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# REV. MICHAEL PRECHT

*Senior Pastor*



The beginning of the year at Dauphin Way brought two pieces of news that I've been celebrating to anyone who would listen. First, the roughly 50 kids we are seeing in average attendance for Sunday night programming with kids is the highest average attendance on record for either Sunday Nights, Wednesday nights, or even Sunday School. We have never gathered more kids, more consistently, to help them walk in the way of Jesus. Second, this last January was the most generous in at least the last 10 years at Dauphin Way. We stopped looking at 10 years, but there is a good chance this was the most generous January ever. This is the Way of discipleship in action, when every faithful step of every disciple helps someone else – even our children – to walk in the way of Jesus as well.

As I look ahead, I looking forward to walking the road to Jerusalem and the Cross in the season of Lent. In addition to the return of our Holy Week Breakfasts and the familiar observances of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday, we have a number of other steps that we can take together. On Ash Wednesday, we will publish

the daily devotional and weekly discussion guide I have been developing as companions to our Lenten sermon series: *The Cross*.

I hope that each week's sermon will bring us to the foot of the cross in a spirit of reverence and wonder. I hope that we will sustain our attention to the cross in the same way that a great painting captures our attention. In one moment, we are right up to it to see the shape of the brush strokes. In the next moment, we step back to take the whole picture in one glimpse. And in yet another moment, we look carefully at the way light falls in the painting – and when we try to find words for why we love a painting, it is not because we think those words will substitute for the painting itself. Instead, the right words illuminate and glorify the painting, helping us to see what was there all along.

Culturally, American Christians have tended to make two equal and opposite mistakes when talking about the cross. The first mistake is to turn it into a tool for spiritual abuse – to emphasize its horror and agony and Christ's sacrifice in such a way as to “guilt trip” someone into honoring Jesus or compel compliance (e.g. “how can you insult do \_\_\_\_ to the one who died for you? Or “When you sin, you are nailing Jesus to the cross all over again?”). The second mistake is to diminish the cross so profoundly that the only way that we know how to speak of resurrection and God's love is through language that sounds too much like the “power of positive thinking” and elides the call that Christ has given every Christian to “take up your cross and follow me.”

In keeping with the themes of sacrifice and living a cross-shaped life, we will be asking every member of the church to fast from something (a regular meal, food, alcohol, etc.) and put the money they would have spent on that thing toward *RIP Medical Debt*, with a goal of raising \$10,000 (which can retire \$1 million in local medical debt). You can read all about *RIP Medical Debt* when you pick up your copy of our Lenten Devotional, or when you sign up to receive our daily prayer emails throughout Lent.

As you read through this month's Journal, you will see that Dauphin Way has many reasons to be thankful. For my part, I am so very grateful to our Confirmation Coordinator, Lynn Davidson, who untangled all kinds of logistical knots for our Confirmation Retreat in January and continues to bless every mentor and confirmation family as she also blesses me in sharing this work of confirmation. I am also grateful beyond words to our Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee and Rev. Frederick Outlaw for the remarkable series of talks they have hosted as part of our *Journey To Freedom* series. Trey West has managed all things technical and digital; Bill Barrick, Jessica Barrick, John Stone, and Betty Stone have shown our guests every bit of the Dauphin Way hospitality. And David Peeler, as our infinitely patient and yet mission-focused chairperson, has done everything that was required to make this wonderful idea a visible reality. Of all the things we celebrate together, it is the remarkable people of Dauphin Way who are always the biggest blessings from God.

# STEPHEN AND RUTH DILL LECTURE SERIES

## TO FEATURE

### REV. DR. BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR ON MARCH 27



An acclaimed author and a gifted preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor is one of those rare people who can truly see the holy in everything. For decades she has brought theology down to earth, personifying a vision that hallows the ordinary and sees the face of each person as one of the possible faces of God. She is distinguished by an elegance of thought and depth of soul, as evidenced in her writing and speaking on faith and spirituality. These qualities make her one of the most sought-after speakers in the country.

Rev. Taylor will deliver the sermon at the 10:30 AM combined worship service in the Sanctuary and present her lecture, “Learning to Walk in the Dark,” at 5:30 PM in Moore Hall. There will be a book sale and book signing following the lecture.

As we enter the season of Lent, and in anticipation of Rev. Taylor’s messages, we are reminded to seek the light of Christ and the promise of the resurrection, as we also reflect on the darkness of the cross in the coming weeks.

Among Barbara Brown Taylor’s best-selling books are: *Always a Guest*, *Holy Emy*, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, and *An Altar in the World*. She has also served as an editor of the Revised Common Lectionary and its commentary, *Feasting on the Word*, resources highly valued by clergy of all denominations.

Barbara Brown Taylor and her husband Ed live on a farm in northern Georgia, sharing space with wild turkeys, red foxes, deer, dogs, and many chickens.

The Dill Lecture Committee is proud to be able to offer the very special opportunity of hearing Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor to our congregation and our community. Invite your friends from other churches to join us!

**Visit the church website for more details about Barbara Brown Taylor and the Dill Lecture Series.**

[www.dauphinwayumc.org/dill-lecture](http://www.dauphinwayumc.org/dill-lecture)

# MARCH 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	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	Children’s Programming	Upstairs Ed. Bldg, Treehouse, & CDC rooms
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:30 PM	Confirmation Mentoring	Various places around church
5:00 PM	Children’s Evening Programming	Upstairs Ed. Bldg, Treehouse
5:00 PM	Youth SNL (Sow New Life)	Moore Hall/Refuge
5:00 PM	Disciple One	McDavid Library
5:00 PM	Lenten Study	Dill Parlor
5:00 PM	Men’s Small Group	SB 101
5:00 PM	Techwise Family	ED 210
6:30 PM	SNL Dinners	McGowin Hall

## MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St Stephen	SSS Offices
2:00 PM	Prayer Team	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Scout Den Meetings	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
10:30 AM	Now That Grace Has Come Study	McDavid Library
5:30 PM	Chancel Ringers	SB104

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Family Life & Bishops Meeting Room
12:00 PM	Noonday Ringers	SB104
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
5:00 PM	Committee on Racial Justice (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Zoom
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Chancel Area
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
11:30 AM	Lenten Study	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Pickleball (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)	Moore Hall

## FRIDAY

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



# MARCH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, March 1

All Day Church Offices

Closed for Mardi Gras Holiday

Wednesday, March 2

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Sanctuary

12:00 PM Tool Time

Bishops Meeting Room

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 3

6:00 PM Guided by Grace

Family Life Room, Dill Parlor

Tuesday, March 8

12:00 PM Trustees

McDavid Library/Zoom

12:00 PM Long Goodbye

Bishops Meeting/Family Life Room

6:30 PM Compassionate Friends

McDavid Library/Dill Parlor/Family Life

Wednesday, March 9

12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Meeting

McDavid Library/Zoom

12:00 PM Hope

Café Del Rio on the Causeway

Thursday, March 10

5:30 PM SPRC Meeting

McDavid Library/Zoom

5:45 PM Women's Night of Worship

Moore Hall

Friday, March 11

7:00 AM CDC

Closed for Inservice

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM Blood Drive

McGowin Hall

Tuesday, March 15

4:00 PM Finance Committee

McDavid Library/Zoom

Wednesday, March 16

12:00 PM Mission Committee

McDavid Library

Thursday, March 17

12:00 PM Chapel & Sanctuary Worship Committee

McDavid Library

Sunday, March 27

10:30 AM Dill Lecture Guest Barbara Brown Taylor

Sanctuary

5:30 PM Barbara Brown Taylor Lecture & Reception

Moore Hall & McGowin Hall

Monday, March 28

5:00 AM Church Council

McDavid Library/ZOOM

5:45 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Moore Hall

Tuesday, March 29

5:00 PM Youth Parent Council

McDavid Library

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 PM SALT

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# PROGRAM REPORTS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY– KAT BRAND



I remember writing our January Church Council report sharing the excitement and anticipation for the start of the new year. January saw the return of “normal” things like Sunday Night Programming. On January 23, we saw 65 children and over 100 parents for our Raising Young Disciples dinner and Sunday Night Programming launch. The energy and excitement were palpable and contagious. This was a wonderful way to kick-off the year!

We are enjoying this continued momentum in February. Dauphin Way sent 19 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to Winter Retreat at Blue Lake. Our theme for the retreat was “Past, Present, Future.” Many, many years ago, when I was an elementary student, I recall the concept of time feeling so incredibly slow. The future was only as far as Christmas. I didn’t think and dream in terms of years, decades, centuries. The past, to me, was simply last week. Our children talked about queen Esther, the history and evolution of Blue Lake Camp, as well as their own past, present, and future. It is truly amazing to witness children beginning to think abstractly about their life, faith, and God’s hand in all they do and experience. I am thrilled about the future of our next generation of disciples.

As I look to the future of Children’s Ministry at Dauphin Way, I think about Lenten season. No matter how many times a child (or grown up) has heard the story of Easter, each year brings fresh experiences and deeper understanding of what Jesus’ death and resurrection mean to us and for us. During Advent, I begin laying the groundwork for Easter. Helping children explore the “whys” of Jesus’ birth, time on earth, His death, and resurrection. I am looking forward to journeying to the cross with all of our children.

My special thanks this month go to the incredible adult volunteers who chaperoned Winter Retreat. Laura Blakeney, David Bush, and Bailey Savage gave immensely of their time, talents, and patience! Each of these adults signed over their entire weekend, beginning at 3:30 PM on Friday afternoon, to drive our group to Blue Lake. As we all know, volunteering for a retreat requires more than a car and a tank of gas. It requires sacrifice, patience, love, and a willing heart. Thank you for saying yes! Thank you for giving so freely to our children. Thank you for teaching our children about discipleship, but also for showing them what it looks like to live out your call for discipleship.

Kat Brand, Director of Children’s Ministries

## YOUTH MINISTRY– BRITTANY DANG



We are back in the swing of things in the student ministry. At SNL, we wrapped up our three-week series on the topic of loving others from the book of James. This series is one that both our middle school and high school students have found to be helpful and convicting. In this series, we cover the art of listening, the nature behind favoritism, and the power of the tongue. One new addition to our SNL spring schedule is providing dinner for our students after we meet each Sunday night. Our schedule is jam packed, so dinners offer extra time for our students and leaders to eat and fellowship without being rushed after youth. Our amazing youth parents have signed up to volunteer one week out of the spring to help us provide these dinners. So far, our students have loved having a real meal and extra time to catch up with friends and leaders. Our monthly mixers for the month of February were Guys Night In and Girls Night In. Both events took place at the church on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Chris Nodine and Andrew Peeler coordinated their night with the guys in Moore Hall and the gym rooms with an evening filled with whiffle ball, video games, corn hole, and dodgeball. Laura Maguire planned a cozy coffeehouse night

for our girls in the Refuge with a fancy dinner along with cookies and cocoa. We also had our youth Super Bowl party in Moore Hall. We have had a total of ten new faces attend youth functions in the past week because of our monthly mixers, Super Bowl party, and Wednesday morning devotions at Carpe Diem. Now that registration is officially open for the Orlando Retreat in June and the Puerto Rico mission trip in July, we are hopeful that this will be our biggest year yet as more students and their friends sign up for trips, attend SNL, and participate in what the Lord is doing at Dauphin Way.

Coming up at SNL in the month of March is a new series that goes through the four gospels and what they have to say about who Jesus is. This series will go through Lent. On the last week of this series, everything is brought to culmination, when we end with a prayer journey through the meaning and message of Lent— a practice often called the Stations of the Cross. Outside of SNL, a couple of fun monthly mixers coming up are our middle school game night on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and high school movie night on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. At game night, we will be playing all kinds of games from underground church to spicy Uno. Our SALT team is voting next week on the movie selection for movie night.

Another exciting event coming up is our Parents Night Out fundraiser on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This event will help our youth raise money for our mission trip to Puerto Rico. We are coordinating several fundraisers through the next few months. Parents Night Out is for all parents of children from birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is \$25 per child and \$50 max per family. At Parents Night Out, we will be providing dinner, crafts, games, and a fun movie for kids of all ages. Our next fundraiser will be at Easter on the Lawn on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. At Easter on the Lawn, we will be grilling and selling burgers, snacks, and drinks. In May, we will host a spaghetti lunch following church on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

An individual I would like to highlight this month is Laura Maguire. Laura has been serving as one of our youth interns this year. Laura has a heart for working with young people and pointing them to Christ. In addition to being a full-time student at USA, Laura spends her time attending our students' games, planning get togethers with students throughout the week, getting coffee Wednesdays before school with our morning devotion group, and coordinating monthly mixers with Chris Nodine. This past month's mixer, Girls Night In, was completely coordinated by Laura. Our girls absolutely loved Laura's concept for the evening. Laura transformed the Refuge basement into a cozy spot with couches and tons of pillows for our coffeehouse night complete with games and karaoke. She deeply invests in our students both inside and outside of the church building. Laura has been an immense gift to our student ministry. Thank you, Laura, for all the time and work you put in to pouring into students and planting seeds of Christ in their lives.

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries

# MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY– TREY WEST



The Music and Worship ministries are off to a good start in 2022! Our Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, and Noonday Ringers have resumed rehearsals, preparing musical selections for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Also, I have resumed rehearsals on Sunday evenings with our Children's Choir during their normal programming as we anticipate them processing and singing on Palm Sunday. Currently, the Cherub Choir and Wesley Singers remain combined for the spring as we continue to bridge the gap from before the pandemic to now. There will be further evaluation at the end of the spring leading into the summer as to what the next steps may be for our Children's Choir, but rest assured that they will continue to sing as long as Dauphin Way is standing.

We're now very close to the season of Lent, and there will be many worship opportunities for you to journey with your Dauphin Way family. On Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>), we will offer worship services at 12 PM and 6 PM in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir leading us musically at 6 PM. For our Sunday morning Lenten worship

series, we will focus on various atonement theories as we turn our eyes to the cross and its meaning. Our musical offerings will strive to reflect the cross and challenge our perspective on our relationship with God and the relationship God wants to have with us through Jesus Christ. This series will lead us to Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday which will feature the children of our church processing and waving palms in both 10:30 AM services and the Children's Choir singing in the Sanctuary service with our Chancel Choir. Maundy Thursday will be an introspective evening featuring musical selections from the 1893 version of Faure's Requiem. The service will focus us on Christ serving his disciples despite his impending death and will mentally and spiritually set us up for the Good Friday Tenebrae service in Moore Hall the next evening.

One of our biggest reasons for celebration leading into Lent and Holy Week will be the return of our Holy Week Meditation services. Each morning of Holy Week, we will gather at 7 AM for a time of meditation featuring a guest speaker and appropriate music. Immediately after the services, there will be a time of fellowship over breakfast in McGowin Hall. Let us celebrate the return of a beautiful Dauphin Way tradition as it contributes greatly to our Lenten journey.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MINISTRY & MISSIONS– WILSON NEWELL



In February, we concluded our powerful series “The God Who Heals.” We examined the healing ministry of Jesus, our own need for healing, and the need for healing all around us. Burning questions were asked like “How do you need healing?” and “Who do you know who needs healing?” When we bring others to Jesus be healed like the group of friends who presented the paralyzed man on the mat to Jesus, we are participating in God’s mission in the world to bring restoration and wholeness to all creation, and it is a beautiful thing when our worship converges with that mission.

We are quickly approaching the beautiful 40-day season of Lent, and I believe that God will use this time of repentance and reflection to draw hearts nearer to the heart of Christ. Lent is always a challenging but enriching time in our faith as it calls us to lay down our desires in the same spirit as Jesus, who laid down his life for us out of love. While we focus on the “Power of the Cross,” I pray that we will see with fresh eyes the

love of God for us. Vanessa Reyner and Brittany Dang will also lead a special night of worship on March 10<sup>th</sup> to kick off Lent for the women of Dauphin Way and Mobile.

There are so many people that I am thankful for right now, but one group that stands out is our students at Dauphin Way. We have a host of youth who use their gifts to serve in a number of ways, including livestreaming, lights, sound, running slides, and musically. I give thanks for Mary Webster Burke, March Tremayne, Harrison Abernethy, Emma Maguire, Emma Gage, Anna Ruth Lane, Virginia Merrick, Austin Watkins, and Sarah Frances Warren, all of whom regularly serve with us and do such an amazing job. I am also grateful for their fearless leader Brittany Dang, who empowers them and trains them not only in their skills but in their confidence in themselves and in God. They are not just the future of the Church— they are the Church here and now!

One way that Dauphin Way is taking steps to partner with God in bringing healing and restoration to the world is through missions. We have formed a Missions Committee comprised of wonderful people including Dwight Hasty, Cindy Peeler, Bailey Savage, Jack Ford, Jan Bailey, and Kat Brand. Our first meeting was on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and we covered a lot of ground in hopes of getting the ball rolling again with missions and serving. We talked about our local missions efforts with our Service Sunday on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Raise the Roof, our Community Garden, and Leinkauf Elementary. We also brainstormed about international missions opportunities like our ongoing partnership with Ebenezer Basic School in Jamaica and others. We are so excited to move forward intentionally with these opportunities to shine a light in the world around us as we serve together.

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship & Mission Coordinator



## SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRIES– KAREN SMITH



I cannot believe that we are already in February! This year has begun with lots of excitement and activity in the areas of hospitality and engagement.

Plans are underway for one or two “New Member” gatherings to take place this quarter. These gatherings will reach back to individuals who joined the church in 2019, 2020 and 2021. We hope to spend some time together socializing and getting to know each other better. My plan is to host New Member gatherings from time to time, so that relationships continue to develop once Dauphin Way 101 is complete. Our newest members are involving themselves in Small Groups, Sunday School, Music, Hospitality, and Youth ministries. They are living out their vows of membership! If you would like to be involved with one of these gatherings, please let me know.

This month I have asked our Meals on Wheels drivers to be aware of any handy or yardwork needs their meal recipients may have. Our hope is that a group here at Dauphin Way – either Boy Scouts, our Youth Group or just a group of Dauphin Way volunteers – can see to some needs so that we can continue to show God’s love to these individuals, in various ways. So far, we have requests for yard work, some rearranging of furniture, and replacing some rotten steps. Stay tuned as we decide the best way to address these needs.

Next month we will have our first Blood Drive of 2022. Sign up at [dauphinwayumc.org/blood-donor](https://dauphinwayumc.org/blood-donor) (or just show up in McGowin) to donate on March 13<sup>th</sup>. You can save multiple lives just by giving blood! Please plan to donate.

As we continue to welcome visitors to Dauphin Way, the search for the perfect Welcome Desk for McGowin Hall continues...thanks to all who have offered their input and expertise! I’m impatient but I know it will be worth the wait. Thanks also to people like Chris Phillips who emailed after our last Church Council meeting to say “I’m available to usher...use me as needed”. To Josh Crawley who volunteered to usher as a guest in our Traditional Service. To Tom and Tommy Clement for offering to make calls recruiting ushers.

It is my pleasure to serve alongside each of you who show God’s love and make a difference in the church, our city and the world!

Karen Smith, Director of Servant Ministries

# CONGREGATIONAL CARE & SPIRITUAL DIRECTION-REV. KATHY JORGENSEN



I want to celebrate one of our Dauphin Way support group this month called “The Long Goodbye.” Have you heard about “The Long Goodbye”? It is a support group for people who have a loved one who has some form of dementia. The group is for our church members and for our community. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at noon in the Bishop’s room. Lunch is \$6.00 and an RSVP is requested.

This wonderful group offers a time to share your situation with others who listen and understand. The “Long Goodbye” offers tools and skills and new perspectives in how to deal with the loved one who is suffering from dementia. Attendees receive and share helpful hints while being in a healthy fellowship and confidential environment at Dauphin Way. I celebrate this group because they are so kind, receptive to one another. They share God’s unconditional love.

**Helpful Hints** if you have a friend or loved one with dementia: Meditation and **prayer** helps because these activities exercise the brain in a different way.

1. If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to embrace my reality. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we’re visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I’ll be much happier for it.
2. If I get dementia, I don’t want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like an adult.
3. If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I’ve always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.
4. If I get dementia, ask me to tell you a story from my past.
5. If I get dementia, and I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.
6. If I get dementia, treat me the way that you would want to be treated.
7. If I get dementia, make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don’t eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.
8. If I get dementia, don’t talk about me as if I’m not in the room.
9. If I get dementia, don’t feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It’s not your fault, and you’ve done your best. Find someone who can help you or choose a great new place for me to live.
10. If I get dementia, and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me when you can.
11. If I get dementia, don’t act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath.
12. If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favorite music playing within earshot.
13. If I get dementia, and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original places.
14. If I get dementia, don’t exclude me from parties and family gatherings.
15. If I get dementia, know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.
16. If I get dementia, remember that I am still the person you know and love.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

## DISCIPLESHIP– DR. WOODS LISENBY



Our year is off to a great start, and we have much to celebrate at Dauphin Way UMC. Our Youth and Children's Ministries had successful Winter Retreats. Our worship services are in full swing, increasing in attendance and volunteer participation. We have multiple new Groups and Classes underway. And all of our administrative committees are deep into their work, helping execute the vision of our church. This is the exciting time of the year. We are no longer beginning, not preparing for a break, and not winding down. This is the season where our staff and ministry teams put their noses to the grindstone and work as hard as we can to help “make disciples that make a difference.”

I want to celebrate everyone who helped put together and thank everyone who attended our “Raising Young Disciples Event.” At the end of January, we hosted a dinner for parents of children in our Youth and Children's Ministries. During the gathering, Pastor Michael offered an opportunity to reflect on what it looks like to

raise children in today's society. We used live polls to help us solicit feedback and opinions from parents and we were able to recognize that many of us have the same joys and concerns when it comes to parenting.

This event was also a chance for us to encourage parents to be more involved in the faith development of our children. Pastor Michael stated that, by far, the number one influence on a child's spiritual growth is the impact of their parents/guardians. As such, we want to be a church that offers parents a chance to deepen their faith so that they can, in turn, pour into their children. We expect every parent of a child who participates in ministry at Dauphin Way will join a regularly meeting Group or Class and serve in the church. These are the standards we try to encourage our children to reach, and we believe in setting the example for them to follow.

This dinner also provided us with a chance to tell our parents about how they can participate in serving at Dauphin Way, such as; youth and children's programming leaders, serving dinners, going on trips, confirmation mentors, and many more ways. I am grateful for the parents that responded to that call and signed up to help in the Children's Ministry. And, I look forward to the day when 100% of parents whose children participate in ministry at Dauphin Way will be involved with discipleship and service.

Finally, as I look across our church, I am grateful for all of our ministry areas, and I hope we will soon fill all of our opportunities to serve. As we acclimate to life coming out of the pandemic, we are assessing the things that need to continue and the things we can retire. One example of a service opportunity we know needs to remain is our Usher Ministry. However, we are struggling to fill the need with available volunteers. Our Director of Serving Ministries, Karren Smith, spends time recruiting Ushers and Greeters for our 8:20 and 10:30 Traditional Worship Services each week. Karren does an excellent job empowering the Ushers in our Contemporary Service, equipping the leaders of our outward-facing ministries, and facilitating our new member assimilation processes - she doesn't lack for jobs to do. However, lately, she has had to spend a significant amount of time recruiting Ushers for our Traditional Worship services. I know this is a church devoted to service, both to God and one another. If you are looking for a way to serve and are unsure where to start, I encourage you to reach out to Karren and consider being an Usher. This is a great way to help welcome others into the worship and Christian community.

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

Each SPRC member present reported on their staff members and all reports were positive. In an effort to better support Dauphin Way staff, a subcommittee was created to organize either a staff Christmas party or another staff appreciation event. Lisa Howard, Carrie Barton, and Lynn Byrd will lead this effort.

Christine Ford, SPRC Chair

## TRUSTEES

Dauphin Way had a good January despite finishing the month with a deficit. The deficit was due to large insurance and audit bills. Because gift giving was so good for the month, we were able to make a transfer of \$5,000 to the capital maintenance budget.

Due to shipping delays and scheduling, the Chapel likely will not be open for use until late spring. We are working with all parties involved to get the mold remediation resolved as quickly as possible.

We are still working with L'Arche and their board to get an offer on 28 Lee Street. We anticipate an official offer soon, as their application to purchase the property has been approved by the State and unanimously recommended by the special committee L'Arche put together to approve its purchase.

Amelia Driscoll

## FINANCE

The Finance Committee is gratified by the commitment of 218 pledging households who have committed to give \$1,463,483 to Dauphin Way UMC this year. We show a net loss for the month, but that is typical in January, when some big yearly expenses come due. The good news is that giving in the month of January exceeded any January in at least the last 10 years. Our accounting firm has submitted final audits for 2018 and 2019, which we approved last month; and the Finance Committee approved the recently submitted audit for 2020. These audits affirm that our finances are in good order, and that we provided all necessary documentation for the audit process. The firm has begun work on the 2021 audit, which we hope will be completed soon. We also approved several fund raising plans presented by Brittany Dang for the proposed summer mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Betty Stone, Finance Chair

**001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church**

**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2021**

**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 1 - January 8.33%**

**2022 Receipts & Disbursements**

ACCT #		2022 Budget	Actual for Period	2022 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	<b>Receipts</b>					
1131	Current Pledges	1,461,083.00	105,691.95	105,691.95	7.23%	88,359.99
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	29,221.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,431,862.00	105,691.95	105,691.95	7.38%	88,359.99
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	8,276.75	8,276.75	0.00%	760.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	79,835.00	24,840.96	24,840.96	31.12%	20,790.62
1135	Loose Plate	16,876.00	1,224.00	1,224.00	7.25%	275.00
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	591,768.00	37,218.25	37,218.25	6.29%	30,047.83
1140	Interest Income	500.00	2.05	2.05	0.41%	31.74
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	17,492.00	1,457.70	1,457.70	8.33%	4,119.06
1148	CDC Fee Income	53,760.00	4,480.00	4,480.00	8.33%	3,980.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,198,093.00</b>	<b>183,191.66</b>	<b>183,191.66</b>	<b>8.33%</b>	<b>148,364.24</b>
	<b>Disbursements</b>					
4413	Total Pastoral	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	516.00
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	520.45	520.45	7.81%	333.85
5011	Total Children's Ministry	25,000.00	2,837.79	2,837.79	11.35%	2,065.96
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,704.00	7,417.45	7,417.45	39.66%	2,531.40
5211	Total Adult Ministry	10,787.00	-4,467.36	-4,467.36	-41.41%	2,033.07
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
5710	Total Connectional	24,316.00	2,026.38	2,026.38	8.33%	2,079.13
5739	Conference Apportionments	138,360.00	11,529.89	11,529.89	8.33%	11,335.25
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	-11.00	-11.00	-0.32%	0.00
6001	Community Care	22,675.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	219.50
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	2,890.22	2,890.22	6.57%	3,194.01
6610	Total Office	95,600.00	6,102.77	6,102.77	6.38%	4,085.30
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	561,690.00	70,272.26	70,272.26	12.51%	61,073.29
6800	Total Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
6804	Total Operation Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
6810	Total Operation Expenses	22,886.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	55.71%	0.00
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	1,621.10	1,621.10	6.97%	844.83
	Total Personnel	1,193,241.00	85,175.74	85,175.74	7.14%	86,979.08
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,198,093.00</b>	<b>198,665.69</b>	<b>198,665.69</b>	<b>9.04%</b>	<b>177,290.67</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>(15,474.03)</u></b>	<b><u>(15,474.03)</u></b>		<b><u>(28,926.43)</u></b>
<b>Checking Accounts &amp; Receivable Balances as of December 31, 2021</b>						
	Operating Checking	\$143,515.26				
	Payroll Checking	524.04				
	Online Checking	253.95				
	Operating Money Market	114,767.13				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	345,156.61				
	Accounts Receivable - CDC	0.00				



# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of* **Rev. Dr. Stephen Dill:**

Billie & Russell Goodloe	Phyllis & John Mostellar
Elizabeth & Lewis Redditt	Lewis & Karen Beville
Paul C. Erwin & Renee' J. Hyatt	Shannon & Tony Wallace
Abe & Carolyn Phillips	Marilyn & Charles Chambliss
Paul & Elaine Klotz	Haiig Topjian
Reneau & Win Hallett	Linde & David Pfalum
Charles & Valda Ratcliffe	Eddie & Ellen Brister
Martha & Rob Cook	Roy Herron
Jim & Joyce Sockwell	Dr. & Mrs. Richard M. Cross
Jan Endfinger	Sybil Merig
Ruth B. Fitzgerald	Percy & Marilyn Roberts
Karen Green	Don Foose
Sharon & Tim Kaufman	Gerald & Malia Shelton
Barbara & Henry Brewster Fund	Jackie Wear
Men's Prayer Group	Dr. & Mrs. Steven Harr
Betty & Ken Odom	Jacqueline Williams
The Brevards	Teddy Willard
Sally & Phil Partridge	Bonnie Jean & Val Early
Marguerite Barber-Owens	

### *In Memory of* **Quincy Thurmond Curtis:**

Mexia Baptist Church	Virginia Willard
Betty Jean Megginson	Sam & Helen Inge
The Pickles & Peggy Griffin	Whiting Family
Jamie & Marion Quina	Janice Logan & Family
Melita C. Harrell	Steve & Beth Savarese
Sharron Deuel	Percy & Marilyn Roberts
AL Football Coaches Assn.	Luella S. Hunt
Joy B. Chandler	Marion E. Chandler, III

*In Memory of* **Lawrence & Anne Cottle:**  
Rev. Sara D. Phillips

*In Memory of* **C. J. Angelette Sr.:**  
Mrs. Samuel Russ  
Lisa & Tom Clement

*In Memory of* **Lewis Ratcliffe:**  
Myra Martin

*In Memory of* **Linda Ammons:**  
Karen Green

*In Memory of* **Joel G. McDavid:**  
Martha & Rob Cook  
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill P. Thomas

*In Memory of* **Donald & Elizabeth West:**  
Myra Martin

## HONORARY GIFTS

*In Honor of* **Rev. Kathy Jorgensen:**  
Jan Endfinger  
Myra Martin  
Elizabeth & Lewis Redditt

*In Honor of* **Ruth Reeves Dill:**  
Bonnie Jean & Val Early

*In Honor of* **Suzanne Cottle Damrich:**  
Rev. Sara D. Phillips

## DEATHS

We extend our love and sympathy to the Burroughs family upon the death of, Gene Burroughs, on January 6, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to Brooks Lyons and family upon the death of his mother, Susan Lyons, on January 27, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to C.J. Angelette and family upon the death of his father, Clarence Angelette, Sr., on January 31, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to Wilson and Walter Brand and their families upon the death of their great-grandmother, Frances Garvin, on February 5, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to Leannah Holland and family upon the death of her husband, Lyman Holland, on February 15, 2022.

## BIRTHS

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of James Samuel Drummond III, son of Todd and Avril Drummond, on January 12, 2022.

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Warren Delano Crane, grandson of Laurie and Randy Crane, on February 3, 2022.

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Lila Emerson Stahl, daughter of Curry and Will Price Stahl, on February 8, 2022.

# Happy Mardi Gras!

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