of friendly faces in McGowin Hall soon! Please let me know if you are willing to serve on our Hospitality team.

In this time of Thanksgiving, please know that I am thankful for all of you! For my fellow staff members, who are patient and supportive of each other (especially of me); for Phyllis Mostellar for taking on the Welcome Desk; for Jim Sockwell for allowing me to tag along while he delivered meals and a smile to our Meals on Wheels recipients; for everyone who has volunteered to usher, greet, and serve communion; for the volunteers looking with hope to the new year when their ministries might be able to resume; for Courtney Murphy who gathered a list of 10 friends to take on Christmas wish lists; for a church home that makes disciples who make a difference!

Karen Smith, Director of Servant Ministries

#### COMPASSION MINISTRIES- REV. KATHY JORGENSEN



The holidays are such a wonderful time of the year. There is so much for us to be thankful for and to look forward to during Thanksgiving and Advent. Many of us were not able to be with our families during the holidays last year. It is comforting to know that this year we are in a better place to visit safely. Holidays can also be a difficult time for people who are having difficulties or have lost someone close. For many people, this is the hardest part of grieving, holidays are when we miss our loved ones even more than usual. When you lose someone special, your world lacks its celebratory qualities. Holidays tend to magnify that loss and sadness deepens to make the loneliness feel isolating. The need for support may be the greatest during the holidays.

Our Dauphin Way support groups are sensitive those who are having a difficult time during the holidays. In our November meeting for our widows, "Growing in Grace", we had a lesson focused on finding comfort during your grief in the holidays. We also had a

guest who shared creative flower arranging! Each lady was able to create a fall arrangement to take home to brighten their home.

All of our groups have been made aware of the opportunity to attend our Longest Night Service. A Longest Night of the Year Service is a deeply meaningful way our church can companion those who struggle during the holiday season as well as acknowledge the pain experienced by many world-wide. Our Longest Night Service will take place on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M.

Spiritual Directing is also very helpful during the holidays. It is a time to settle quietly and listen for the ways God is speaking to us through and in the holidays. Please call the church office for a time we can get together for spiritual direction. I am here to help you!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are wonderful times to check in on our homebound members. If you and your family would like to adopt a homebound member and take a treat or just have a friendly visit with them for Thanksgiving and /or Christmas, please call me for an assignment Kathy at 251-471-1511. You can take them goodies, sing some Christmas carols together, talk about their favorite memories, or take a Christmas decoration that you can make with them for their room or home. I am sure they will appreciate and love that one of their church members remembered them. You will find that doing this act of kindness will be a gift for you too.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

#### DISCIPLESHIP-DR. WOODS LISENBY



The fall is my favorite season of the year. This season is ripe with fun activities, good weather, the best sporting events (Go Braves!!), and the anticipation of the holidays. Likewise, this is a time in the church calendar where we offer some of my favorite events and programs. Each year I look forward to the pumpkin patch, trunk-or-treat, and family camp. This is also when our ongoing Bible Studies and Small Groups seem to be hitting their stride – that is definitely true for the Disciple One Bible Study I am leading. So, as we leave the heart of fall, depart from Thanksgiving, and turn our eyes towards Advent, I give thanks for all our church has to offer during this rich season.

As we look back on this past month, I am particularly excited by the overwhelming response to our Discipleship Campaign, *The Way*. It is wonderful to see so many people take their next step, or even their first step, in faith. Knowing we are on this journey together, moving towards the heart of God, is such a life-giving reality as a pastor for this congregation. United Methodism functions as a denomination led in

equal part by laypersons and clergy. Our discipleship campaign was a testament to that reality. As a church, we came together to promise that we would offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to God and one another. And in doing so, we committed to journeying alongside each other on *The Way*. I, for one, cannot wait to see the fruits of those commitments and how God will use them to make the kingdom known on earth as it is in heaven.

Lastly, I would like to thank the participants in the Disciple One Bible Study I am leading. Each Sunday night, we gather together to discuss the Bible for an hour and a half. During the week, the participants read an excessive amount of material in preparation for each class. And week after week, we continue to have incredible conversations about God's Word. I got into ministry because I love Jesus and people, and I wanted to spend my life trying to help connect one to the other. This Bible study has been yet another reminder of how Christ has blessed me with the chance to serve a church where people are hungry to know more about God and to know God more. I appreciate all who are reading the whole Bible over the year with me because it has been an incredible blessing to my life.

Grace and Peace, Dr. Woods Lisenby

## LEADERSHIP @ DAUPHIN WAY

#### 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 SPR 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

Staff Parish Relations did not meet in November

Andy Smith, SPRC Chair

#### TRUSTEES

The church continues to operate at a deficit, while the CDC is positive year to date.

The Trustees have approved expenditures for:

- Mold remediation in the chapel and costs to resolve the moisture issues going forward;
- Replacement of windows in the sanctuary;
- Painting three bathrooms;
- Purchase of two new sanctuary Christmas trees.

Trustees will do further investigation into the best way to abate the water issues in the basement, specifically seeking the opinion of a structural engineer.

Trustees discussed and confirmed recommendations for the sale of 28 and 30 Lee Street properties, pursuant to request for clarification by Church Council. Our responses will be submitted to the Council prior to the November called Charge Conference.

Jonathan Aeiker, Trustees Chair

#### FINANCE

Total receipts for October were \$125,866, total disbursements \$168,929 with a loss of \$43,062 for the month and a loss of \$208,030 YTD. Expectations are high that we will have a positive net cash flow in November and December thus lowering the YTD loss.

176 families have pledged \$1.17 million for next year. We are 68% towards reaching our goal of \$1.7 million.

Kalifeh, Bedsole, Adams are "basically done" with 2018 and "almost done" with the 2019 audit. John Bedsole is hopeful that they will complete the 2020 year prior to the end of this year.

The CDC had a net gain of \$3,723 for October and are \$228,774 positive YTD. Payroll Protection Funds of \$104,205 is part of this gain.

Betty Stone, Finance Chair

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1131	Receipts Current Pledges	1,264,386.00	73,985.09	982,079.99	77.67%	985,065.30			
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	63,219.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00			
1152	Net Current Pledges	1,201,167.00	73,985.09	982,079.99	81.76%	985,065.30			
	Net Current Fleuges	1,201,107.00	73,985.09	982,079.99	81.70%	985,005.30			
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	13,585.00	0.00%	3,259.00			
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	83,162.00	24,840.96	87,212.82	104.87%	78,951.59			
1135	Loose Plate	9,825.00	775.00	3,844.66	39.13%	3,951.90			
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	764,680.00	26,257.41	337,075.14	44.08%	412,353.54			
1140	Interest Income	500.00	7.95	478.69	95.74%	1,355.11			
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	1,570.00	26.17%	150.00			
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	4,119.00	0.00	4,119.06	100.00%	68,121.70			
1147	Payroll Protection Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	207,300.00			
	Total Receipts	2,069,453.00	125,866.41	1,429,965.36	69.10%	1,760,508.14			
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	Disbursements								
4413	Total Pastoral	4,000.00	100.00	3,194.82	79.87%	2,132.33			
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	218.47	3,550.64	53.29%	4,892.36			
5011	Total Children's Ministry	17,726.00	-1,484.22	22,893.64	129.15%	13,356.66			
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,554.00	1,369.25	16,925.07	91.22%	14,427.75			
5211	Total Adult Ministry	8,225.00	-41.75	2,623.33	31.89%	1,210.89			
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00			
5710	Total Connectional	24,950.00	2,079.17	20,791.66	83.33%	27,411.56			
5739	Conference Apportionments	136,023.00	11,335.25	113,352.50	83.33%	163,457.62			
5910	Total Membership Care	2,404.00	336.74	1,680.91	69.92%	1,163.82			
6001	Community Care	23,675.00	2,000.00	12,321.92	52.05%	8,944.22			
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	1,441.09	27,355.74	62.17%	26,242.96			
6610	Total Office	91,600.00	6,776.14	63,850.35	69.71%	53,053.10			
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	514,852.00	48,450.63	447,025.76	86.83%	322,094.91			
6800	Total Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	44,876.44			
6804	Total Operation Income	-47,760.00	-3,980.00	-52,350.00	109.61%	-37,085.00			
6810	<b>Total Operation Expenses</b>	18,086.00	4,978.64	16,547.87	91.50%	6,324.78			
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	-43.57	-32.55	0.00%	-1,103.62			
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	1,815.32	14,034.84	60.32%	14,497.48			
	Total Personnel	1,182,188.00	93,577.50	924,228.67	78.18%	910,522.93			
	Total Disbursements	2,069,453.00	168,928.66	1,637,995.17	79.15%	1,576,421.19			
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	Income Over/Under Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(43,062.25)</u>	<u>(208,029.81)</u>		<u>184,086.95</u>			
Checkir	ng Accounts & Receivable Balanc	es as of October 3	31.2021						
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-	ing Checking	\$17,315.26							
-	Checking	449.04							
	Checking	253.95							
-	ing Money Market	43,309.27							
Operati	ing Reserve - AWFUMF	345,156.61							

#### MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

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*In Memory of* John Megginson: Leigh & Johnny Abruscato Judy & Bill Park

*In Memory of* Gwen Leo: Leigh & Johnny Abruscato Judy & Bill Park

*In Memory of* Lynn Green: Miles Green Judy & Bill Park

*In Memory of* Linda Ammons: Judy & Bill Park

In Memory of Diana Whitehead: Judy & Bill Park

In Memory of Rosie Marsh's sister: Sally & Greer Megginson

*In Memory of* Joel G. McDavid: Jacqueline Williams

#### BAPTISMS

HONORARY GIFTS

*In Honor of* Christy & Kevin: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Frye Gaillard: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Bill & Jessica Barrick: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* John & Betty Stone: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* David Peeler: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Janie Chow: Brian & Caroline McCarthy *In Honor of* Ruth & Steve Dill: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Rev & Mrs. Michael Precht: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Kathy Jorgensen: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Dr. & Mrs. Woods Lisenby: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Trey West: Brian & Caroline McCarthy

*In Honor of* Sarah & Tom Damson: Brigitte & Joerg Kemnade

We rejoice to celebrate the baptism of Anne Margaret Meador, daughter of Will and Martha Meador, who has been presented for the Sacrament of Christian Baptism on Sunday, November 14, 2021.

We rejoice to celebrate the baptism of Stevie Rae Hatch, daughter of Alicia and Clifford Hatch and granddaughter of Mary Anna Hatch, who will be presented for the Sacrament of Christian Baptism during the 8:20 AM Worship Service this Sunday, November 14, 2021.

#### BIRTHS

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Rory Robert Provenzano, great-grandson of Mrs. Martha Nell Smith, on October 20, 2021.

#### DEATHS

We extend our love and sympathy go to Rosie Marsh and her family upon the loss of her sister on November 10, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Susie Powell, her husband, and their family upon the loss of her husband's grandmother on November 10, 2021.

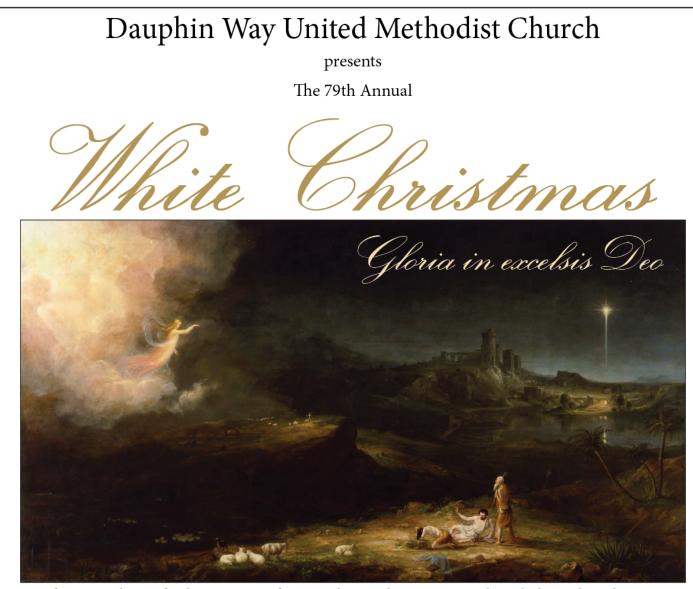
We extend our love and sympathy to Karen Anne and Lewis Beville and their family upon the loss of Karen Anne's brother, Joel G. McDavid, on November 15, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Addie Ray and her family upon the death of her grandmother, Rosemary Fittje, on November 20, 2021.

We extend our love and sympathy to Kathy Newman, Patty Manning, Joann Magnoli, and Paul Maddox upon the death of their sister and Paul's mother, Judy Maddox, on November 22, 2021.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to celebrate as a church family with James and Karen Poth, their son Sander, Malone and Katie Kaak, Philip and Debbie Cummings, their children Andrew and Evelyn, and Delaney Dodson who joined Dauphin Way UMC on Sunday, November 28, 2021.



A free musical event for the community featuring the Dauphin Way UMC Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Noonday Ringers, Dauphin Way Chorale, and Sanctuary Orchestra.

## Sunday, December 12th 5:30 PM

1507 Dauphin St. Mobile, AL 36604

A goodwill offering will be taken with 100% of the proceeds benefitting Embrace AL Kids (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home). For more information, visit www.dauphinwayumc.org or call (251) 471-1511.

