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## FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR



This year, the last Sunday of Easter coincided with "Aldersgate Sunday," the annual remembrance of John Wesley's encounter with grace on Aldersgate Street in London, in which (as he recorded in his journal):

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street... About a quarter before nine, while the preacher was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

Wesley described that experience as his conversion - it was not the first time he believed in God, but it was the first time he believed all God's promises were *true for him.* With that assurance, Wesley's preaching took on a new passion and conviction, and as he preached, his hearers suddenly began to believe that God's promises were for *them,* too.

We've been telling the story ever since; at the very core of who we are at this church, we believe that **God offers every single person the invitation**, not just to know Him, but to know Him by *experience*. That's the invitation we offered at Confirmation; it is the invitation that we promised to give our babies on Baby Recognition Sunday; it is the invitation that Kenley Waters accepted this month as she made her profession of faith and was baptized. Since Easter, we have welcomed 43 new baptized and professing members — each one discovering God's promises are not only real; they are real *for them*.

We continue to discover God has a word for all who "ask, seek, and knock" (Matthew 7:7). Our Discernment Team will have their second meeting on June 4 to review your responses from our Qualitative Survey, and then we will join all the United Methodist churches of Alabama-West Florida in "holy conferencing" as the city of Mobile hosts this year's Annual Conference (June 11-14). **Dauphin Way will be well represented at this year's Annual Conference:** Woods, Kathy, and I always have a vote as clergy of the conference; Mark Berte, Lynn Byrd will serve as our lay delegates, Kimi Oaks and Andrew Peeler will represent the Mobile District as "at-large" delegates.

And, of course, Dauphin Way is the sponsoring church for two new pastors in the conference this year. On the afternoon of June 12 at The Mitchell Center on USA's campus, my wife Jennifer will receive her license as a "Local Pastor," appointed to serve as the **pastor of Springhill Avenue UMC**, beginning July 1. And then, at 7PM in our own Sanctuary, Wilson Newell will become a "Provisional Deacon" at our service of commissioning and ordination. Thankfully, Wilson isn't headed anywhere; you'll only see his title change to *Pastor* of Worship and Missions.

Jennifer and Wilson are living witnesses to Dauphin Way's mission of "making disciples who make a difference"; their passion and conviction will surely help many, many people discover just how real God's promises are.

Grace and peace, Rev. Michael Precht

### 2023-2024 Dates to Remember

Back to School Parties
August 6

Fall Bell/Choir Kickoff
August 12

Blessing of the Backpacks
August 13

Promotion Sunday
August 13

**SAGES**August 15

Youth Lock-In at USA August 18-19

Youth and Children's
Volunteer Training
August 20

Night of Prayer August 20

Dill Lecture
August 24

Confirmation Kickoff
August 27

**3rd Grade Bible Presentation**September 10

Pumpkin Unloading
October 1

Market in the Patch
October 14

Trunk or Treat
October 29

Party in the Patch
October 29

All Saints Sunday
November 5

Family Camp November 3-5

SAGES
November TBD

Parent's Day Out
December 9

Advent for All Ages Party
December 10

White Christmas
December 17

Leadership Training
January 7

Winter Retreat
Parent's Meeting
January 7

Youth Winter Retreat
January 12-15

Ash Wednesday February 14

**SAGES**February TBD

Lent Worship & Dinner Every Wednesday of Lent

Confirmation Retreat
March 8-10

Palm Sunday March 24

Holy Week Prayer March 25-29

Easter Sunday March 31

Confirmation Sunday
April 14

Baby Recognition Sunday
April 21

Senior Sunday April 28

**3rd Grade Lock-In**April 28

**SAGES**May TBD

### JUNE 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 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:45 AM	Chapel Worship Dauphin Way 101 Sunday School for All Ages Contemporary Worship Service Sanctuary Worship Service Children's Church (K5-3rd Grade)	Chapel Dill Parlor Classrooms/Zoom/Refuge Moore Hall Sanctuary Chapel
MONDAY 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	CDC Classes Meals on Wheels Society of St Stephen Prayer Group	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen SSS Offices Dill Parlor
TUESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	CDC Classes Men's Prayer Breakfast Meals on Wheels	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. McDavid Library/Zoom Kitchen
WEDNESDA 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 1:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	CDC Classes Meals on Wheels Prayer Shawl Ministry Centering Prayer Chancel Choir Rehearsal Contemporary Worship Practice	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen Family Life/ Bishops Meeting Dill Parlor Choir Room Moore Hall
THURSDAY 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM	CDC Classes Meals on Wheels Staff Meeting	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen McDavid Library
FRIDAY 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	CDC Classes Meals on Wheels	CDC Rooms - Ed Bldg. Kitchen

### JUNE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, June 1 McDavid/Parlor/Family Life/Small Kitchen

6:00 PM Guided by Grace

Sunday, June 4

8:00 AM Blood Drive McGowin Hall

Sunday, June 4 – Saturday June 10 Lake Junaluska

Youth Camp

Tuesday, June 6

5:00 PM Discernment Team McDavid Library

Wednesday, June 7 Bishops Meeting Room

12:00 PM Tool Time

Thursday, June 8 Choir Room

6:30 PM Ordination Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 11 Sanctuary

5:00 PM Ordination Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Monday, June 12

5:00 PM Bishop and Ordinands' Dinners McDavid Library & Bishops Meeting Room

6:25 PM Ordination Service Pre-Concert Sanctuary
7:00 PM Ordination Service Sanctuary
8:30 PM Ordination Reception McGowin Hall

Tuesday, June 13

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

12:00 PM Trustees McDavid Library

6:30 PM Compassionate Friends McDavid Library/Dill Parlor/Family Life

Wednesday, June 14

12:00 PM Hope Bishop's Meeting Room

Thursday, June 15

12:00 PM Altar Guild McDavid Library

Friday, June 16

5:00 PM Shearer-Otts Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary

Saturday, June 17

6:00 PM Shearer-Otts Wedding Sanctuary

### JUNE AT A GLANCE

(continued)

Monday, June 19

8:30 AM VBS Moore Hall, Education Upstairs, Chapel

Tuesday, June 20

8:30 AM VBS Moore Hall, Education Upstairs, Chapel

4:00 PM Finance Committee McDavid Library

Wednesday, June 21

8300 AM VBS Moore Hall, Education Upstairs, Chapel

Thursday, June 22

8:30 AM VBS Moore Hall, Education Upstairs, Chapel

5:30 PM SPRC McDavid Library

Sunday, June 25 – Friday, June 30 Tuskegee, AL

Youth Mission Trip with ARM

Thursday, June 29

7:00 AM Grits & Grace McGowin Hall

# VBS June 19-22, 2023

Children's Ministry needs your help with donations to VBS!

Please head to dauphinwayumc.org/vbsvolunteer to see how you can help!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summertime is here! At Dauphin Way, the children's ministry successfully wrapped the spring season. With a great Third Grade Lock-In, Baby Recognition Sunday, and the final night of programming, the 22–23 academic year came to an end. However, there is always fellowship in this ministry. Everyone is invited to participate in the lively discussions in Sunday School, the engaging lessons in Children's Church, and the exciting week of VBS!

The Third Grade Lock-In went wonderfully! Wilson Newell and I gave a quick overview of the Old and New Testaments to the third graders. After completing a homemade escape room that required cooperation and communication, the students used costumes and props to recreate skits for both the Old and New Testaments. The students participated in a prayer session Wilson organized after they finished performing the skits for their peers. A fun game of "Family and Ice Cream" brought the evening to a close. If you do not know what this game is, then volunteer this fall to witness the fun and bonding it creates. The third graders and our volunteers were terrific: Wilson Newell, Philip Maguire, A.J. and Nicky Lopez-Montana, Anna Moore, Mary Lucy Mattei, and Reagan Lord. Thank you to the students and volunteers for making a memorable night!

Now, on to VBS! Every year, we need all the help we can get to make VBS happen. Registration remains open for volunteers and students until June 19<sup>th</sup>. When registering to volunteer, please consider tapping one of the options to make a monetary donation. It takes a lot of people and money to make this fantastic week happen, and we need your help! Please email me for more information, questions, or service.

During this 22-23 school year, two teachers gave their all to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class. Elsa Jeanne McVae and Dawn Self worked with grace, patience, and love when teaching this class. Please take the time to thank them for volunteering their time and willingness to play significant roles in the children's ministry at Dauphin Way if you get the chance. Elsa Jeanne and Dawn, we love and appreciate you more than words can explain!



## STUDENT MINISTRY

Summer is here! May has been filled with many celebrations in the student ministry. First, we celebrated the Class of 2023 on Senior Sunday. During the Sunday school hour, we hosted a breakfast for our seniors and their families. Each senior was gifted a leather study Bible with their name engraved on it along with a bookmark. In our 10:30 AM worship services, the seniors were recognized, and a blessing was prayed over them. Virginia Grace Merrick delivered a beautiful senior reflection. This year our two senior recipients of the Linda Ruth Adams Memorial Scholarship are Virginia Grace Merrick and Jeré Thomas. Class of 2023, we are praying for you and your families as you continue in your faith journey and step into this new season.

Another celebration this month was our Youth Parent Council dinner to honor this group for all their time and energy put into the student ministry this school year. In the same week, SALT, our high school leadership team, celebrated the end of the year with a party at the Powers' home. In recognition of the time and energy our small group leaders put in weekly on Sunday evenings for our youth, Chad Green and Kelly Warren gifted care baskets to all our leaders on behalf of the Youth Parent Council. At our last SNL of the school year, we celebrated our leaders and ended our last SNL with a time of prayer and reflection in a night of worship. This spring we tried something new and decided to spend our time outside. We went on a prayer walk around the building and ended at the beautiful area outside the chapel to spend some time journaling and offering our prayers to God. A final celebration this month is that we have sold 104 Boston butts, meeting our goal for this youth trip fundraiser! I am so grateful to Joyce Sockwell and Lee Hoagland setting up a table with some delicious desserts available that added even more to our fundraising efforts. Thank you to each and every person who has purchased a Boston butt or given a donation toward youth camp and the Alabama Rural Ministry mission trip this summer!

We have a busy summer ahead of us! Please be praying for us in the month ahead as we prepare our hearts for youth camp at



Lake Junaluska and the high school mission trip with Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) this June. We have a group of forty-seven headed to camp June 4th-9th. We do our own youth camp each year and seek to plan a week full of community-building, discipleship, and fun. This year's theme is "One Another," based on John 13:34-35. Our speaker for the third year in a row is Tim Benitez, and our worship leader is Andrew Westmoreland. We have a lot of fun planned with team games, white water rafting, serving at a couple local nonprofits, and going on a waterfall hike all on the schedule. At the end of June, we have a group of nineteen high schoolers and adults headed to Tuskegee to serve with ARM. We will be working on a home repair project and ministering to children through a kids' day camp June 25th-30th. We are praying for seeds of Christ to be sown and to grow in the lives of our youth during these trips both in North Carolina and Tuskegee this summer.

A special thank you goes to the members who served on our Youth Parent Council this year—Monica Powers, Mary Lucy Mattei, Chad Green, Angela Merrick, Lorie Freeman, Debbie Cummings, Kelly Warren, Missy Abernethy, Karen Smith, Philip Maguire, and Lisa Howard. All of these individuals helped every event in the student ministry run smoothly from pumpkin patch to monthly mixers to Boston Butts. If you see any of these individuals around, please thank them for their willingness to lead and lean into God's vision for the student ministry.

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries



Thanks to everyone who bought or sold a Boston Butt; our youth raised over \$2500 for scholarships and missions in one night!

# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP & MUSIC



Participating in divine worship services as a choir member is a sacred responsibility, not to be taken lightly. Choir members, as other church musicians, offer their God-given talents to the faith for a variety of reasons. It is a part of stewardship – the giving of "time and talents." It is something that is enjoyed. It is an outlet.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Chancel Choir share their faith and talents through music in worshipful, relatable, and engaging way. Many times, the culmination of the Eastertide and Pentecost seasons brings with it a brief moment to catch our breath. This season finds us busily preparing for the Alabama/West Florida Conference Ordination service and

concert on Monday evening June 12, 2023.

Children's choirs give children an opportunity to serve their church. Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and other activities minister to children, but joining a choir gives children a chance to minister to others through music. Participation in a choir gives children an opportunity to take a leadership role in the service. It gives them a sense of responsibility for the ministry of the church and helps them identify with the many forms of worship as they grow. Children's choirs also provide opportunities to build Christian character. A choir is a team with a common goal; the qualities of promptness, self-control, cooperation, and commitment are developed in choir members if the group is to accomplish its purpose of praising the Lord. Children's choirs are part of the education process. When children sing Scripture, they remember it for a lifetime. Reflecting on the message of the song as they sing instills understanding of spiritual truths and knowledge of God. It has been the greatest pleasure to begin working with the children of Dauphin Way this semester. We had our final rehearsal on May 7 and presented our final songs on May 14 for both the traditional and contemporary services. What a joy and blessing to us all! I look forward to resuming rehearsals in the fall with some new additions and many bright eager children.

Our two very fine bell choirs have been busily rehearsing and preparing music for worship throughout the spring semester. Led by our outstanding organist Colleen Hicks, bell ringers truly learn the meaning of being a team player. Both the Noon Day Ringers and Chancel Bell Choir provided music for worship on May 21 before taking a break for the summer. They will return in the fall with some exciting new music.

While much of what we do happens within our own choir room and sanctuary, it is a wonderful opportunity for evangelism when we are able to open the doors of and share the beautiful and acoustically superior space and instruments of the beautiful Dauphin Way with other area musicians

and groups. In February we welcomed the local chapter of the American Guild of Organist for a member recital on which our very own Collen Hicks played masterfully. In early May we were pleased to host the Mobile Singing Children for their spring concert. We look forward to hosting other events in the years to come.

Choirs have been integral to Christian worship for centuries, and their importance cannot be overstated. Choirs provide a powerful means of enhancing the worship experience, elevating the spiritual atmosphere, and facilitating a deep connection with God. I continue to be blessed by the extraordinary choirs of Dauphin Way. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve among them.

Reagan Lord, Director of Traditional Music and Worship



Our children's choirs lead us all in praising God on Mother's Day



## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC, WORSHIP AND MISSIONS

### **Contemporary Worship**

You've probably heard the expression, "a month of Sundays," and that's exactly what May felt like for me! Every Sunday in May held something special and celebrated something big, and it was glorious to be a part of it. May 7 was Baby Recognition Sunday, May 14 was Mother's Day, May 21 was Aldersgate Sunday, and May 28 is Pentecost, concluding this bright season of Eastertide. All that is a continuation from April, which included Easter, Missions Sunday, Confirmation, and Senior Recognition Sunday! It has been a beautiful and busy time in worship here lately, and God has been at work through it all. We have celebrated several baptisms and welcomed new members into our church family. We have repented and prayed for God to awaken our hearts. We have sung with gusto and fervor. We have heard from the Word of God about how "Jesus Shows Up," and he certainly has. It has been a magnificent "month of Sundays!"

You can probably tell from the weather, but summer is here! A few things slow down around here, which grants our Worship Team the opportunity to do some creative and forward-thinking work. We have several projects incoming, including installing updates for our cameras and lighting rights, building some acoustic engineering panels, and hosting workshops for guitar, keys, vocals, and sound engineering. If you are interested in getting plugged into our band or media team, summer is the perfect time to do so. Just send me an email at <a href="wilson.newell@dauphinwayumc.org">wilson.newell@dauphinwayumc.org</a> and we can see where God is leading you to serve!

I'd like to extend a word of appreciation this month to Joshua Guy. Josh was a part of our band several years ago, but he has come back recently and has been a tremendous asset to our worship. Joshua is a gifted guitar player, but he is also willing to play the bass when we need him. One Sunday he even played bass through the pain of a crushed hand! He has also joined our Worship Design Team and has some helpful feedback and ideas to move us forward in worship. Next time you see Joshua, tell him "thanks" and give him a high-five on his non-crushed hand!

### **Missions**

The homeowner of the Habitat for Humanity house, Mr. John, was so grateful for the landscaping we did on Missions Sunday, April 16. He wrote a kind "thank you" letter to our church. "You didn't have to go out of your way to help, but you did," he said.

Jeff Nelson, who was a member of our team of 5 who went down to Jamaica in November, put together a wonderful and insightful video that featured interviews from our trip. The video includes testimony from a teacher, the principal of Ebenezer Basic School, the pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Church, and a board member who was so helpful to us. We had a great experience reconnecting with our friends from this school that Dauphin Way members helped start in 1985. Be sure to check it out on our Vimeo page and thank Jeff for his hard work!

Wilson Newell, Director of Contemporary Worship and Missions



For the first time ever, we played host for the Leinkauf Elementary Crossing-Over Ceremony; congratulations to all the graduating 5th graders from our Partners in Education!

From left: Hope Bell-Payne (Principal), Wilson, Newell, Stephanie Bradford, Lee Hoagland, and Joshua Lockwood

## **SERVICE & OUTREACH**



I have seen many folks using the term "Maycember" to describe this month. Some use it in the negative, but I love May! As a parent, we get to celebrate our children's hard work and look forward to enjoying a few months of a different (if not slower) pace. And as Woods pointed out, we all get a slight reprieve in the carpool-induced congestion on our streets. So, as we say goodbye to another school year, we now look toward Ordination, VBS, and Youth trips.

Our new Young Women's small group officially kicked off this month with over a dozen participants. This group of women in their 20s and 30s are meeting for study and fellowship. It's not too late to get in on this group, so please let me know if you are interested or know someone who is!

We hosted our second annual **Dauphin Way 101 Fast Track** on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a great way to get to know some of our visitors, talk with them about Dauphin Way, answer questions, and discuss membership. My greatest pleasure here is welcoming visitors into our church home and our church family – it was a wonderful evening. All in all, we welcomed 43 new members during the 50 Great Days of Easter, with another 8 to come in June!

Our partnership with **Leinkauf Elementary** remains strong. We were able to help sponsor two children for their Spring Fling this month. We will also be hosting Leinkauf's 5<sup>th</sup> grade "Crossing Over" ceremony, welcoming students, parents, faculty, staff and friends to our campus.

Dauphin Way will be welcoming many guests to our campus in the next month when we host **Ordination on June 12th** and **VBS June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**. A sea of volunteers are needed for both of these events. Please contact me if you are available to help with either of these events.

Be sure to join me in welcoming the following **New Members** to our Dauphin Way family: Negin and Matthew, Sebastian, Armin, Kian, and Jade Ahmadi-Miller; Kenley Waters; Kaylie Holzapfel; Lisa, Olivia, and Carson Moore; Amedee and Ethan Stokley; and Toni and Greg Yost.

**Thank you** to Haley Carter and Mary Elizabeth Williams for leading the Young Women's group. I know this group is going to be a blessing to all who are involved. Thank you to Ms. Rosie for all you do for this staff, Meals on Wheels, and every member of Dauphin Way. Thank you to Reagan and Colleen for providing a choir opportunity that was fun and meaningful for our Wesley Singers.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**



May is a lovely time of the year in Mobile. All our beautiful live oaks are fashioned in beautiful light green leaves and our perennials are bursting forth in beautiful colors. But May has also been a busy time for us in the church. We have Baby Recognition where we celebrate all the precious babies who were born in the past year. They bring a reminder of new hope in our midst as they represent our future. We thank God for blessing these children and blessing us all with them. We ask God for help for us to live lives of integrity every day, so we may be good role models for these and all children. May we ask God to surround these children with love, and to protect them from all harm. We also ask that God fill them with the Holy Spirit and let them flourish in this, our church family. This time of the

year we also think of all of our seniors in high school and college who are graduating, and we pray for their futures and their families who will be adjusting to the changes in their family life.

This month in our widow group *Guided by Grace*, Lynn Stewart arranged for our guest speaker. On May 4, we were delighted to have Elise Split, a cardiology nurse practitioner, present our program on woman's heart health. Knowing that this is a very important health issue, we look forward to offering programs for the body, mind, and soul. Lynn prepared a delicious, homemade dinner at 6:00 with the meeting to follow. In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we had taco casserole, salsa and chips. Since we have several new widows, I will be presenting a program from the book *Good Grief* for our June meeting, June 8.

In our general grief group, *Hope*, and our widower's group, *Tool Time*, we had a meal and a short study on "Six Ways God Helps Us Grieve".

Our *Long Goodbye* support group for family members who have a loved one with dementia met and discussed how each person is doing since we met last month and covered the topics "Your Brain on Dementia," and ways to help their loved ones with dressing and clothing choices.

In my weekly schedule I also continue to serve as a Spiritual Director to a growing number of people, for which I am grateful. Spiritual direction can help individuals evaluate their relationship with God and how, and where, they are in their faith journey. I invite you to consider spiritual direction. Feel free to call me at the church office if you want to learn more about spiritual direction 251-471-1511.

## **EXECUTIVE PASTOR**

You've heard me say before that my take on ministry is, "every day is unique, and no day is boring." Well, that has very much been the case this past month. It's hard to summarize all that has happened lately, but suffice it to say God is good, and I couldn't be more grateful to be a part of the kingdom work being done through the people of Dauphin Way. It has been a joy to witness all of our celebrations during Eastertide. I've loved seeing the joy in our confirmands, graduating seniors, new parents, and all those that served on our mission day. In addition, it was a special privilege to see my daughter join the other children in our church and sing multiple times in worship. And I have enjoyed the many sessions of premarital counseling I have done with three beautiful couples.



In addition to the joys of Eastertide, I have been proud of the work our administrative committees have accomplished. Thanks to Steve Smith, Pat Turner, and Cindy McMillian, we now have a newly updated version of our internal financial controls. The Finance Committee approved these at this month's meeting and has submitted them as an addendum to the church council report. The committee also approved updated investment guidelines for church-held assets, which are included as well. Similarly, I am grateful to Phillip Abernethy, Dennis Sumrall, Gene Warren, and David Peeler for their work as a Policy Task Force commissioned by the SPRC to develop policies to define the roles of the SPRC and clergy in matters relating to personnel. We met multiple nights over the past month, and I appreciate all the work they put into helping create a supportive structure for all who work at Dauphin Way.

I must admit, though, amid all the celebrating and administrative work, my attention has been somewhat distracted. After my bike crash on February 27th, the doctors found a small nodule on my thyroid during the CT scan. I was recommended for follow-up, then an ultrasound, and eventually a biopsy. After two and a half months of tests and waiting, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. I am grateful it is very small and treatable. I know several people who have had this same cancer and recovered quickly and are doing fine. I have my first meeting with my surgeon soon, and I will know more about the exact date for surgery. We are still waiting for one more test that will dictate the specific form of post-surgery treatment, but we are thankful for a good prognosis and wonderful doctors. My surgery will likely be sometime in June or early July. I appreciate all the prayers and well wishes Brianna and I have received so far. We love Dauphin Way and couldn't be happier knowing that whatever we go through in life, we have an amazing church family to journey alongside us.

## LEADERSHIP @ DAUPHIN WAY

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### **SPRC**

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Generally meets in the second week of the month. The Board of Trustees is the only committee that elects its own chair.

Anyone may attend a Trustees' meeting.

### **FINANCE**

Generally meets in the third week of the

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.

## LEADERSHIP

### **STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS**

The SPRC is pleased to report that Laura Maguire has accepted an offer to become Coordinator of Children's Ministries. Laura has served our children and their families faithfully and well since last August, even as she completes her undergraduate studies. Like all of Dauphin Way's team, Laura has a heart for her ministry, and parents have described her as a true "Mary." We hope you will express your appreciation for Laura's service and witness, not only with words but also by becoming involved in this volunteer-intensive ministry.

David Peeler, SPRC Chair

### **TRUSTEES**

The year-to-date surplus is \$22,432.88. We anticipate costly repairs/replacement to our chillers and cooling towers in the short term. We have hired mechanical engineers to determine our best path forward.

Various brickwork projects around our campus are going well. We anticipate them to be complete by June and in time for ordination.

Amelia Driscoll, Trustee Secretary

### **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 16 and reviewed the April financial reports. The operating fund ended the month with a surplus of \$4,477 and year-to-date with a surplus of \$26,910, although we are considering the one-time gift previously received of \$72k as we analyze these reports. It was noted that the current year-to-date compares closely with this time last year and, thus far, we have budgeted appropriately for the pledged giving account. The CDC also ended the month positively with \$3,350 and a year-to-date of \$11k. Designated funds are on track and the Lenten offering of \$22k will be sent to ministry partners this month. We are so grateful for the generosity of our church members!

The Finance Committee also approved amended Designated and General Funds Guidelines and reviewed and approved amended internal control policies.

Thank you!

Ann-Brooks Morrissette, Chair, Finance Committee

### 001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church

### Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2023

### Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 4 - April 33.33%

2023 Receipts & Disbursements

	2023 Receipts & Disbursements										
			Actual	2023	Actual						
ACCT #		2023 Budget	for Period	Actual YTD	to Budg %	Prior YTD					
	Receipts										
1131	Current Pledges	1,559,047.00	85,705.75	434,004.90	27.84%	428,184.74					
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	54,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00					
	Net Current Pledges	1,505,047.00	85,705.75	434,004.90	28.84%	428,184.74					
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	27,532.00	0.00%	9,291.75					
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	61,212.00	15,303.12	30,606.24	50.00%	43,172.23					
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	2,961.38	6,755.41	45.52%	4,956.51					
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	436,936.00	31,184.63	104,949.05	24.02%	120,050.91					
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	72,145.00	0.00%	0.00					
1140	Interest Income	0.00	236.52	345.92	0.00%	15.68					
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	215.00	215.00	3.58%	0.00					
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	13,916.44	1,159.70	4,638.84	33.33%	5,830.80					
1148	CDC Fee Income	65,760.00	5,480.00	21,920.00	33.33%	17,920.00					
1149	Wedding Income	4,330.00	2,460.00	6,110.00	141.11%	2,210.00					
	Total Receipts	2,108,040.44	144,706.10	709,222.36	33.64%	631,632.62					
	Disbursements										
4413	Total Pastoral	2,000.00	25.99	1,244.20	62.21%	1,117.80					
4510	Total Communications	6,940.00	994.85	3,930.21	56.63%	1,784.72					
5011	Total Children's Ministry	22,469.00	1,182.43	7,054.97	31.40%	12,751.41					
5111	Total Youth Ministry	21,673.00	-7,217.86	-12,420.24	-57.31%	9,379.55					
5211	Total Adult Ministry	4,600.00	389.56	2,679.87	58.26%	-2,562.30					
5612	Total Missions	500.00	0.00	771.65	154.33%	0.00					
5710	Total Connectional	22,541.00	1,878.41	7,513.72	33.33%	8,105.64					
5739	Conference Apportionments	140,929.00	11,744.08	46,976.36	33.33%	46,119.92					
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	0.00	148.75	4.37%	108.20					
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00%	-250.00					
6310	Total Worship	33,000.00	5,221.56	13,553.33	41.07%	20,060.49					
6610	Total Office	76,500.00	4,569.34	25,199.83	32.94%	31,056.30					
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	550,141.00	30,674.73	223,596.13	40.64%	173,302.77					
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	16,129.00	805.00	1,655.00	10.26%	15,050.00					
7001	Total Kitchen Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00					
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	15,443.00	1,268.84	6,550.19	42.42%	5,043.59					
7111	Total Personnel	1,177,855.00	88,691.92	353,846.26	30.04%	349,600.60					
	Total Disbursements	2,094,124.00	140,228.85	682,312.23	32.58%	670,668.69					
	Income Over/Under Evnences	12 016 44	4 477 25	26 010 12		(20.026.07)					
	Income Over/Under Expenses	13,916.44	<u>4,477.25</u>	<u>26,910.13</u>		(39,036.07)					
Checkir	ng Accounts & Receivable Balanc	es as of April 30,	2023								
Onerati	ing Checking	\$70,980.00									
Payroll Checking		524.04									
-	Checking	253.95									
Petty Ca	<u> </u>	400.00									
	ing Money Market	162,385.42									
	ing Reserve - AWFUMF	373,630.38									
Total Assets		\$608,173.79									

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

### **BAPTISMS**

Kenley Waters was baptized on May 7.

Harper Nancy Hunter, daughter of John and Rachel Hunter, was baptized on May 7. Marron Augusta McCown, daughter of Robert and Louise McCown, was baptized on May 21.

### **DEATHS**

We extend our love and sympathy to family of Marilyn Swanson upon her death on May 21, 2023.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Matthew and Negin Ahmadi-Miller & family Lori, Olivia, & Carson Moore Greg & Tony Yost Kaylie Holzapfel Amedee & Ethan Stokley Will Stockman

#### **HONORARIUMS**

In Honor of DW Choirs

John & Betty Stone

In Honor of Jane Dukes

David Dukes

In Honor of Kat Brand

Disciple 1 class - Kim Daniels

In Honor of Sherry Daniels

Kim & Larkin Daniels

In Honor of Sylvia Tarpley

Kim & Larkin Daniels

#### **MEMORIALS**

### In Memory of Hilda Fowler

Gene & Dian Beitel

### In Memory of Bob Ogle

David & Cindy Peeler

### In Memory of Doug Painter

Cathy Harbour

Mary Eleanor Loftin

Rob & Martha Cook

David & Cindy Peeler

DW Chancel & Noonday Ringers

### In Memory of Jane Hollis

Nancy Booth

Liz & Sid Brevard

Rob & Martha Cook

David & Cindy Peeler

Liz & Sid Brevard

Paul & Terri Gray

Guy L. Rutleledge, III, M.D.

Jane Williamson

David & Jane Dukes

Mary Mostellar

**Juli Chambliss** 

Suzanne Waller Silva

Kim Busby

Anne C. Bowlus

Timothy & Paula Drummond

### In Momory of Josephine Partridge

Philip & Sally Partridge

### In Momory of Law Crawford

Suzanne Waller Silva

### In Momory of Lewis Ratcliffe

Myra Martin

### In Momory of Marilyn Swanson

Kimi & Allen Oaks

### In Momory of Yuell Busey

David & Cindy Peeler

Paul & Terri Gray

Keith and Julia King

David & Jane Dukes

Skyros Benevolent Society

J. Wilbert Jordan, Jr.

Marion and Jamie Quina

### In Momory of Jeff Hollis

David & Cindy Peeler

Paul & Terri Gray

David & Jane Dukes

**Juli Chambliss** 

Suzanne Waller Silva

### In Momory of Sally Megginson

Sam & Bailey Slaton

Todd & Mary Martin

David & Cindy Peeler

Paul & Terri Gray

Ann G. Adams

Sharon & Eddie McDonough

David & Jane Dukes

Jeffrey & Jenny Beall

Tallulah Helmsing

Paul Graham McClintock

Casey & Palmer Whiting

Suzanne Waller Silva

Mitchell, McLeod, Pugh & Williams, Inc

Beth & Bibb Lamar

Hal & Lynne Daugherty

Mary S. Turner

Rhen and Tommy Druhan

### In Memory of Martha Loper

David & Cindy Peeler

### In Momory of Olivia Crawford

Suzanne Waller Silva

### In Momory of Barbara Barron

Philip & Sally Partridge

### In Momory of Donald & Elizabeth

West

Myra Martin

### In Momory of Dorothy Smith

Tuscaloosa Fire Dispatchers

Paul & Gina Smith

### In Momory of Wayne Zerfas

David & Cindy Peeler

David & Jane Dukes

Paul and Terri Grey



The Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church will hold its 2023 Annual Conference session Sunday, June 11-Wednesday, June 14 at the <u>Mitchell Center on the campus of the University of South Alabama</u> in Mobile, AL. The Service of Commissioning and Ordination will be held at <u>Dauphin Way United Methodist Church</u>.

This year's theme is, "When They Prayed" from Acts 4:31, with each day having a specific focus of how Biblical characters prayed.

- Sunday, June 11: like Naomi (Ruth 1:8)...
  - When we pray blessings on others, God redeems.
- Monday, June 12: like Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:5)...
  - When we acknowledge our shortcomings, God rebuilds.
- Tuesday, June 13: like Mary (Luke 1:46-56)...
  - When we rejoice and give thanks, God reveals.
- Wednesday, June 14: like Peter (Acts 9:40)
  - o When we pray boldly, God revives.

Bishop David Graves will preach the opening worship service. Monday morning worship will feature Rev. Richard Williams and President Cam West will preach the ordination and commissioning service. Rev. Emily Kincaid will preach at the Tuesday morning worship service and and Dr. Nathan Attwood will preach the Wednesday morning worship service. We will hear from Rev. Christina Shaver at the memorial service.

All worship and business sessions of the Annual Conference are open to the public, and available via livestream. To view the schedule, livestream links, and more information, visit https://www.awfumc.org/ac2023

## Looking Ahead: August Dill Lecture Event



The Dill Lecture Committee is excited to announce that **Dr. Amy-Jill Levine** will be the speaker for a special lecture event on Thursday evening, August 24. Dr. Levine is an internationally renowned scholar and teacher, who happens to be Jewish and is also the author of numerous books on the New Testament. In 2021 we had a well-received churchwide Lenten study of her book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. We are in for a treat with Dr. Levine!

In preparation for her visit to Dauphin Way, the Lecture Committee will present a series of discussions on one of her popular books, The Difficult Words of Jesus. (We often wrestle with his words, don't we?) These sessions will be held during the Sunday school hour in August. More details will be forthcoming, but you might want to order the book and begin reading.

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