

# Christ is Risen!



## EASTER @ DAUPHIN WAY

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# REV. MICHAEL PRECHT

*Senior Pastor*



In theory, the season of Lent should be a lonely season, devoted as it is to self-denial, repentance, and reflection. In practice, however, I have often found that Lent invites us to share such a wide expanse of common ground - which is, at other times, all too uncommon an experience. At Dauphin Way this month, that common ground has begun in discovering — to use the words of an old gospel hymn — that “the ground is level at the foot of the cross.” I hope I am not defeating the purpose of Lent as I have very much *enjoyed* sharing our common experience across the sermons, daily devotions, and weekly classes of our Lenten emphasis on all the ways that Christ has saved us through the cross. I am excited to discover how generously Dauphin Way will provide for the common good on Palm Sunday as we conclude our Lenten offering on behalf of RIP Medical Debt. And, of course, I shared the same thrill in my soul as everyone who shared in the common worship of our Dill Lecture Sunday.

And, I am proud of the work Dauphin Way is doing to build common ground beyond our own community. This month, we finalized plans for the Dauphin Way Scholarship Trust to sponsor our first-ever seminarians’ dinner at the annual gathering of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. In Dauphin Way’s work with the future pastors of our region, we have found that their greatest need is for greater connection with one another. When the churches of Alabama-West Florida send candidates to seminary, those candidates find themselves forming close bonds with their classmates and surrounding churches, even as they find themselves removed from home and from their future colleagues. On June 13, Dauphin Way’s Scholarship Trust will gather all these students in Montgomery for an evening of fellowship and connection, so that we can help them discover the common ground that will nourish a lifetime of ministry. In related news, I am excited to announce that, thanks to the Dauphin Way Scholarship Trust, we will be welcoming our third-ever Field Education Intern (and our first in several years). Ms. Beth Johnson —who worked at Dauphin Way as Kat’s assistant in 2021 — will complete her first year of seminary at Duke Divinity School this May, and then she is coming home to Mobile to spend the summer with us!

Of course, we at Dauphin Way have a great deal to look forward to much sooner than May, and even closer to home. Palm Sunday and Holy Week are just around the corner, and once Easter comes it will launch us into a season of celebrating the common joy to be found wherever God’s people share a common meal. Throughout Easter, we will study the church of Corinth, learning from the challenges and triumphs that Paul addressed when he heard about their table fellowship. We will also be asking everyone in the congregation to share their thoughts through a church-wide survey so that our Church Council can benefit from the common wisdom of the body of Christ as we begin planning and dreaming for the future of our shared mission. I expect that we will find even more in common in resurrection than we have in the Cross, and all because of the hope we share. Or as Paul put it to the Ephesians:

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”*

I’ll close with a special word of gratitude to Tom Clement and Richard Byrd, who have done uncommonly deep work in re-constituting our ushering teams for our Sanctuary service. They have made phone calls, made and re-made schedules, and truly led the way in reviving Dauphin Way’s culture of grassroots hospitality. I am, as ever, grateful to our Dill Lecture Committee, and to its chair, Allen Oaks - as well as all the volunteers who united in common purpose to make this year’s lecture such a triumph. There is something uncommonly wonderful about discovering the common good that God has waiting for us.

# 2022

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



At Dauphin Way United Methodist Church

April 10, 2022 – April 17, 2022

Palm Sunday: Worship Services + Easter on the Lawn @4pm

Monday-Friday: Holy Week Breakfasts @7am | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service @6pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service @6pm | Moore Hall

Easter Services @8:20 and 10:30 Sanctuary | @10:30 Moore Hall

# APRIL 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
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	Men’s Small Group	SB 101
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
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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Zoom
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
11:30 AM	Lenten Study (through April 14)	Dill Parlor

## FRIDAY

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

# APRIL AT A GLANCE

Friday, April 1 – Saturday, April 2

5:30 PM Third Grade Lock-In Moore Hall, McGowin Hall

Wednesday, April 6

12:00 PM Tool Time Bishops Meeting Room  
12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Meeting McDavid Library/Zoom

Thursday, April 7

12:00 PM Chapel & Sanctuary Worship Committee McDavid Library  
6:00 PM Guided by Grace Family Life Room, Dill Parlor

Friday, April 8

6:30 PM Middle School Nerf Night Moore Hall, McGowin Hall, Refuge

Sunday, April 10

4:00 PM Easter on the Lawn Pumpkin Patch

Monday, April 11

7:00 AM Holy Week Meditation & Breakfast Sanctuary & McGowin Hall  
7:00 PM Good Friday Band Practice Moore Hall

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 AM Holy Week Meditation & Breakfast Sanctuary & McGowin Hall  
12:00 PM Board of 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, April 13

7:00 AM Holy Week Meditation & Breakfast Sanctuary & McGowin Hall  
12:00 PM Hope Off Site  
5:30 PM SPRC Meeting McDavid Library/Zoom

Thursday, April 14

7:00 AM Holy Week Meditation & Breakfast Sanctuary & McGowin Hall  
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

7:00 AM Holy Week Meditation & Breakfast Sanctuary & McGowin Hall  
6:00 PM Good Friday Service Moore Hall

Monday, April 18

7:00 AM CDC Open/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 19

4:00 PM Finance Committee McDavid Library/Zoom

Wednesday, April 20

12:00 PM Mission Committee McDavid Library

Saturday, April 23

11:00 AM Dr. Stephen Dill Memorial Service Sanctuary

Sunday, April 24

4:30 PM Missions Sunday McGowin Hall, Parking Lots

Monday, April 25

5:00 AM Church Council McDavid Library  
5:45 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting Moore Hall

Tuesday, April 26

5:00 PM Youth Parent Council McDavid Library

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 PM SALT Dang Home

Saturday, April 29

5:00 PM Parent's Night Out McGowin Hall & Moore Hall

Saturday, April 30

9:00 AM High School Kayak Event Off Site

# PROGRAM REPORTS

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY– KAT BRAND



We are in the midst of journeying through Lent. We are learning about the meaning and history of Lent as well as what it means for us today. We began talking out Jesus' 40 days in the desert, fasting, and temptation. Last week we worked on a big Palm painting art project as we explored Palm Sunday and Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. It has been amazing to journey to the cross with Jesus. We talk a lot about what it means to follow Jesus. From a jubilant welcome one day to betrayal, sacrifice, torture, death, and resurrection. The story of the Passion of Jesus takes us from extreme highs to extreme lows and back again. The children have been excited and engaged and filled with questions. Why do they call it Fat Tuesday? Why do they call it Good Friday? It wasn't good! Why did this have to happen? Why did they let it happen? Stories we think we have heard a thousand times are new. The power of the Holy Spirit brings us fresh eyes, ears, and perspective. I love to hear and see the story through the eyes of children. This week we are learning about

the Last Supper. We will take a look at Da Vinci's famous painting, learn about who the disciples were, enjoy a "Last Supper" meal experience together, and try and see where we fit into the story. Who do you most relate to? If you were there, what would you have done? Would it have been hard to go against the crowds? Can you see why Peter denied Jesus, not once but 3 times? Would you have been able to stay awake and pray with Jesus all night in the garden? I love this season and that we get to journey and discover more of Jesus' story every week.

Looking forward, I am so excited about Easter on the Lawn! We were not able to host Easter on the Lawn last year. I am looking forward to partnering with the Youth Ministry to offer food, entertainment, games, and fellowship. This event is fun for our church family as well as our community. We hope that you will join us in Sunday April 10 from 4:00-6:00 in the Pumpkin Patch!

My heartfelt gratitude this month goes to all of the parents and staff (Mr. Trey!) who have covered Children's Ministry in support and countless hours of volunteering. We would not be able to offer programming of any kind without the support and presence of parents and committed volunteers. I am sincerely grateful for the love and support of our amazing volunteers!

Kat Brand, Director of Children's Ministries



## YOUTH MINISTRY– BRITTANY DANG



The season of Lent is here. At SNL, we have been in a Lenten series that goes through key events of Holy Week. This past Sunday evening, three of our middle schoolers in youth band led us in song and prayer to kick off worship in the Refuge. Our monthly mixers this past month were a middle school game night and a high school movie night. Eighteen middle schoolers arrived in Moore Hall Friday night to play underground church. Underground church is a beloved game of our youth group, so it was neat to play and introduce to some of our younger students and friends. On Saturday, our high schoolers met in the Refuge at the church for a movie night. Our interns, Chris Nodine and Laura Maguire, with the help of Andrew Peeler took the time to grill out, pop popcorn, and feed our crew of over fifteen high schoolers. Everyone enjoyed hanging out, watching the movie Walle, and playing games after the movie was over. Our interns have been particularly focused this past month on cultivating community within our growing group of students by attending ball games and coordinating casual group meet ups to share a

meal. It has been a blessing to witness a handful of friends of our students become actively connected in our youth group by signing up for our upcoming summer trips, making it to weekly devotions at Carpe Diem, and attending SNL. With less than a month left to register for the Orlando Retreat and Puerto Rico Mission Trip (deadline is April 11th), I pray the Lord stirs a desire in the hearts of our students and their friends to take a next step in their faith journey by attending one of these faith-forming experiences.

One experience I am particularly looking forward to next month on April 3rd is a prayer journey of the stations of the cross. This worship experience will wrap up our Lenten series at SNL. Our discipleship focus in the student ministry through the next three months is on prayer, so the timing of this prayer journey on our calendar is fitting. A couple of other events I am excited about in April are two of our Puerto Rico Mission Trip fundraisers. We moved Parents Night Out to Friday, April 29th, to give volunteers and families with little ones an extra month to put this event on their calendars. Children from birth to 5th grade are invited to the church from 5:00pm-8:00pm, where our team of volunteers will be hanging out with them and providing dinner, games, crafts, and a movie. Our upcoming fundraiser is a food booth we will have at Easter on the Lawn on Sunday afternoon, April 10th, in the Pumpkin Patch. The month of May will be our final big push with a spaghetti luncheon fundraiser on May 22nd. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or volunteering for any of these upcoming fundraisers, please reach out.

The student ministry would not be healthy without our great small group leaders who take the time to invest in our students. About a year ago, I asked Gene Warren to join the Orlando Retreat as a small group leader. Here we are a year later, and Gene is one of our most beloved leaders. Both our middle schoolers and high schoolers alike love Gene's easy going personality and authentic character. Gene is real and approachable, and that is what I believe our students appreciate the most. Throughout the past year, it has been incredible to witness Gene grow more confident in his natural gift of working with students. Gene is one of those unique people, who is gifted in a multitude of areas. I am grateful he took a leap of faith by saying yes to that Orlando Retreat, because he is now a treasure to this ministry. Thank you, Gene, for all the ways you help make disciples who make a difference!

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY– TREY WEST



We've descended the mountain top of Transfiguration Sunday, remembered the fleeting nature of our lives on Ash Wednesday, and find ourselves following Christ on the Lenten path that we know leads to unfortunate death and eternal resurrection. It is a season of such beautiful music that it can be very difficult to make final decisions for our worship services. For our Lenten sermon series, "The Power of the Cross," our music has consistently pointed us to the sacrificial nature of the cross and the great power of Christ's sacrifice. If you missed a Sunday, I hope you'll take some time to go back and listen to Dan Forrest's "And Can It Be", Dan Wells' "It Is Not Death to Die", or Craig Courtney's "Thy Will Be Done" as I know they will be a blessing to you on your spiritual journey.

We still have a couple more weeks until we reach the end of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday which will feature the return of the children of our church processing and waving palms in both 10:30am services and the Children's Choir and Chancel Choir singing Stan Pethel's "Lift Your Voices, Wave the Palms" in the Sanctuary service. Palm Sunday will be a time to raise our celebratory "Hosannas" while also preparing our minds for the somber nature that the week before us holds. Maundy Thursday will be an introspective evening featuring musical selections from the 1893 version of Faure's *Requiem*. The service, which will be at 6pm in the Sanctuary, will focus us on Christ taking time to serve his disciples despite the knowledge of his impending death, and will mentally and spiritually prepare us for the Good Friday Tenebrae service in Moore Hall the next evening at 6pm. Both of these services will be a wonderful complement to our morning Holy Week Meditations. Each morning of Holy Week, we will gather at 7am 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.

Reflecting on the darkness of the season in our Lenten and Holy Week services, and experiencing the music within, is made all the more special knowing that Easter is, and always will, come. Easter Sunday is April 17 this year, and Dauphin Way will offer three morning services; two with our Chancel Choir and orchestra in the Sanctuary at 8:20am and 10:30am, and one in Moore Hall with our Worship Team at 10:30am. No matter which service you choose to attend, I know your soul will be filled as together we offer joyful "Alleluias" to our risen Savior.

Trey West, Director of Music and Worship



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP & MISSIONS – WILSON NEWELL



There has been a tangible sense of momentum and togetherness at Dauphin Way through the month of March as we journey through Lent and remember the last days of Jesus' life. We've read devotionals, fasted, and prayed for one another, going about our daily lives and feeling the weight of the world's brokenness wherever we are. It is certainly a heavy time. But then there's Sunday. I love Sundays in Lent because they feel like a mini-Easter, a day that breaks through the darkness of Lent and calls us to rest and rejoice in the saving grace of Jesus Christ with our Dauphin Way family. We have been talking and singing about "The Power of the Cross" in this series, and it's been so good. The material isn't just for Sunday morning, though. Kids, youth, and adult small groups have all been dwelling on this topic this month, and it's great to have people plugging into the life of our church in deeper ways.

The story only gets better in April. We kick off Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 10, which is one of the high points of the year in worship at Dauphin Way as we witness the parade of palms and smiling children. Monday through Friday, we get to experience the Holy Week Breakfasts in the Sanctuary and McGowin Hall, along with great worship, speakers, and food! Then our beautiful Maundy Thursday service will be in the Sanctuary at 6pm, in which we remember Jesus' call to love one another. We will remember the death of Jesus in the somber Good Friday Tenebrae Service, which will be in Moore Hall at 6pm. Those two services are distinct from one another and powerfully tell different parts of the same story. I hope everyone can come to both. "But Sunday's comin'!" Easter at Dauphin Way will be an amazing day as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are going to do it BIG. There will be Easter lilies all around, a big flower cross outside of McGowin Hall for people to bring and place flowers into, and we will have a choir- yes, a CHOIR- in Contemporary Service to accompany the worship band. I cannot wait!

Every successful team has people who don't mind doing the behind-the-scenes "dirty work" that enables everybody else do their jobs. One of those people for us is Gene Warren. Gene is an IT guru and devotes time, energy, and expertise to making sure that our church can do what we need to online and over network. He is also a great sound engineer and runs the livestream like an expert. Another thing that's cool about Gene is that he has trained his son Faulkner, daughter Sarah Frances, and another youth how to work the cameras and media...just in the last couple months! Gene is always happy to teach, help, or offer his unbiased opinion any time, and I am so grateful for that! Thanks, Gene!

Our Missions Committee has also been busy. Missions Sunday will be April 24, and we'll be celebrating several different ways that Dauphin Way has been serving and offer a call for people to get involved with service both locally and abroad. That same afternoon, we will come back to the church campus and serve together in different ways around our church property, including packing flood buckets, making care bags for the homeless, and working the Community Garden. On Saturday, May 21, we will host an UMCOR Emergency Response Team training for disaster relief so that the people of Dauphin Way can go and serve those in dire need following a major storm. We will also send a group to Jamaica in the fall to visit Ebenezer Basic School, which Dauphin Way helped build in 1985 and has been supporting ever since. It is great to be a part of a church who loves to serve The Lord!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship & Mission Coordinator

## SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRIES— KAREN SMITH



March has been a wonderful month of seeing larger attendance and lots of new visitors! I love the feeling on Sunday mornings when I see faces that have become familiar friends and when I see faces searching for their new church home.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to help welcome over 50 women to the Women's Night of Worship. Dauphin Way member Vanessa Reyner and our talented Brittany Dang led this wonderful night. Dauphin Way members volunteered their time and talent to serve the ladies who attended that night. While many of our members attended, many in attendance were not members of Dauphin Way...what a wonderful way to reach others in the community!

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our quarterly Blood Drive. Lee Hoagland has such a heart for this ministry and does an amazing job spreading the word about the importance of blood donation. We had 16 donors who were able to give on Sunday. I hope each of you reading this will commit to donating at our next drive on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Blood donation is such a profoundly important (not to mention easy) way to literally save lives!

I mentioned in my last report that we have a few Meals on Wheels recipients who needed physical assistance at their homes. The Boy Scouts were able to help with a few needs and our Missions Team is working to address a larger construction need that came to our attention. I am so thankful for our Meals on Wheels drivers who pay attention when they make deliveries. This ministry does more than just provide food...they care for the physical and emotional well-being of the recipients.

As I write this report, we look forward to hosting our first New Member Dinner on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are also working to move our partnership with Leinkauf Elementary toward allowing tutors from Dauphin Way. We know there are multiple needs at the school, and we are certain Dauphin Way will rise to the occasion.

Thanks go out to every Meals on Wheels driver who sees a need and passes it along. Thank you to Lee Hoagland, Missy Foose, and Cindy Peeler for helping at Leinkauf; to Kevin West and Phillip Abernethy, thanks for mobilizing the Scouts; and thanks to those Scouts who helped. Each person mentioned in this report makes a difference in our world...I am honored to serve alongside you here at Dauphin Way UMC.

Karen Smith, Director of Servant Ministries

# SPIRITUAL DIRECTION—REV. KATHY JORGENSEN



One of the great blessings for me these past several weeks has been leading a Lenten small group, *The Cross*, written by our senior Pastor Michael Precht. The study includes each Sunday's sermon, the daily Lenten Devotions and the small group class time. There are twelve of us in the group and we celebrate being able to get back together in fellowship and study as we learn more fully what Jesus did for us on the cross. One of things we as a group have agreed to do during Lent is do the spiritual practice of "Daily Examen". We invite all of Dauphin Way to practice Daily Examen during the rest of Lent as a way of deepening your love for God. The Daily Examen is an example of spiritual exercises. The Examen is...A technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our lives.

## Daily Examen

### 1. *Ask God for light.*

I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.

### 2. *Give thanks.*

The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.

### 3. *Review the day.*

I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.

### 4. *Face your shortcomings.*

I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.

### 5. *Look toward the day to come.*

I ask how can I receive and participate in God's grace as a cooperative partner with God for his glory and the good of my neighbor in the day to come?

Our Prayer Shawl ministry, under the direction of Shelby Wright and Cleta Kaye Hanebuth, reached out to support one of our members and a prayer shawl knitter, Alilee Pillman, after her house fire Mardi Gras weekend. The group brought her clothes and supplies and raised funds to cover her immediate needs. They also presented her with a prayer shawl filled with prayers for her for the days ahead. If you would like to join this prayer shawl group come and crochet or knit with them each Wednesday 10 a.m. –noon in the Family Life room. If you do not know how to knit...they will gladly teach you.

Our younger widows' group, Guided by Grace, had a wonderful young police woman share with our ladies ways to be safe in their homes and community. Lynn Stewart coordinates this helpful support group. She also prepares a delicious meal for the ladies as they enjoy a time of fellowship over their supper before our program. If you know of a widow who you think can be helped by this group, please contact Lynn at 251- 401-8993.

Lent is truly a time to look not only inward but also to open oneself more to God and our neighbor...with that in mind may we join our world in prayer for our neighbors in Ukraine:

## A Prayer for Ukraine, from the Methodist Church, London, England

Holy and Gracious God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia, for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

## DISCIPLESHIP—DR. WOODS LISENBY



The sun is setting later, the Azaleas are blooming, and Dixie Bar is about to be covered up in Bull Reds -- all signs point to springtime in Mobile! One of the advantages of living in the south is that we enjoy the warm weather sooner than the rest of the country. One of the disadvantages is that we get it in greater strength. However, before our air temperatures become oppressive, we have a few-week window where there is little better than enjoying an afternoon outdoors in south Alabama. I am looking forward to doing just that on April 10th with my church family. Kat Brand, our director of Children's Ministry, has been hard at work planning our annual "Easter on the Lawn," where we will get to spend time in fellowship on, what we can all hope, will be a beautiful Mobile spring day. We invite you to join us for fun, games, and food on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

Just as we have much to look forward to, we also have a great deal to look back and celebrate. Over the past month, the Trustees approved the sale of 28 and 30 Lee St., the Finance Committee began an audit of our internal controls, and the SPRC continued its excellent work of supporting our hardworking staff. Our Lenten devotionals are in full swing, classes are pondering the content of the weekly sermons, and each Sunday, we discover a new lens through which we can view the Cross of Jesus Christ. It is an exciting season in the life of our church and one in which we continue to thank God for our blessings!

As we continue this journey to the cross, we do so with great anticipation. Not only for the eternal life that awaits when Christ comes again in final glory. But also in the here and now of this particular season of Lent. These next few weeks force us to acknowledge the darkness in the world. To feel, as the Israelites did, a hopeful desire for a world set right. And to encounter the weight of Holy Week -- the somber Maundy Thursday, the tragic Good Friday. I find that most years, we rush through these experiences on our mad dash towards Easter. We skirt passed the difficulty and the heaviness so that we can sooner live in the joyful reality of the resurrection. However, we do so to our detriment. The weights of life are heavy. Sin and darkness continue to infect the world. Refusing to acknowledge evil only increases its power. The cross of Jesus Christ was an evil event that God turned into the holiest offering in human history. We cannot fully appreciate the redemption of the cross without recognizing the weight that it lifts. So, I hope you will be with us for all of our Holy Week offerings as we experience the Passion of Christ in its entirety.

Grace and Peace,  
Woods



## 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 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

Rana Lyon, our social media expert, has accepted another job. Her last day was Monday, March 21. Until we find someone to replace her, an outside contractor will be handling that communication. Debbie Torbert and Jan Bailey will handle Rana's other responsibilities in the short term.

Brittney Dang attended this month's SPRC meeting to request a raise in her salary. She was granted a raise. Because the SPRC budget had enough to cover the increase in her salary for 2022, the finance committee did not need to be consulted.

Christine Ford, SPRC Chair

### TRUSTEES

Dauphin Way ended February with a net deficit and a year-to-date deficit. Mardi Gras affected gift-giving in February, but things are looking better for March. This is typical for the church – DWUMC usually gets out of its start-of-year deficit in March or April.

Receipts are up this year compared to normal, but so are expenses, due in large part to an insurance bill that had to be paid in January.

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 have accepted L'Arche Mobile's offer to purchase 28 & 30 Lee Street for \$225,000. We believe the price to be reasonable in terms of market value. We are getting \$25,000 more than the property's \$200,000 market value plus the church will continue to be permitted to use the maintenance building on the property. Selling the property to L'Arche is also an extension of the church's ministry. The only contingency is a good inspection, which L'Arche is getting the fire department to handle.

Amelia Driscoll, Trustees Secretary

Justin Merrick, Trustees Chair

### FINANCE

•Receipts for the month of February remained about 2% below budget, but we hope giving will increase in March. We remain grateful for our loyal givers.

•Most donors who prefer to give online have made the necessary conversion to our Shelby system from the older Vanco system; however, some members have not yet made the change. Written instructions have been e-mailed to assist them.

•A subcommittee has been formed to make some minor tweaks to our internal control procedures.

Betty Stone, Finance Chair

**001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church**

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

**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 2 - February 16.67%**

**2022 Receipts & Disbursements**

ACCT #		2022 Budget	Actual for Period	2022 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	<b>Receipts</b>					
1131	Current Pledges	1,463,483.00	92,820.35	198,512.30	13.56%	199,113.99
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	29,269.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,434,214.00	92,820.35	198,512.30	13.84%	199,113.99
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	665.00	8,941.75	0.00%	2,285.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	79,835.00	0.00	24,840.96	31.12%	20,790.62
1135	Loose Plate	16,876.00	776.00	2,000.00	11.85%	662.50
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	589,416.00	34,923.19	72,141.44	12.24%	69,297.69
1140	Interest Income	500.00	4.36	6.41	1.28%	76.77
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	2,915.40	16.67%	4,119.06
1148	CDC Fee Income	53,760.00	4,480.00	8,960.00	16.67%	0.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,198,093.00</b>	<b>135,126.60</b>	<b>318,318.26</b>	<b>14.48%</b>	<b>296,345.63</b>
	<b>Disbursements</b>					
4413	Total Pastoral	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	516.00
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	364.51	884.96	13.28%	644.16
5011	Total Children's Ministry	25,000.00	3,004.50	5,842.29	23.37%	3,933.28
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,704.00	2,910.58	10,328.03	55.22%	4,528.80
5211	Total Adult Ministry	10,787.00	408.76	-4,058.60	-37.62%	2,035.19
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
5710	Total Connectional	24,316.00	2,026.42	4,052.80	16.67%	4,158.30
5739	Conference Apportionments	138,360.00	11,530.01	23,059.90	16.67%	22,670.50
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	151.20	140.20	4.12%	103.17
6001	Community Care	22,675.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	446.92
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	1,713.97	4,604.19	10.46%	6,296.37
6610	Total Office	95,600.00	6,089.21	12,191.98	12.75%	9,517.37
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	561,690.00	38,478.50	108,750.76	19.36%	95,329.99
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%	-8,875.00
6810	Total Operation Expenses	22,886.00	0.00	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	1,600.60	3,221.70	13.85%	2,537.26
	Total Personnel	1,193,241.00	86,888.79	172,064.53	14.42%	180,260.00
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,198,093.00</b>	<b>155,167.05</b>	<b>353,832.74</b>	<b>16.10%</b>	<b>324,102.31</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>(20,040.45)</u></b>	<b><u>(35,514.48)</u></b>		<b><u>(27,756.68)</u></b>
<b>Checking Accounts &amp; Receivable Balances as of February 28, 2022</b>						
	Operating Checking	\$123,659.80				
	Payroll Checking	524.04				
	Online Checking	253.95				
	Operating Money Market	114,771.49				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	345,105.36				
	Accounts Receivable - CDC	0.00				



# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

## BIRTHS

We rejoice to celebrate the birth of McCrary Margaret Dawson, daughter of Fay and Earle Dawson IV, on March 18, 2022.

## BAPTISMS

Thaddeus James Sbravati and Ruth Ann Sbravati were baptized on March 5, 2022. The children's parents are Mallory and Nathanael Sbravati.

## NEW MEMBERS

Cindy and Phil Brooks were welcomed as new members on March 20, 2022.

## DEATHS

We extend our love and sympathy to Mary Claire & Maggie Majure upon the death of their mother and grandmother, Margie Smith, on February 24, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to Leigh Ann Berte and family upon the death of her father, Kenneth Peters, on February 26, 2022

We extend our love and sympathy to Susan Holmes and family upon the death of David Holmes on March 6, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to John Hensley and family upon the death of his father, Jay Hensley, on March 10, 2022.

We extend our love and sympathy to Becca West and family upon the death of her grandfather, Don Wilson, on March 20, 2022.

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of* Dr. Steve Dill

Pat & Max Turner - Dill Lecture  
Larkin & Kim Daniels - Dill Lecture  
David & Cindy Peeler - Foundation  
Kevin & Carol Morgan - Dill Lecture  
Dr. & Mrs. William E. Barrick - Dill Lecture  
Cliff Wyatt, Jr. - Dill Lecture  
Irvin & Leslie Rentz  
Carlos F. Parkman - Dill Lecture  
Mary & Maxey Roberts  
Myra Martin - Dill Lecture  
Richard & Lynn Byr  
J. Randall Crane - MOW  
Alma Galloway

### *In Memory of* Susan Lyons

Liz & Sid Brevard  
Jennifer & Sidney Brevard

### *In Memory of* Kenneth Peters

John & Betty Stone

### *In Memory of* Jewel Adams-Heblon

Kimi & Allen Oaks  
Mrs. Samuel Russ  
David & Cindy Peeler - SSS  
Mary & Maxey Roberts  
Phyllis & John Mostellar  
Abe & Carolyn Philips - Music Ministry  
John & Betty Stone  
Ann S. Bedsole  
Dr.& Mrs. M. Richard Cross - MOW

### *In Memory of* Quincy Thurmond

#### Curtis

Scott & Linda Holmes - MOW  
Doug & Charlotte Johnson - MOW  
Alabama High School Athletic Assn  
Tucker & Dana Yance - MOW

### *In Memory of* C.J. Angelette, Sr.

Betty & John Stone

### *In Memory of* Cecil Wiggins

Dian & Gene Beitel - Mow

### *In Memory of* Lyman Holland, Jr

Betty & John Stone  
Vivian G. Johnston, III  
Carroll & LaRone Blow  
Kimi & Allen Oaks  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Porter Brock, Jr.  
The Camellia Club of Mobile, Inc.  
Mary B. Mostellar  
Leavell Investment Management, Inc.  
Shirley A. McKinney  
Marylee Sund  
Liz & Sid Brevard  
William & Janet Hayes  
Blacksher White-Spunner  
Wilkins Miller, LLC  
Irvin & Leslie Rentz  
Jamie & Greg Saad  
Hand Arendall Harrison Sale LLC  
Ann S. Bedsole

### *In Memory of* David Holmes

Mr.& Mrs. Marion E. Vajgrt – MOW

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