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"Here We Stand," our 2023 Discipleship
Campaign, begins October 29



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WITH DAUPHIN WAY UMC

SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable goods to stock the Society of St. Stephen Ministry's food pantry on Sunday, November 12! Our goal is 1000 items, so we hope you'll help out if you **CAN!**

INNER CITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will be collecting monetary donations in order to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for the Inner City Mission during the month of November.

SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN ANGEL TREE

Christmas is coming, and one way that we like to help out is through Society of St. Stephen's Angel Tree Project! Angel Tree allows us the honor of shopping for a child in need so that they can experience the joy of receiving Christmas presents.

**CONTACT JOYCE SOCKWELL AT (251)344-4296 FOR
MORE INFORMATION ON ALL OF THE ABOVE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING.**

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

I won't blame you if you skip to the back of this month's Dauphin Way Journal but once you're there, I hope you'll take your time. What you'll find is the product of immense investments of time and prayer, and it is worth an equal investment of your time and prayer as well.

It has been twelve months since the Dauphin Way Process team recommended a timeline for how we could discern God's call for us and our denominational future.

Since then, we have shared in worship about how Scripture, as understood through reason, tradition, and experience, guides the Church's discernment. We have met together in study to consider how faithful people, who use those same criteria, still disagree over the key questions of scriptural interpretation. We received 33,000 words from 244 responses to a church-wide survey. We have spent hundreds of hours, collectively, in Home Meetings, where our Discernment team has listened as 199 different participants shared their own convictions and hopes for Dauphin Way.

Two weeks ago, our Discernment Team met for eight hours in total, to pray over all that we had heard and draft a "Statement of Principle" on behalf of the entire church.

This statement was then presented for discussion and feedback at an open — and unusually well-attended! — meeting of our Church Council. In response to that feedback, the Church Council added three brief phrases to clarify various points in the statement.



That statement, as amended, can be found on the final pages of this month's journal. You will read that "it has become clear that none of the three possible futures^ we have considered would be sufficient cause for our congregation to separate from the United Methodist connection." And, given that, you will read how our Church might go forward in our mission.

And now, the Church Council invites all of Dauphin Way to pray over this statement before it receives a final vote on November 27, 2023.

As you read and pray, I hope you will give yourself as much time to appreciate the reasons behind it as much as the resolutions. In every point, our Discernment team rooted the statement in Scriptural principles and the Spirit's witness through your testimonies. As the

statement mentions, we at Dauphin Way "gratefully receive each member's voice and testimony as the "wisdom of God in its rich variety" (Eph. 3:10).

I could not be more grateful for the time and heart our Discernment Team — CJ Angelette, Reid Harvey, Rev. Kathy Jorgensen, Don Kidd, Dr. Woods Lisenby, Parks Moore, Vanessa Reyner, and Betty Stone — have poured into bringing our discernment to this point.

As we pray over this statement and vote on its adoption later in November, I hope you will reach out with any questions or clarifications along the way!

^In our Home Meetings, we defined these possible futures as "The Status Quo," "The Regional Option," and "The Strong Governance Option." For more information, please see the Dauphin Way Discernment Team's "Home Meeting Handout" at dauphinwayumc.org/dwprocess

NOVEMBER 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 (not 11/5)	Chapel
9:15 AM	Dauphin Way 101	Dill Parlor
9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Various
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (not 11/5)	E123
9:15 AM	Third Grade Bible Class (not 11/5)	E216
10:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service (not 11/5)	Moore Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children’s Church (K5-3 rd Grade)	E215

MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St Stephen	SSS Offices
10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts (not 11/20)	Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms -
7:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	Library/Zoom
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen

NOVEMBER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes (closes early on 11/22)	Ed Bldg.
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Family Life
12:00 PM	Noonday Ringers (not 11/22)	Handbells
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Chancel Bells (not 11/22)	Handbells
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (not 11/22)	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice (not 11/22)	Moore Hall

THURSDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes (not 11/23)	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels (not 11/23)	Kitchen
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Library

FRIDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes (not 11/24)	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels (not 11/24)	Kitchen

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, November 1

10:00 AM	Shepherd Training	McDavid Library
6:30 PM	Marriage, Motherhood & All...	Family Life Room

Thursday, November 2

11:30 AM	Jesus & the Early Church;	Dill Parlor
4:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall
6:00 PM	Guided by Grace	McDavid Library
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall

Friday, November 3

5:00 PM	Family Camp	Blue Lake
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Saturday, November 4

Family Camp Continues	Blue Lake
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Sunday, November 5

10:30 AM	All Saints Sunday Combined Worship	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Church Communion	Chapel
12:00 PM	Family Camp Ends	Blue Lake
5:00 PM	Youth Outdoor Movie Night	Parking Lot

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 AM	Over the Bay with Dauphin Way	Westminster Village
5:30 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall

Tuesday, November 14

12:00 PM	Long Goodbye	Bishop's Meeting/FLR
12:00 PM	Trustees	McDavid Library
4:00 PM	Finance Committee	McDavid Library
5:30 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall
6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends	Library/Dill Parlor

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 PM	Marriage, Motherhood & All...	Family Life Room
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NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Thursday, November 16

11:30 AM	Surprised by Hope	Dill Parlor
12:00 PM	Altar Guild	McDavid Library
4:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall

Sunday, November 19

5:00 PM	The Four Hells	McDavid Library
4:00 PM	Children's Chimes (grades 2-3) (not 11/26)	Bride's Room
4:00 PM	Wesley Ringers (grades 4-6) (not 11/26)	Handbell Room
4:30 PM	Cherub Choir (not 11/26)	SB101
4:30 PM	Wesley Singers (grades 4-6) (not 11/26)	Choir Room
5:00 PM	Wesley Singers (grades 2-3) (not 11/26)	Choir Room
5:00 PM	Children's Friendsgiving	McGowin Hall

Monday, November 20

12:00 PM	Noonday Ringers	Handbell Room
5:30 PM	Chancel Bells	Handbell Room
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 PM	Sages	McGowin Hall
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Thursday & Friday, November 23 -24

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

Monday, November 27

5:30 PM	Church Council	E210
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Moore Hall

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 PM	Marriage, Motherhood & All....	Family Life Room
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Thursday, November 30

7:00 AM	Grits & Grace	McGowin Hall
11:30 AM	Surprised by Hope	McDavid Library
4:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall
6:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Moore Hall

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AND MUSIC

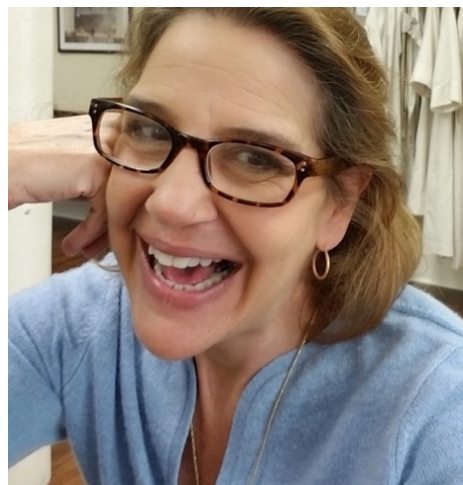
Worship and song have connected United Methodists and their predecessors from the days of Wesley to the present. Well-crafted liturgy and music shared across the denomination bring congregations together, celebrate common heritage and reinforce Wesleyan practices. They are powerful teaching tools that also build community.

In traditional worship at Dauphin Way, all ages express their joy and faith as they sing and ring praise to the One who created them. People of all ages engage in leading by participating in the Chancel Choir, Dauphin Way Chorale, NoonDay Ringers, Chancel Ringers, Wesley Singers and Ringers, Children's Chimes, Cherub Choir, as well as, serving as acolytes, liturgists, Eucharist servers and ushers.

For United Methodists, hymn singing is an act of praise and joy, a way to express their beliefs. John Wesley considered singing such an important communal act of piety that he left behind detailed instructions on how his followers should sing that can still be found in the front pages of the United Methodist Hymnal today. With a long history we all look to the exciting future that is before us.

Children's Choirs are off and running full steam ahead. We have all been busily learning and ringing and singing preparing to lead in worship on Sunday October 29. Like the children that we are-eagerly anticipating sharing all that we have learned this fall throughout the exciting seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The Adult Bell Choirs have been busily preparing new and challenging pieces to present in worship at both



the 8:20 and 10:30am traditional services. Chancel Ringers have made the move to Wednesday evening rehearsals just prior to chancel choir. Our hope is that the move will encourage more singers to make the leap into bell ringing.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Chancel Choir share their faith and talents through music in worshipful, relatable, and engaging way. We are rolling through the fall season with rehearsals and worship with our sights set on the Traditional Lessons and Carols service set for December 17.

Our Altar Guild, by design works quietly behind the scenes to ensure that each and every worship service is a beautiful and meaningful experience for everyone. We are currently busy. Worshippers rarely notice their hard work but would notice if this fine group of people were not so committed and diligent in their service to Dauphin Way and Christ.

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

Pumpkin patch season is here! On Sunday, October 1st, a team of 60+ volunteers unloaded pumpkins in just over an hour! We are now halfway through the season, and sales are looking good! We are currently on pace to reach over \$30,000 in pumpkin sales; once we reach this benchmark, we will receive our maximum percentage of 40%, which is \$12,000 in pumpkin money. So far, we have made \$3,124.30 of non-pumpkin money from our market, field trips, hayrides, donations, etc. On Saturday, October 14th, we hosted our second annual Market in the Patch! We were fortunate enough this year to be welcomed onto Fox 10's Studio 10 for a segment on Market in the Patch. At our market we welcomed twenty-two vendors and two food trucks in addition to a bake sale and a \$5 wrist band for kids' activities like bouncy houses and face painting. We made \$1,884 through our market alone! Our bake sale brought in \$284, our vendors brought in \$550, and our wrist band activities brought in \$1,050. Thank you to each and every volunteer who donated a baked good, worked a shift, bought needed items for us, or helped with set up and tear down. Thank you Mrs. Joyce Sockwell for helping coordinate our bake sale! Missy Abernethy and Andrew Peeler helped coordinate the market and did a fabulous job recruiting vendors, reaching out to food trucks, and getting the bouncy houses to the patch. Thank you to all who were involved!

We still have a big volunteer need as we wrap up the last twelve days of the season. You can sign up on our website or in the gathering place on Sunday mornings. It truly takes a village. The month of October cannot



STUDENT MINISTRY

end without thanking our amazing pumpkin patch team this year! Elizabeth Percy along with the entire Percy family handled all the decorations and set up for the pumpkin patch as always. Both Cindy Peeler and Andrew Peeler did a great job scheduling field trips this year with some fun new additions. Lynn Davidson has helped keep up with all the sales and logging logistics. Missy helped coordinate the market, and her family has been one of our on-call families at the patch all month. We have had several of our high school youth in particular step up and volunteer 6+ hours a week at the patch. There is no way we could pull off a successful season this year without Andrew's hard work and countless hours at the patch making sure all is running smoothly. I am grateful for each and every volunteer this pumpkin patch season.

Lastly, it is with mixed emotions and a heavy heart that I share I have decided to resign from my position as Director of Student Ministries here at Dauphin Way UMC. After several months of prayer and counsel, I believe the Lord has called me to serve as youth ministry director at Lake Forest Church near Charlotte, North Carolina. My last Sunday will be Sunday, December 3rd. Last week, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee approved Andrew Peeler to serve as Interim Youth Director during this transition period. I have full confidence in Andrew's leadership along with our incredible youth leaders and Youth Parent Council to continue to keep things healthy and rolling smoothly. The calendar is planned through the summer, and we already have coordinators in place for two of our big youth trips. Cindy Peeler and Andrea Ottolino have graciously agreed to coordinate Winter Retreat. Both Andrea and Cindy used to coordinate Winter Retreat years ago, so there could not be two better people for the job. After an amazing Youth Camp this past summer, Lynn Davidson has agreed to coordinate Youth Camp again. Youth Parent Council this year is made up of twelve parents who are dedicated to seeing this student ministry remain healthy. If you have any questions, this year's Youth Parent Council members are Missy Abernethy, David Bush, Mark Davidson, Anne Gill, Chad Green, Mary Lucy Mattei, Brad Philips, Monica Powers, Shannon Rhodes, Karen Smith, Stormi Vickers, and Kelly Warren.

Dauphin Way United Methodist Church has been my church home for seven years. It has been a great privilege to serve on staff for over four of those years. My time at Dauphin Way has immensely shaped my faith journey and call to vocational ministry. I am thankful for the opportunity to have learned a wealth of knowledge and gained experience in leading in both student ministry and in contemporary worship areas throughout my time here. I am grateful to this church family for encouraging me, supporting the beginning of my seminary journey, and pushing me out of my comfort zone. Thank you for your prayers, your support, your friendship, and the memories we have made.

Dauphin Way will always be my Mobile home. May the Lord continue to work through Dauphin Way to make disciples who make a difference.

Brittany Dang, Director of Student Ministries

PASTOR REPORTS

Rev. Wilson Newell

October is always one of my favorite months of the year, and this October was no exception. We had beautiful weather, football, and a full schedule of ministry this month. On October 6-7, I had the honor of going to Blue Lake to be the speaker at a retreat for college students from Auburn, South Alabama, and Huntington. Being in that beautiful place with students hungry to grow in their faith and in fellowship was refreshing for my soul. On October 22, several people in our church went to Dumas Wesley to participate in a COPE (Cost Of Poverty Experience). It was an eye-opening experience that helped us to better see from the perspective of people who deal with poverty, which will empower us to serve others in that situation.

On October 29, we will welcome hundreds of kids and their families to our annual Trunk or Treat in the Patch! Seeing the creative displays of trunks and costumes is always so much fun. Then it's on to Family Camp at Blue Lake November 4-6, one of the best weekends of the year! It is such a good weekend to get away, reset in nature, and make some new friends. If you have never been, I encourage you to sign up!

I have a whole list of people that I give thanks to God for in this busy season. First, I am delighted to welcome Sutton Tremayne back to our staff as Children's Ministry Assistant to help us out in the



interim. Sutton served in this role several years ago and she has been a lifesaver in keeping things flowing with the Children's Ministry and Hospitality. She loves our church and brings such enthusiasm to her work.

I am also grateful for Rev. Michael Precht, who has taught the lessons for younger kids on Sunday nights. He had them absolutely dialed in, which is no small feat. Kat Brand and Amanda Savage are an all-star team for leading JUMP on Sunday nights with the older kids. I am also thankful for the return of Martha and Tommy Hightower to running Children's Church. Last but not least, I am grateful for our regular Sunday School leaders, Brianna Lisenby, who runs K5-2nd Grade, Bea Tisher, who runs the 4th-5th Grade, and for Negin-

Ahmadi Miller, who assists with 3rd Grade Bible Class. It takes a village to raise kids in the faith, and we have an incredible one at Dauphin Way. For that, I give thanks to God.

Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to provide shawls for all of our new babies. The shawls are placed in the “Annie’s Gift Ministry” box and delivered to our church families who have had a new baby. This ministry is lovingly provided by Keith Mills in memory of his 18-month-old granddaughter, “Annie”. Prayer Shawls continue to be given to those who are struggling with illnesses and other crises in their lives. Last month our Prayer Shawl Ministry, under the wonderful leadership of Shelby Wright, celebrated their 17th Anniversary. They have knitted and crocheted 6,500 shawls and crosses.

Our faithful Shepherds continue to visit and call our homebound members. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to our homebound list, please call the church office 251-471-1511. We have gained a lot of new Shepherds and we will have a training session for new and returning Shepherds on November 1st at 10 a.m. in the church library.

Our Guided by Grace Widows’ group had a lesson on gratitude in October. Being grateful helps to balance the heaviness of grief. In the session we covered 10 tips to fit gratitude into your life:

After our session we all decorated boxes to become our gratitude boxes. We are to write a note about something we are grateful for each day and place it in the box until the end of the year. On January 1st the box will be opened and each slip of paper will remind our widows of their blessings. Lyn Stewart is our lay leader of this ministry and always starts the group out



with a beautiful invitation, delicious meal and lovely table decorations. I am sure the ladies feel loved.

The “Long Goodbye” support group covered a session on patience as a caregiver, and we turned our attention to the prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **I Cannot Do This Alone.**

“The Tools of Hope”, general grief group, met this month and discussed the most important things to remember while grieving. We covered: Grief is a journey. If you want to heal from grief, you must go through it; you cannot go around it. The grieving process is a healing process. Do not look at healing as a goal you can only attain at the end of the process. Each step you take is part of your healing.

“Grief is a process that is better thought of as a journey,” observes Dr. Tim Clinton. “It’s just one foot in front of the other. It may seem that others have grieved very quickly, but those who have come through the

process too fast have undone business in their lives.”

Take a moment to try and identify where you are on your grief journey. If you have admitted you are grieving, then your journey has begun. Rest assured that the God of all time, the First and the Last, the omniscient and omnipotent God, will be with you every step of the way, and He has already placed your healing in His plan.

One last remainder...please call the church if you or a family member enters the hospital and if you or someone wants to be added to our prayer chain. 251-471-1511.

“To make a difference in someone’s life you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.”

Mandy Hale

Dr. Woods Lisenby

We have seen one hundred and forty-eight people join Dauphin Way UMC over the past two years. We are seeing more people join our congregation than leave. In the past two years, our average weekly worship attendance has increased by 16.5%. In spite of changes in program staff, our Children's Ministry continues to thrive, and Reagan introduced Children's Music programs that have more than fifty children participating. The Youth Ministry is strong and continuing to grow. Our youth group is gracious, welcoming, and hospitable to a wide range of youth. It has more adult volunteers than any time during my tenure. As it transitions in leadership, we could not be more thankful to Brittany and have any more confidence that Andrew will do an incredible job building on her success. We continue to offer new adult classes and ministries. In the past two years, over one hundred and fifty people joined new Supper Clubs. We've had classes with as many as seventy participants and regular seasonal offerings that all had a different constituency. During this discernment process, we've had two different opportunities for congregational feedback. Two hundred and forty-four people participated in the survey we did during the summer, and one hundred and ninety-nine people participated in the home meetings (not including the discernment team that led them). I have been overwhelmed by the level of participation in all that Dauphin Way offers, and proud of the work our staff and ministries are doing each week.

Yet, even with new growth, high levels of participation, and exciting ministries, we have seen a slight decrease in revenue over the past two years. It is in part because of how generous this congregation was during and around the pandemic, and also because of changes in giving patterns. We have returned to some



of the giving patterns of 2018 and prior. And whereas we are grateful for every dollar that is given to the Lord's work in and through this congregation, it is also true that even if we'd generated the same revenue of previous years, we still would not been able to keep up with rising expenses.

The largest, regularly increasing cost is our property insurance. The trustees reviewed multiple options for property coverage and are submitting two for the Church Council to consider. The first is to maintain our current coverage. Our insurance provider informed us to expect a 15%-30% increase in our annual premium. As such, the second option submitted by the trustees is to drop wind coverage on all our buildings. Doing so could reduce our annual premium substantially. One quote for an x-wind property policy was \$54,000. This would reduce our total annual insurance premium from between \$187,992-\$207,851 to around \$88,000. The main rationale for the trustees to offer this option is the fact that FEMA grants community centers and churches up to 90% of funds required for recovery in the event of a named storm or declared national emergency (such

as tornados or other similar weather events).

On October 23, our Church Council directed the Trustees to drop our wind insurance if it is necessary to preserving the greater priorities of Dauphin Way's mission and ministry. I am grateful for all the ministry that decision will make possible. I know without a shadow of a doubt that the Holy Spirit has been present at each phase of this information gathering and discerning. There is nowhere else I'd rather be during this season, and I could not be more proud to serve any other church than I am Dauphin Way United Methodist Church.

Grace and Peace,
Woods

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.

LEADERSHIP

TRUSTEES

The capital fund balance as of 9/30/2023 is \$245,450.01. This number is expected to be reduced as we finish all of the projects that have been approved and are ongoing.

The bulk of our meeting this month concerned insurance. After much discussion, we decided to present two possible insurance options for next year to SPRC and the church council (full coverage vs. dropping wind coverage) so that budgets and potential ramifications can be considered and decided upon. We also voted to file an insurance claim to cover all of the damages associated with the recent lightning strike. Those damages exceed \$100,000.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 17. September's financial statements were reviewed and the month ended with a deficit of \$47,016 and a year-to-date deficit of \$176,220. The Child Development Center ended the period with a deficit of \$11,735, but a year-to-date profit of \$45,166.

The Receipts accounts were reviewed in detail, and it was noted only 58% of pledges have been fulfilled through September. However, many of these pledges are one-time gifts that are typically received at the end of the year, and we are on pace with receipts compared to prior years. If all pledges are fulfilled, we would meet our budget, but after a detailed review of the Current Pledges account, we anticipate finishing the year 5-7% below budgeted receipts (pledged and non pledged). On a positive note, we have added 28 new givers for the year.

The Finance Committee is beginning the budgeting process for 2024 and scenarios were considered for both budget cuts and additional revenue sources.

Ann-Brooks Morrisette, Finance Committee Chair

001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church						
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2023						
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 9 - September 75.00%						
2023 Receipts & Disbursements						
ACCT #		2023 Budget	Actual for Period	2023 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	Receipts					
1131	Current Pledges	1,559,047.00	85,650.99	897,273.47	57.55%	1,013,660.73
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	54,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,505,047.00	85,650.99	897,273.47	59.62%	1,013,660.73
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	27,607.00	0.00%	9,291.75
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	61,212.00	0.00	45,909.36	75.00%	61,503.50
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	859.85	12,480.26	84.10%	11,076.76
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	436,936.00	18,974.90	220,224.47	50.40%	246,495.22
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	122,928.16	0.00%	0.00
1140	Interest Income	0.00	30.03	1,641.12	0.00%	76.38
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	265.00	4.42%	200.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	13,916.44	1,159.70	10,437.34	75.00%	13,119.30
1144	Gain on Sale of Stock	0.00	21,232.89	21,232.89	0.00%	0.00
1148	CDC Fee Income	65,760.00	5,480.00	49,320.00	75.00%	40,320.00
1149	Wedding Income	4,330.00		7,170.00	165.59%	2,210.00
	Total Receipts	2,108,040.44	133,388.36	1,416,489.07	67.19%	1,397,953.64
	Disbursements					
4413	Total Pastoral	2,000.00	0.00	2,070.15	103.51%	4,094.71
4510	Total Communications	6,940.00	756.89	6,515.34	93.88%	4,530.21
5011	Total Children's Ministry	22,469.00	-3,844.67	10,202.24	45.41%	21,394.02
5111	Total Youth Ministry	21,673.00	2,468.80	17,416.55	80.36%	38,766.45
5211	Total Adult Ministry	4,600.00	1,539.16	4,504.05	97.91%	-854.52
5612	Total Missions	500.00	0.00	1,234.39	246.88%	297.72
5710	Total Connectional	22,541.00	1,878.41	16,905.77	75.00%	18,237.74
5739	Conference Apportionments	140,929.00	11,744.08	105,696.76	75.00%	103,769.97
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	-48.02	579.31	17.02%	761.06
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	162.00	0.00%	667.35
6310	Total Worship	33,000.00	2,675.36	34,171.71	103.55%	35,182.65
6610	Total Office	76,500.00	6,015.68	55,979.80	73.18%	61,731.81
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	550,141.00	59,538.09	472,124.88	85.82%	377,878.13
6810	Total Operation Expenses	16,129.00	320.00	7,691.62	47.69%	30,227.72
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	15,443.00	2,389.27	14,460.79	93.64%	13,821.28
	Total Personnel	1,177,855.00	94,971.05	842,994.38	71.57%	843,606.08
	Total Disbursements	2,094,124.00	180,404.10	1,592,709.74	76.06%	1,554,112.38
	Income Over/Under Expenses	13,916.44	(47,015.74)	(176,220.67)		(156,158.74)
Asset Account Balances as of September 30, 2023						
	Operating Checking	\$89,767.48				
	Payroll Checking	\$524.04				
	Online Checking	\$253.95				
	Petty Cash	\$400.00				
	Operating Money Market	\$3,665.62				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$373,630.38				
	Stock Holdings	\$0.00				
	Total Assets	\$468,241.47				
	Accounts Payable - CDC	\$65,000.00				

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- ☐ *Proposed by the Dauphin Way United Methodist Church Discernment Team (CJ Angelette, Reid Harvey, Rev. Kathy Jorgensen, Don Kidd, Dr. Woods Lisenby, Parks Moore, Rev. Michael Precht, Vanessa Reyner, and Betty Stone) on October 22, 2023*
- ☐ *Reviewed with suggested amendments by Dauphin Way's Church Council on October 23, 2023*
- ☐ *The Church Council will have its final vote on whether to adopt this statement at its meeting on November 26, 2023.*

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)

The mission of Dauphin Way United Methodist Church— “Making Disciples Who Make a Difference”— is founded on the apostolic confession that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. It also presumes the historic Methodist convictions that Christ offers free grace to all and calls us to be servants of all.

These convictions compel us to missions and outreach for all people. As we have proclaimed Christ for all people, Christ has made us a people bound by deep and holy relationships with one another. Christ has taught us to care sacrificially for one another, to share a common purpose, and to encourage one another as we press on toward the goal of knowing Christ and becoming more like Him.

Christ has done this for us without giving us perfect agreement on all things.

As we have listened to one another and considered the United Methodist Church's teachings and practices regarding marriage, it has become clear that none of the three possible futures¹ we have considered would be sufficient cause for our congregation to separate from the United Methodist connection.

¹ In our Home Meetings, we defined these possible futures as “The Status Quo,” “The Regional Option,” and “The Strong Governance Option.” For more information, please see the Dauphin Way Discernment Team's “Home Meeting Handout” at dauphinwayumc.org/dwprocess

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We celebrate and support the missional power, accountability, and mutual support of the United Methodist connection, and the following principles will guide our witness within that connection.

1. Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 3:10)

The Gospel is good news for all, freely offered for all, and all are made in God's image; all are welcome in the worship and fellowship of our congregation, regardless of sexual orientation.

Further, we will continue to embrace and accept as full members of the family of God and this congregation *anyone* who professes faith in Jesus Christ and joins our covenant to follow Christ together in prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We pledge to all members — and to *all* families within this family of God — our love, support, care, and fellowship. We gratefully receive each member's voice and testimony as the "wisdom of God in its rich variety."

2. As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

We recognize the Church's role as the Christ-appointed and Holy Spirit-anointed teacher and interpreter of Scripture, and we seek to live in mutual surrender to one another by living under Church teachings. We are grateful for the gift of a shared *Discipline* within United Methodism.

We will uphold the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, which defines marriage as a covenantal relationship between one man and one woman. We call upon all bodies of our congregation and members of Dauphin Way to be equally committed to mutual surrender and church teaching in all other areas of Christian living as well.

3. Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in

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love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 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. (Eph. 4:1-6)

We have already found unity in Christ, and Christ has already used the diversity of God's wisdom in the church to transform our hearts and sanctify us. We already bear with one another in love through disagreements, and we will continue to do so.

If the *United Methodist Book of Discipline* changes to allow regional or local bodies the option of performing and blessing same-sex weddings, it is clear that Dauphin Way would be nearly evenly divided about whether to do so. We affirm that our disagreements are in good faith—with each person's convictions being rooted in Scripture, as understood through reason, tradition, and experience.

In the absence of clear movement of the Spirit, we will continue to uphold the same teaching under which we became part of this body of Christ. That is, we will only celebrate services of marriage between one man and one woman, and we will expect our pastors to uphold this teaching by their chastity in singleness or faithfulness in marriage, so defined.

4. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. (Mark 10:14-15)

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. (Isaiah 54:13)

The First General Rule of the Methodist fellowship was "Do No Harm," and we acknowledge a special responsibility to observe that rule among Christ's youngest followers.

All children and youth should know the church as a place of safety, free of judgment or condemnation, not only for themselves but for their family of origin. We hope and expect that all kinds of families will be part of God's family at Dauphin Way; our pastors, staff, and volunteers will not hinder any of them by their words or actions.

We affirm the Church's role in offering moral guidance, while also recognizing parents and guardians as the Church's primary teachers in their children's lives. All teaching on matters of marriage and sexuality should be offered with great care, with respect for the parent's role, and with the consistent message that "sexual relations belong within the covenant of marriage."

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5. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9)

We are “going on to perfection” as John Wesley taught, and we continue to “work out our salvation with fear and trembling” as Philippians commands. As we continue to seek the Holy Spirit, growing in knowledge and insight to determine what is best, love is not only a command; it is a God-given means by which we come to understand the character and call of God, revealed in Scripture.

We trust the Holy Spirit will draw us into greater and greater unity, either by affirming the principles we have adopted here or by making us aware of any error. We long to see the harvest of righteousness, bearing fruit in each other’s lives.

We do not wish to leave any ongoing discernment to smaller committees within the congregation. If the Church Council of Dauphin Way believes there is reason to revise any of these principles, they will submit their recommendation to a vote of all professing members of Dauphin Way.

6. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-19)

We affirm that our greater and greater unity is unlikely to come through additional formal discernment processes.

Instead, we will pursue the increasing unity that comes through carrying out a common purpose.

We re-commit ourselves to making disciples who make a difference. Together.



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