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LENT 2023 SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 22
12 and 6 PM in the Sanctuary

IN GOOD FAITH STUDY

Beginning Thursday, February 23
Thursdays at 11:30 AM in Dill Parlor,
Sundays at 5 PM in Room 210

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2

8:20 and 10:30 AM Services + Fish Fry
Fundraiser, Easter egg hunt, and more!

MORNING SERVICES + BREAKFAST

Every morning during Holy Week

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9

8:20 and 10:30 AM Services



FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

God still speaks.

We do lots of wonderful things in the church, but if we were only here because of what *we* do, we'd be in trouble. There are all kinds of places that anyone can go to sing and learn and serve, and even to make deep friendships. But there is more going on in a true

church, something beneath all the music and instruction and friendship. As Julia Kuhn Wallace puts it,

"The Christian community makes an audacious claim. The church asserts that it is possible to know the will of God... and unless the church can lay claim to the possibility of knowing the will of God, then it has nothing significant or relevant to say to believers and nonbelievers alike."

Many years ago in a confirmation class, I came across an image for how Methodists listen for the will of God. Imagine a wind chime, with three tubes that are all held together by the single, wooden disk from which they hang. The disk, the piece that holds everything together, is the Bible - the holy and revealed Scriptures that serve as "the primary source and criterion for Christian teaching." The three metal tubes are tradition, reason, and experience. Each of these falls apart when separated from scripture, but when brought together under scripture, they enable us to hear God speaking. Tradition is the reasoning of the past - it is the interpretations of the Bible that have been passed down to us by faithful Christians. Reason is the knowledge that we bring from outside the Bible that helps us understand what is *inside* the Bible. And experience is the inner witness, by which the Truth produces faith and assurance and the fruits of the Spirit in the lives of those who live by it. As I like to put it - you are not done interpreting scripture or discerning God's will until you have a witness that it is gospel: that is, good news.

And of course, a wind chime makes no noise at all unless the wind blows, and likewise, when the church seeks God's will, we are asking the Holy Spirit to move. And that is my prayer for *God Still Speaks*, our series of sermons and prayers that will carry us through the season of Lent, right up until Palm Sunday (April 2). For these five weeks, we will walk through our historic, biblical understanding of how God speaks through Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience - and we will also consider the unique role that the church plays in our discernment, so that each of us is not left to "do what was right in their own eyes."

I will also be teaching a five-week companion study: *In Good Faith*. For 90 minutes on Sunday evenings and Thursday afternoons, we will focus on how Christians have sought God's will regarding homosexuality and same-sex marriage, coming to differing conclusions despite using the same criteria of scripture, reason, tradition, and experience. This study (and our Sunday morning sermons) are the first steps we are taking together in discerning God's will for Dauphin Way through the divisions and disagreements of the United Methodist Church.

I hope you will pray for me in the preparation; I am praying that every word I share will be shared in good faith - a humble, honest, and faithful account of all the convictions and concerns and hopes that Christians bring to these disagreements. Whether because of my words or in spite of them, God will speak. And whether we come with willing ears or stubborn ones, I pray we will listen. And I am so glad that God has given us each other, to listen together.

IN GOOD FAITH

HOW FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS CAME
TO DISAGREE ABOUT SEXUALITY

A LENTEN COURSE LEAD BY
REV. MICHAEL PRECHT



THURSDAYS AT 11:30 AM &
SUNDAYS AT 5:00 PM
IN DILL PARLOR
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 23

FEBRUARY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY

8:20 AM	Chapel Worship	Chapel
9:15 AM	Dauphin Way 101	Dill Parlor
9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Various
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Confirmation (not 2/19)	The Refuge

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
3:00 PM	Prayer Team	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	Education upstairs

TUESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library/Zoom
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Daniel Bible Study	Family Life Room
5:30 PM	Chancel Ringers	Handbell Room

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Disciple One Bible Study	McDavid Library
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Family Life & Bishops Meeting Room
12:15 PM	Noonday Ringers	Handbell Room
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
6:45 PM	SALT	Off-Site
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
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	McDavid Library

FRIDAY

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

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

The church offices and CDC will be closed on February 20 and 21 for Mardi Gras Holidays

Sunday, February 5

4:00 PM	Youth Open Gym	Moore Hall
4:00 PM	Children's Choirs	Choir Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00 PM	History & Geography of the Bible	McDavid Library
5:00 PM	SNL 2023	Moore Hall and Refuge
5:00 PM	M&M, 3 rd Grade Bible Class, JUMP	Ed. Bldg. & Gathering Place
6:30 PM	SNL Dinner	McGowin Hall

Tuesday, February 7

5:00 PM	Youth Parent Council	McDavid Library
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Wednesday, February 8

12:00 PM	Hope	Bishop's Meeting Room
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Thursday, February 9

5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	McDavid Library
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Sunday, February 12

4:00 PM	Children's Choirs	Choir Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00 PM	Big Game Party	McGowin Hall, Moore Hall

Tuesday, February 14

12:00 PM	Long Goodbye	Bishops Meeting/Family Life
12:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	McDavid Library
4:00 PM	Finance Committee	McDavid Library
6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Library, Parlor, Family Life

Sunday, February 19

NO EVENING PROGRAMMING

Monday and Tuesday, February 20 & 21 OFFICES AND CDC CLOSED FOR MARDI GRAS

Wednesday, February 22

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday	Sanctuary
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Thursday, February 23

7:00 AM	Grits and Grace	McGowin Hall
11:30 AM	In Good Faith	Dill Parlor

Sunday, February 26

4:00 PM	Youth Open Gym	Moore Hall
4:00 PM	Children's Choirs	Choir Room
4:30 PM	Genesis Youth Choir	Choir Room
5:00 PM	In Good Faith	Room 210
5:00 PM	SNL 2023	Moore Hall and Refuge
5:00 PM	M&M, 3 rd Grade Bible Class, JUMP	Ed. Bldg & Gathering Place
6:30 PM	SNL Dinner	McGowin Hall

BIG GAME PARTY



FEBRUARY 12

POTLUCK AND GAMES
MCGOWIN AND MOORE HALL
5:00-6:30

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP, MISSIONS, & CHILDREN'S

Contemporary Worship

We kicked off the new year with a combined service with a twist. We worshiped not in the sanctuary as we usually do when we combine, but in Moore Hall! It was so special to worship alongside people who normally attend our traditional service in our contemporary space. During the service, Woods noticed that our entire band that day was “homegrown.” Chris Nodine, March Tremayne, Emily Peeler, Elise Peeler, and I were all raised in Dauphin Way, and it was a neat moment to recognize that our church truly cares about raising up the next generation in the faith. We also had a Night of Prayer for Peace on MLK Day in the chapel. It was a beautiful and simple service.

The most moving prompt to prayer for me was when David Peeler read some excerpts from the late Dr. Steve Dill’s sermon, “It Causes Me to Tremble.” David has a background in theater, and his gifts and passion came together through the words of this classic sermon about justice and grace, and it certainly drew me deeper in prayer.

In February, Michael and Woods will be preaching a series called, “TrustWorthy,” which will center on questions we ask about faith. Our hope is that this will open the door for people in or connected to our church to dialogue, reframe, and pray about what they believe. This series is the perfect opportunity for anyone who has questions or doubts about faith to come and explore them. Then, Ash Wednesday is February 22, and with it comes the reflective season of Lent. Our journey to the Cross will be filled with more dialogue around Scripture, Reason, Tradition, and Experience, but I will let Michael say



more about that. I know it seems like a long way off, but we are already starting to look toward Holy Week and Easter! Yet, we must enter the Passion of Jesus first.

Dan and Julia Clayton Wilkins joined our lighting team in November, and their timing could not have been better. They both spend a lot of time around theatre, so they have a special appreciation for good lighting. On Christmas Eve, Dr. John Bailey called out sick last-minute, so I called Dan, and he put his grill job on hold to help us out in a pinch. It was so appreciated and he did a great job of running the lights on such a big occasion! If you are looking for a place to serve in worship, please come talk to me! We have lots of different positions in media in all of our services, and none of them require background experience. We can teach you! Email wilson.newell@dauphinwayumc.org to fulfill your New Year's resolution and start serving ☺

Missions

January was a quiet month in Missions, but we have some things in the works for the spring. Save the Date for the Sunday after Easter, April 16, which will be Missions Sunday! We will celebrate our church's service to the community and the world, and then we will roll up our sleeves and do some work!

Children's Ministry

The biggest thing that has changed for me this year so far (pending baby girl #2's arrival) is that I have begun supervising our Children's Ministry Assistant, Laura Maguire. Laura is extremely gifted and passionate about helping kids connect with Jesus, and I have enjoyed getting to know her and working with her. Laura is carrying out more of the day-to-day ministry while I help direct and oversee the "big picture" of Children's Ministry. Every time I talk with Laura, I can tell that her love for the Lord, her gratitude for the ways this church has blessed her, and her desire to give back by showing such tremendous care for the kids of this church shine through her work and life. We have only been working together for a few weeks now, but I can tell that God is at work in and through her in some big ways.

I have also started to get to know some of our incredible volunteers, too. Since children's ministry has so many things going on at the same time, Laura cannot be everywhere at once to teach and guide the kids' programming. Fortunately, we have some of the best volunteers around, and I am so grateful for the work they do!

Not only are they gifted teachers of the Bible, they also love these kids so much and give them space to be themselves as they learn about Jesus.

We had a great Raising Young Disciples Meeting January 22, in which we laid out our vision for this year and offered an invitation/ heartfelt plea for people to volunteer as assistants for programming. We recently put a new system in place for volunteers to sign up via SignUpGenius, and if you'd like to help out, we'd love to have you! Email laura.maguire@dauphinwayumc.org and she'll get you plugged in and we would greatly appreciate it!

Regular programming starts back on January 29 and will roll through May 7 with a few exceptions. From 4:00-4:30, we will have choir practices for kids in K4 through 1st Grade (Cherub Choir) and 2nd through 5th Grade (Wesley Singers). From 4:30-5:00, we will have open play time at the playground. At 5:00, kids will go to M&M (K4-2nd Grade), 3rd Grade Bible Class, or Jump (4th-5th Grade). Hope to see everyone there!

Also, please pray for Laura, our volunteers, and all our 3rd through 5th Graders who are going to Winter Retreat at Blue Lake on February 3-5! I know they will have a great time! Children's ministry was not on my radar a couple of months ago, but I am so grateful and fired up for the opportunity to help make young disciples at Dauphin Way!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship & Missions

*The closer you get to the truth, the clearer becomes the beauty, and the more
you will find worship welling up within you.*

N. T. Wright

Led by Lauren Wilson of Speak Out PDX

FREE

MIND MATTERS

Youth Event

Sunday, March 19

5pm-7pm

*all 6th-12th graders welcome

Parent Workshop

Saturday, March 18

9am-12pm

*register in advance at
dauphinwayumc.org/workshop



dauphinwayumc.org/mindmatters

STUDENT MINISTRY

Winter Retreat 2023 is in the books! Our student ministry spent MLK weekend at the Alabama 4-H Center. This year, both Ashland Place UMC and Woodland UMC brought a few of their students and leaders to join our group! We had a group of 67 altogether, 54 of those being Dauphin Way youth and volunteers. The theme for the weekend was “unplugged.” Our youth were actually unplugged from their devices for the majority of the weekend. One of the high points of Winter Retreat this year was a prayer walk around the camp. Each of our eight stations included a Scripture and action step to help us look at how Jesus modeled unplugging from the world through his words and actions. On the last night of winter retreat, we sat around a campfire and shared reflections. Our students saw Jesus through the prayer walk, in small groups, through the clay activity, through the worship music, and in nature. At the end of the weekend, several students decided to take a new step in their faith journey. Seeds were planted at Winter Retreat, and we are excited to witness how God continues to work in these students’ lives.

Our team of adults for Winter Retreat was incredible. We had an army of volunteers that included Missy Abernethy, Brooks Conkle, Patrick Dang, Delaney Dodson, Lisa Howard, Laura Maguire, Philip Maguire, Chris Nodine, Andrew Peeler, Cindy Peeler, William Percy, Jennifer Precht, Steve Smith, and Gene Warren. College student Mary Webster Burke joined our team as well. Three of these adults in particular went above and beyond in preparation for this year’s retreat. The incredibly gifted Cindy Peeler helped coordinate as co-leader this year. She was pivotal in the creative planning of the weekend. Cindy led our SALT team in transforming our meeting area into a worship space complete with a prayer tent that had a water fountain, calming essential oils, and kinetic sand. Every corner of the room was decorated with intentionality. This year Andrew Peeler coordinated our team games and prayer walk. Our prayer walk included two outdoor routes and an indoor route, which involved hours of planning and implementing. So many of our students got a lot out of the prayer walk thanks to Andrew’s thoughtfulness and preparation. Youth parent and artist Lisa Howard led our group in a clay activity that she and Cindy dreamed up together. Our students received a bag



of clay in our first session and were encouraged to shape it throughout the weekend. Before our last session, Lisa shared a beautiful message on how God, the Potter, transforms us, the clay, into a unique vessel for His glory. As Lisa spoke, everyone molded and painted their clay, while pondering this powerful truth. If you see Cindy, Andrew, or Lisa, please thank them for their hard work and passion in pouring into our youth!

We are back in the swing of things this Sunday, January 22nd, for SNL. Beginning January 29th, all Sunday evening youth activities will be back including open gym, dinner, and youth band rehearsal. On January 31st, registration for our summer trips will open. This summer, youth camp will be June 4th-9th at Lake Junaluska! This week of camp is a formative experience in our students' faith journeys as we focus on discipleship and community building. Our high school mission trip will be a little closer to home as we serve June 25th-30th in Tuskegee through Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM). Our youth will have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus at ARM through home repair work and kids' ministry. This spring we will have several fundraisers to help support our youth on these trips. Please mark your calendar for our Parents Night Out fundraiser on Friday, April 21st, and our Boston butt fundraiser leading up to Memorial Day weekend.

2023 is off to a wonderful start in the student ministry! Please pray over our youth as we enter a new year. May we rest and abide in the Vine.

Romans 12:2a, "do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP & MUSIC

It is with great awe and much anticipation that I join the Dauphin Way team as Director of Traditional Music and Worship. I have been overwhelmed by the warm and generous welcome that I have received from the staff and membership of this great congregation, and I look forward to many years of deep friendships, exciting worship and beautiful music.

As I come into this new position, I want to build upon the storied past and traditions of this congregation, while seeking to find creative and meaningful ways to deepen the worship experience for all who pass through the doors. For the next semester, I will spend more time listening than talking. Hearing what is meaningful to members and visitors alike.

I will continue with the current model for children's and youth choir programs while seeking innovative ways to create a sustainable lasting program for generations to come.

I will continue in the established tradition of the Chancel Choir, while seeking to bring a new perspective to old and new anthems and hymns.

Colleen Hicks will finish the year as director of the Chancel and noonday bells.

The Lent and Easter seasons are almost upon. I am looking forward to walking through the days of darkness to the glorious light of the empty tomb on Easter morning. Make sure that your plans include a place in worship. The best is still to come.

Reagan Lord, Director of Traditional Music and Worship



SERVICE & OUTREACH

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to all that 2023 holds for Serving Ministries!

Our new Hospitality Team is in place. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry of welcoming visitors and providing feedback to me regarding hospitality at Dauphin Way, I would love to have you on this team!

Lee Hoagland is working to schedule Math and Accelerated Reading tutors at Leinkauf. There are so many ways you can help at the school.

Meals on Wheels continues to receive calls for new recipients. If you can serve with Meals on Wheels or if you know someone who can benefit from the program, please let me know!

We just welcomed Ann Sirmon to our membership this past Sunday. We look forward to Ann being a part of the Dauphin Way family and to those others who we will welcome this year!

I am continuing to work on supper clubs. Hopefully there will be one more new club in place by February. I have heard from a few existing clubs that they wish to add new members. I'm so happy to hear that these folks are interested in welcoming new faces into their long-standing groups. That is wonderful hospitality!

Finally, here is an update on Society of St. Stephen:

2022 was a tough year for the Society of St. Stephen but with the help of our congregation, it was a success. We paid utility bills for 294 families, gave food to 126 families, and miscellaneous help for 22 more families. In addition, our many helpers provided Christmas for 230 needy children! Thanks to every person who gave of their selves in so many ways. Because of each of you we can continue our mission in 2023.

-Joyce Sockwell

Karen Smith, Director of Servant Ministries



CONGREGATION CARE

As we ended 2022, we concluded all our support groups with great love and care for the participants. December can be a wonderful time of the year for most of us but for many who are grieving or living with loved one who are not well it can be a season of missed feelings. This month our support groups all met with trying to be open about their feeling in a safe environment where others understood their pain. We have learned through the years that these five suggestions can help during difficult days throughout the year:

1. Listen more than talk.
2. Acknowledge the loss and express your caring.
3. Share memories of the lost loved one.
4. Take time to tell stories and look through old photos.
5. Ask what helps and be open to what doesn't.

Now we are enjoying this new year and all of the new beginnings it has to offer. The most important thing to remember is that God has promised to be with us always; that there isn't a situation that He cannot help us through.

So, in our groups for this New Year 2023 we will be concentrating on these ways to stay hopeful during challenging times. Here are some ideas we will share in our groups:

1. Reach Out To Others . No matter your struggle, it's nothing you should have to face alone. ...
2. Express Gratitude. ...
3. Be Kind. ...
4. Take Care of Yourself. ...
5. Have Goals. ...
6. Ask for Help. ...
7. Engage in Meaningful Action.

Homebound Members: The three pastors visited our homebound members and took them a devotional book from the DW church family. They love visits so much. I would love to invite any of you who have a little extra time to go visit one or more of our homebound church members. You will receive as much as those you visit. Call me at the church office to get a person to visit.

Rev. Kathy Jorgensen, Associate Pastor



EXECUTIVE PASTOR

2023 is off and running, and I couldn't be more excited about what God has in store for Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. After wonderful Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas season worship services, it has been fun to dream ahead about all God is doing and will do in worship over the coming year. Likewise, I am grateful to our administrative committees for how they finished the year with more work than usual. And I am thrilled by the enthusiasm of our new committee members.



We began this year with an administrative committee training on Sunday, January 8th. All those in leadership came together for a time of prayer and devotion and then were able to spend time in their groups, orienting themselves to their particular roles. I am grateful to the chairs of our committees for leading those orientations. This year Chris Phillips chairs our Church Council, Ann-Brooks Morrisette chairs our Finance Committee, Justin Merrick, once again, chairs our Trustees, and David Peeler is the chair of SPRC. Should you ever want to attend a meeting of an administrative committee, their monthly schedule is as follows:

- Trustees | Second Tuesday of the Month (12 PM)
- SPRC | Second Thursday of the Month (5:30 PM)*
- Finance | Third Tuesday of the Month (4:00 PM)
- Church Council | 4th Monday each Month (5:30 PM)

**Anyone not a member of the SPRC must request permission to attend from the Chair, David Peeler.*

In their first meeting, the Board of Trustees revised and put forward a new version of our Safe Sanctuaries Policy. After consulting the policies of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, the North Alabama Conference, and our current policy, the Trustees generated a document they believe offers a comprehensive structure to maintain a safe environment for vulnerable persons in our church.

In addition to the excellent work of our committees, I look forward to how the Holy Spirit will shape our congregation through discipleship over the coming months. I am excited about my short-term class, where we will discuss some Biblical basics. I am glad we are back into the Grits and Grace monthly rhythm. And I know that participants will enjoy taking classes led by Kat Brand, Patti Sachs, and Rev. Michael. We will continue to offer new supper clubs and other opportunities for spiritual growth throughout the year in addition to those already advertised. So be sure to keep a lookout for those!

Lastly, I want to celebrate what a wonderful job Reagan Lord is doing as our Director of Traditional Worship. She has only been here a short while but is already showing just how stellar her talents are. I hope you had a chance to meet Reagan at the welcome reception last week, and if you haven't, please be sure to do so.

Rev. Dr. Woods Lisenby, Executive Pastor

LEADERSHIP

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

The 2023 members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee are: David Peeler (chair), Carrie Barton (secretary), Phillip Abernathy, Tom Clement, Martha Cook, Lisa Howard, Anna Moore, Dennis Sumrall, and Gene Warren. Ex officio members are: Kevin West (lay leader), and Lynn Byrd (lay delegate to Annual Conference).

Pastors meet with the committee but are not voting members.

The SPRC held its first meeting on January 12. In keeping with the Discipline's charge to "reflect biblically and theologically on the role and work of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities" and to "promote unity in the church," Michael opened the meeting with a centering prayer, followed by the prayers developed and used by the Process Team to guide its decision-making. Woods closed the circle, and the meeting, with prayer.

The primary focus of the January meeting was the annual evaluation of our ordained pastors as required by the Discipline, which was conducted in the pastors' absence. The committee unanimously requested of our Bishop (David Graves) and District Superintendent (Debora Bishop) that Michael and Woods be re-appointed to Dauphin Way at Annual Conference for another year, and we are optimistic this will occur. The committee also identified many of our pastors' strengths and areas of growth and shared these with the pastors.

The committee, along with the entire congregation, is pleased and excited that Reagan Lord is now on board as Dauphin Way's Director of Music and Traditional Worship, having transitioned from a similar position at Galloway UMC in Jackson, Mississippi. Reagan was fêted with a well-attended welcome reception after worship services on January 22, where she charmed all with her wit, warmth, and wonderful smile.

David Peeler, SPRC Chair

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.

TRUSTEES

The church ended December with a profit of \$131,982.53. The year-to-date deficit was \$69,783.30. December was a very good month, with the church bringing in nearly \$200,000. Still, we ended the year with a nearly \$70,000 deficit.

The CDC had a good year, ending 2022 with a year-to-date profit of \$39,519.44.

The capital fund balance as of 12/31/2022 is \$276,126.58. This number is expected to be reduced to \$232,876.28 as we finish all of the projects that have been approved and are ongoing.

A large part of our December meeting was aimed at revising the church's safe sanctuary policy. A revised policy will

be submitted to the church council for approval with a recommended implementation date of September 1, 2023.

Repair to the pastors' wing continues and should wrap up shortly.

Amelia Driscoll, Trustee Secretary

FINANCE

Our finance committee held its first meeting of 2023 on 01 17 2023. In reviewing our year-end financial reports we noted that the CDC ended with its third consecutive annual surplus, while our operating budget finished with its first deficit in three years. Once again, Dauphin Way members fulfilled 100% of their pledged giving, and our overall giving increased by \$3,000 from 2021, but increased expenses contributed to a roughly \$70,000 shortfall.

Thankfully, we were able to project this shortfall in October, and we have adjusted our 2023 budget to reflect these ongoing needs.

We have two accounting firms on our shortlist to help us recoup any expenses that are reimbursable under the Employee Retention Act; Cindy McMillan and Woods Lisenby will review their final proposals and choose the appropriate partner for us.

At the end of January, Dauphin Way will send our year-end giving statements along with my first letter to the congregation in the role of Finance Chair. I look forward to sharing about the joy of generosity, and to serve a church that is already so faithful in its commitments to God and each other.

Ann-Brooks Morrisette, Chair, Finance Committee

001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church

Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2022

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 12 - December 100.00%

2022 Receipts & Disbursements

ACCT #		2022 Budget	Actual for Period	2022 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	Receipts					
1131	Current Pledges	1,463,483.00	211,756.21	1,472,296.81	100.60%	1,397,754.15
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	29,269.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,434,214.00	211,756.21	1,472,296.81	102.66%	1,397,754.15
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	9,291.75	0.00%	13,585.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	79,835.00	0.00	76,806.62	96.21%	87,212.82
1135	Loose Plate	16,876.00	2,489.50	16,092.27	95.36%	5,679.33
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	589,416.00	103,808.36	390,998.96	66.34%	486,020.39
1140	Interest Income	500.00	0.00	144.42	28.88%	484.50
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	6,200.00	103.33%	8,820.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	17,492.00	1,457.70	17,492.40	100.00%	4,119.06
1148	CDC Fee Income	53,760.00	4,480.00	53,760.00	100.00%	0.00
1149	Wedding Income	0.00	0.00	4,330.00		0.00
	Total Receipts	2,198,093.00	323,991.77	2,047,413.23	93.14%	2,003,675.25
	Disbursements					
4413	Total Pastoral	6,500.00	41.55	6,389.56	98.30%	3,392.82
4510	Total Communications	6,663.00	990.13	8,199.08	123.05%	6,839.41
5011	Total Children's Ministry	25,000.00	530.61	31,836.41	127.35%	35,741.10
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,704.00	5,996.02	39,430.05	210.81%	17,143.68
5211	Total Adult Ministry	10,787.00	345.01	866.91	8.04%	3,380.89
5612	Total Missions	1,000.00	0.00	424.86	42.49%	0.00
5710	Total Connectional	24,316.00	2,026.42	24,317.00	100.00%	24,950.00
5739	Conference Apportionments	138,360.00	11,530.01	138,360.00	100.00%	136,023.00
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	684.04	1,672.10	49.12%	1,757.11
6001	Community Care	22,675.00	0.00	743.52	3.28%	13,683.92
6310	Total Worship	44,000.00	14,755.74	52,800.83	120.00%	38,835.61
6610	Total Office	95,600.00	7,591.79	82,327.69	86.12%	76,452.75
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	561,690.00	52,076.62	528,795.71	94.14%	517,152.15
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%	-60,310.00
6810	Total Operation Expenses	22,886.00	0.20	32,444.82	141.77%	28,895.64
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-399.80
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	23,267.00	1,397.82	17,663.50	75.92%	20,856.92
	Total Personnel	1,193,241.00	94,043.28	1,150,924.49	96.45%	1,132,234.97
	Total Disbursements	2,198,093.00	192,009.24	2,117,196.53	96.32%	1,996,630.17
	Income Over/Under Expenses	0.00	131,982.53	(69,783.30)		7,045.08
Checking Accounts & Receivable Balances as of December 31, 2022						
	Operating Checking	\$169,935.41				
	Payroll Checking	524.04				
	Online Checking	253.95				
	Petty Cash	400.00				
	Operating Money Market	39,909.50				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	373,630.38				
	Accounts Receivable - CDC	0.00				

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

BIRTHS

We rejoice in the birth of Josephine Lee Newell, daughter of Wilson and Olivia Newell, granddaughter of Mark and Cyndi Newell, on January 31, 2023.

BAPTISMS:

John William Zambo, son of Matthew and Marcy Zambo, was baptized on January 8, 2023.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ann Sirmon joined Dauphin Way United Methodist Church on January 15, 2023.

Jo Blount joined Dauphin Way United Methodist Church on January 27, 2023.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Fran Easley

Susan T. Bailey
Supper Club #5 – Mark Berte
Liz & Sid Brevard
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Cross
Laura T. Allen
Jason Howes
MOW Volunteers
Lee Ann Galloway
Joyce Magner
Barbara Russ
Jacqueline Williams
C.J. & Cindy Angelette
Clyde F. Pressley, Jr.
Wanda Coleman
Carolyn Stephenson
David & Cindy Peeler

In Memory of Paula Weldon

Allison Douglas
Michael & Alexis Atkins
Lewis & Karen Ann Beville
M. Kathleen Miller

In Memory of Dr. Bill Daniels

Laura T. Allen

In Memory of Lewis Ratcliffe

Myra Martin

In Memory of Jean Kidd

Clyde F. Pressley, Jr.
Missy & Don Foose
Barbara Russ

In Memory of Mayella Kidd

Springhill Hospitals, Inc.

In Memory of Wendell Cleaver

Dr. & Mrs. E. R. March, Jr.
David & Cindy Peeler

In Memory of Fran Shearer

Dr. & Mrs. E. R. March, Jr.

In Memory of Kitty Peoples

Jim & Nancy Rutledge

In Memory of Charlesine McFerrin

Patricia Lawshe

In Memory of Anne Bennett Mattei

Julie & Howard Moore

In Memory of Larry Trawick

Lucy Ladd
David & Cindy Peeler

In Memory of Jane Bulwinkle

Ann Bedsole

In Honor of Jane & David Dukes

Judy Hinton

In Honor of Sherard & Jim Haas

Sharon & Eddie McDonough

In Honor of Dauphin Way Ministers & Staff

John & Betty Stone

In Honor of Kathy Jorgensen

David M. Cody

In Honor of Liz Brevard

Kimi & Allen Oaks

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