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# FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Congregation,

This past Sunday was daylight savings time. Did you save up enough daylight to have some extra time this year? I'm obviously kidding, but it sure would be nice if it worked like that. As we move from one event to the next, it's like we never stop and never have extra time. The Hebrew word for Sabbath means "to rest" or "to stop." In the beginning, after God created the heavens and the earth, on the seventh day God stopped. If God thinks it's important to stop, then it seems that we should too.

Abraham Heschel in his wonderful book on Sabbath says, "Last in creation, first in intention, the Sabbath is 'the end of creation of heaven and earth.'" In other words, Sabbath was not created just to renew us so that we can work more efficiently in the week ahead. It isn't the tool to get us to the destination. It is the destination.

So, if we are treating Sabbath like another box to check then we are missing the mark. Sabbath is a gift and a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom to come. Heschel also says, "Unless one learns how to relish the taste of Sabbath while still in this world, unless one is initiated in the appreciation of eternal life, one will be unable to enjoy the taste of eternity in the world to come. Sad is the lot of him who arrives inexperienced and when led to heaven has no power to perceive the beauty of Sabbath...The essence of the world to come is Sabbath eternal, and the seventh day in time is an example of eternity. The Seventh day...was given as a foretaste of the world to come."

So, this week and every week, stop. Take a break from the busyness of life so that you can experience the fullness of life. I hope to see you in worship on Sunday so that we can enjoy that Sabbath rest together.

Grace and peace,  
Gillian

YOU'RE INVITED!

*Coffee with the Pastor*



WHERE:

*McDavid Library*

WHEN:

*November 17 at 4:00 PM*



# 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	Chapel
9:30 AM	Contemporary Worship Service	Moore Hall
11:00 AM	Sanctuary Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Children's Choirs	Choir Room
4:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class	Ed 211
5:00 PM	SNL	McGowin & Moore

## MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St Stephen Assistance	Ed 123
10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 227 Fall Meeting	E208

## TUESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St Stephen Appointment Scheduling	Ed 123

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:30 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	FLR/Bishop's Meeting
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice	Moore Hall

## THURSDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Rooms
8:00 AM	Meals on Wheels	Kitchen
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	McDavid Library

## FRIDAY

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

# NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Friday, November 1

2:00 PM	McGowin Foundation Meeting	McDavid Library
5:00 PM	Larry & Foster Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, November 2

4:00 PM	Larry & Foster Wedding	Library, Sanctuary, Bride's Room
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Sunday, November 3

10:30 AM	Combined Worship, All Saints' Sunday	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, November 5

5:30 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
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Thursday, November 7

6:00 PM	Guided by Grace	Library/Parlor/FLR
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Tuesday, November 12

12:00 PM	Long Goodbye	Bishop's Meeting
5:00 PM	Racial Justice and Reconciliation	Zoom
5:15 PM	Youth Parent Council	McDavid Library
7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends	McDavid, FLR, Parlor

Thursday, November 14

5:30 PM	SPRC	McDavid Library
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Wednesday, November 13

12:00 PM	Tools of Hope	Bishops Meeting
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Saturday, November 16

10:00 AM	1st Light Community: Petting Zoo	Moore Hall
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Sunday, November 17

7:00 AM	Blood Drive	McGowin Hall
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Tuesday, November 19

10:30 AM	Dauphin Way Over the Bay	Westminster
5:00 PM	Finance Committee	McDavid Library

Sunday, November 24

5:00 PM	Children's Friendsgiving	
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Thursday, November 28 – Friday, November 29

Church Offices and CDC Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

October has been a wonderfully full month in our Children's Ministry, with lots of exciting activities and meaningful experiences for our kids! The highlight of the month was our annual Trunk or Treat event, which was a tremendous success, thanks to our collaboration with the Child Development Center's Fall Festival. Held on October 18, the combined event drew families from across the community to join in the fun and connect with our church family.



This year, Trunk or Treat featured an array of exciting activities, including food trucks, face painting, a petting zoo, and even a visit from the Azalea Trail Maids! With creatively decorated trunks lining the parking lot, kids enjoyed an endless supply of candy, plus the opportunity to shop for pumpkins, browse vendor booths, and explore two inflatables. It was a beautiful day filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of community. Special thanks go to Alisa Eagan and Stephanie Axtell from the CDC, Kassidy Terry for her fantastic face painting, and everyone who contributed by setting up a trunk—your support made this event memorable for everyone who attended.

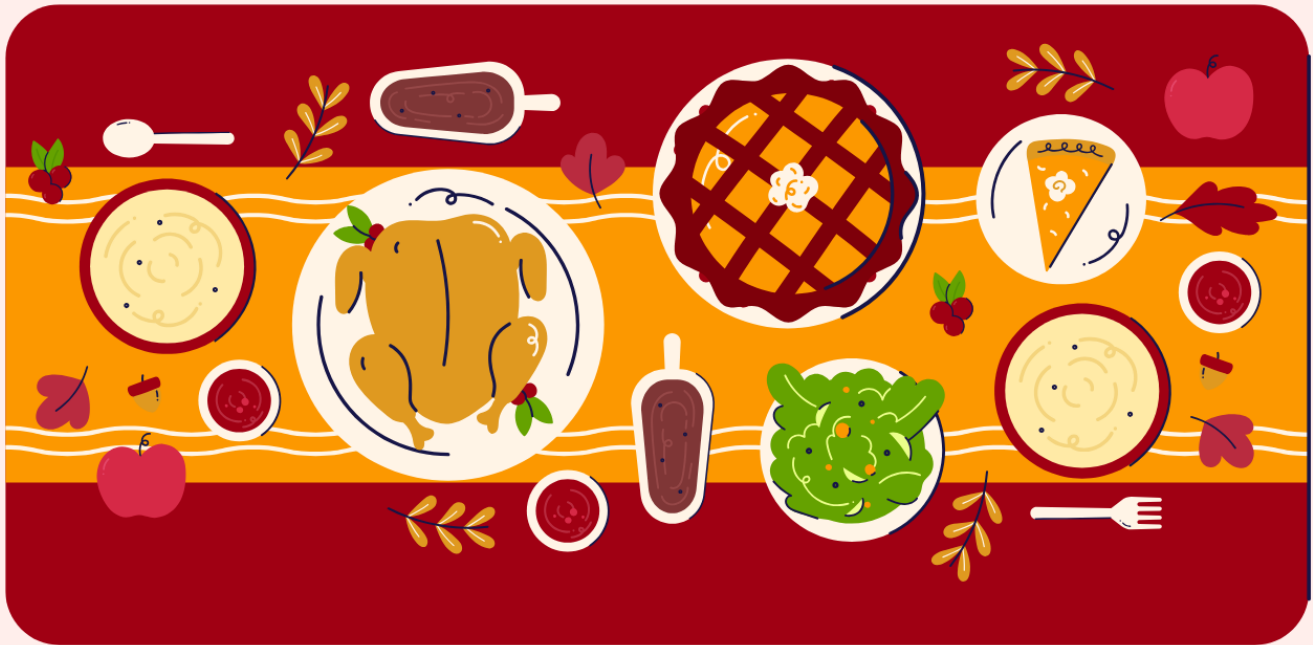
In addition to Trunk or Treat, our Sunday night programming continued, with engaging and fun activities for the kids. We held a pumpkin painting contest that sparked creativity and brought out some artistic talents, while our JUMP class had the chance to interview Rev. Gillian as part of their Spiritual Gifts unit. Rev. Gillian shared insights on how to witness to others, giving kids a relatable foundation for understanding and using their unique gifts to spread love and kindness.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Children's Friendsgiving on November 24—a chance for our kids to reflect on gratitude and enjoy fellowship together. In Children's Church, we are wrapping up our study of the Old Testament and will begin our journey through the New Testament with the start of Advent.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents for Trunk or Treat, helping make October a fun and spiritually enriching month for our children and families!

Rachel Broughton, Children's Ministry Director

# Children's Ministry Friendsgiving



Sunday, November 24



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

As we've settled into the rhythm of the fall season, our contemporary worship team has been working diligently to lead the congregation with enthusiasm. We've enjoyed introducing songs that haven't been part of the DWUMC rotation for some time, experimenting with vocals and harmonies, and rotating team members among different instruments. This approach allows everyone to develop and share their God-given talents in diverse ways.

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to start planning for our Advent and Christmas services. I'm excited to coordinate these services to ensure they are as special as DWUMC has always remembered. Christmas is a truly meaningful season, and I feel fortunate to work with such an incredible team.

I'd also like to give special recognition to Josh Guy this month. He has been a dedicated member of our team for some time, and over the past few months, he has shown remarkable patience and flexibility as I've adapted to my new role. His knowledge of music and our systems for building sets and practicing song flows has been invaluable to me and our entire team.



Kassidy Terry  
Interim Director of Contemporary Worship

# YOUTH MINISTRY

We are now fully back into the swing of things. September 8th marked our kickoff to programming meaning Sunday School and SNL were back. Sunday School has gotten off to a slow start as we adjust to the new timing (10:30am-11:15am) but even with small crowds we have had fruitful discussions. SNL has gone off like a rocket. Our first week attendance was 72 6th-12th graders and our second week attendance was 69 6th-12th graders. Our opening message study, “Restart,” has been a discussion on God’s Promises. Having the Confirmands with us for our fellowship time and dinner has been great change for this year.



October means pumpkins. The pumpkins will be here Sunday, September 29th and will kickoff 33 days of our Pumpkin Patch. Along with all of that orange fun, we will still have our regular programming throughout the month. After taking a break on Pumpkin Unloading Day, SNL will pick back up on October 6th. That Saturday, we will have the third iteration of our Market in the Patch which we hope to see many of you all out there for. On the last Sunday of October, the youth will have our annual Halloween Party to celebrate the season.

Thank you to all of our small group leaders who have turned the chaos of Sunday nights into Spiritual encounters for our youth. Thank you to the parents who have been serving the horde of youth dinner on Sunday nights. And thank you to all who will and have been helping with the Pumpkin Patch.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director

# PASTORAL REPORTS

## Rev. Wilson Newell



October usually means one thing around Dauphin Way: PUMPKINS. This year, we were buried in orange round things, but we piled other stuff on top, too! Every year, I am in awe of the footprint of our pumpkin patch on Mobile. Everyone knows about our great pumpkin patch, which is a beautiful witness to what our church means to this community. We took advantage of the theme with some fun events! The Youth Ministry pulled off the annual Market at the Patch on a beautiful Saturday. Our Children's Ministry combined

Trunk or Treat with CDC's Fall Festival, which saw hundreds of participants. We also hosted dozens of field trips and groups, including non-profits like Dumas Wesley, First Light, and Callahan School for the Deaf and Blind. Our pumpkin patch may be a smelly burden, but it is a source of joy to so many.

We also hosted the Dill Lecture featuring Paul Chilcote on October 20. Both of his presentations were right up my alley as he touched on Wesleyan theology, evangelism, and spiritual formation. It was an honor and joy to spend time with one of the foremost scholars in United Methodism.

Speaking of spiritual formation, October was a fantastic month for that with kids, youth, and adults. I launched my Bible study on The Book of James titled "Walking the Walk," and we have had great attendance in that with representation from all 3 of our early fall groups and classes. I am excited to continue the conversation on living out our faith on November 17 and 24 at 4:30, and we would love for you to join us.

Many people have asked me what our church is doing for Hurricane Helene Relief. First, we have supported UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) financially. Dauphin Way members give generously to this organization because they do a great job and every dollar donated goes straight to the need. Second, we have assembled and sent 20 more "flood buckets" with cleaning supplies for UMCOR teams to use for relief. Third, we have connected with a church in North Carolina that is going to shop for toys for kids in the affected areas who would go without

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presents at Christmas this year without some help. Fourth, we have grown our Early Response Team pool so that we can respond with action when we are called upon.

A few weeks ago, I received a call from someone who from Norton Lilly, a shipping company downtown. Their company wanted to do a supply drive, but did not have a way to transport the items. They called our church and asked if we would get the items to where they were needed, and I said, “Yes!” The person had no connection to our church; she simply knew that Dauphin Way was a church that does good things for people, and I think that is something worth celebrating. We are known by our love for others.

If you are looking to find your place in doing good for others, please let me know! There is so much need all around us, and you may be just the person equipped to meet it. I would love to have that conversation with you... although it may have to wait until after November 17. I will be taking the first couple weeks off to spend with my family as we welcome our third child! Olivia and I are grateful for the opportunity to have this time together and to raise our children in such a loving church. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

# WALKING THE WALK:

a study on the Book of James  
led by Rev. Wilson Newell

Sunday nights from 4:30-6:00

November 17 - December 8

Room 210

register @ [dauphinwayumc.org/recurring](http://dauphinwayumc.org/recurring)

## Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

As we approach November, may we turn our hearts in gratitude to the ways Dauphin Way continues to reach out and help others this Fall.

Our support groups are open to everyone in our community. Our *Guided by Grace* ladies this month enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our coordinator, Lynn Steward. Our ladies were treated to a wonderful session in October by Rosemary Williams ~ **“Home is Where the Heart Is”** Our November program will be **“Looking for Blessings After Loss”**. Our *Tools for Hope* –general grief group, enjoyed a presentation by Pat Turner: **“The Ache of Autumn in Us”**. Our *Long Goodbye group*, was led this month By Dr. Richard Cross. Our *homebound members* are being checked on by our faithful Shepherds each month. We are always looking for more people to help us with our homebound members, for visits and/or for rides to church. If you can help, please call Kathy Jorgensen@ 251-471-1511.



Absolutely none of these ministries would take place without the loyal and loving leadership of individuals:

\* **Guided by Grace** –Lynn Stewart

\* **Shepherd Ministry**-Lorraine Zerfas

\***Prayer Shawl**- Shelby Wright & Cleta Kay Hanebuth

\***Support Group Helpers**- Hill Aeiker, Lucy Murray, Louise Rayford and Sherard Haas.

As we approach the season of thanksgiving, I look forward to all the ways God will continue to use the people of Dauphin Way to spread his hope and love in our church and community.

*Lilly Helen Rainosek’s birthday  
celebration with our Prayer Shawl  
Ministry 10/17/24*



# Dauphin Way Over the Bay

**Next Meeting:  
November 19 at 10:30 AM  
at Westminster**



## 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 capital fund balance as of 9/30/2024 is \$285,161.53 (the capital maintenance fund increased by approximately \$40,000 this month as a result of auditor adjustments). This number is expected to be reduced to \$229,427.48 as we finish all of the projects that have been approved and are ongoing.

Security camera installation is nearly complete. In an effort to further protect the CDC, we have decided to move the CDC entrance to the Breezeway. Using a separate entrance means the CDC door will always be locked (with access limited to CDC staff/families/guests) while the church can keep the doors to the Gathering Place open to the community. We also voted to move the wooden doors in the Breezeway to the other side of the bathroom. The upside of this for the church is that it will make the nice bathrooms in the CDC hallway accessible during church events (funerals, etc.).

To reduce our phone costs, we are going to transition from C Spire to Microsoft Teams.

Work to clean up mildew in the chapel is nearly complete, as is work to fix some termite damage around the chapel door and Breezeway window (there are no active termites in either location).

The trustees have now received HVAC bids from Donaghey and Grayson (in addition to the bid previously submitted by Power of Clean Energy (PCE)). Donaghey's bid in the amount of \$987,000 is to change out the existing chillers and cooling towers with the same thing we have now. This will not solve our ongoing humidity problem nor will it offer any energy savings moving forward. Grayson's bid in the amount of \$53,000 is to clean all of the air-handling units and coils. They said that was the best they could do (they are too small a company to take on the job of replacing our entire HVAC system). Cindy has now spoken to a few of the places (churches in Tennessee and Georgia) PCE has done work to get their opinion on PCE. Both had only good things to say. They reported that PCE did exactly what they said they would do, with minimal disruptions to their operations, and that they



were now seeing the energy savings PCE promised they would see. In light of the good reports we got from previous PCE clients, the projected energy savings with the new VRF system, and the fact that PCE's system will solve our ongoing humidity issues, the trustees think we should go with PCE's bid instead of the bids submitted by Donaghey and Grayson.

*Amelia Driscoll, Trustee Secretary*

### **SPRC**

SPRC met on October 17, 2024. The areas of focus for the past month or so has been on the search for our new Director of Music, beginning the process of filling Katharine Loeffler's role and supporting the staff in various ways. This week members of SPRC who are serving on the search committee for the Director of Music position, completed in person interviews with the four candidates who were chosen from the first round of interviews. In the coming weeks, we hope to announce a new Director of Music. We also continue to celebrate the birthdays of our Dauphin Way employees and plans are in place for the staff Christmas party.

We wish Katharine all the best as she begins her new job and appreciate all that she has done for Dauphin Way. If you know of anyone interested in her position of Communications Specialist, please let us know.

*Anna Moore, SPRC Chair*

### **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 15 and reviewed the September financial statements. The month ended with a gain of \$15,513.05, reducing our year-to-date deficit to \$168,363.30. The CDC ended the month with a deficit of \$6,336.12, and a year-to-date deficit of \$4,775.95. We received the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) for the CDC. The credit totaled \$20,444.50 plus \$5,020.52 in interest. The church has yet to receive the ERC is applied for.

The committee received copies of the completed audits for the church and the CDC. No surprises were noted. The adjusting entries impacted two designated accounts positively.

The Stewardship Committee reported that the campaign was going well. The question and answer sessions were successful. Commitment Sunday is October 27. Committees are already being established to conduct follow-up after the conclusion of the campaign. Once the campaign is concluded, the Finance committee will be working diligently to create a balanced budget for 2025.

*Ann-Brooks Morrisette, Finance Committee Chair*

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**001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2024**  
**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 9 - September 75.00%**

**2024 Receipts & Disbursements**

ACCT #		2024 Budget	Actual for Period	2024 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
	<b>Receipts</b>					
1131	Current Pledges	1,261,121.00	94,239.97	851,542.80	67.52%	897,273.47
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	1,261,121.00	94,239.97	851,542.80	67.52%	897,273.47
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	75.00	2,472.50	0.00%	27,607.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	62,067.00	0.00	46,550.40	75.00%	45,909.36
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	1,162.00	10,005.13	67.42%	12,480.26
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	449,361.00	56,769.66	295,803.98	65.83%	220,224.47
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	122,928.16
1140	Interest Income	0.00	16.24	530.82	0.00%	1,641.12
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	0.00	1,609.86	26.83%	265.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	24,065.00	2,005.42	18,048.74	75.00%	10,437.34
1144	Gain on Sale of Stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	21,232.89
1148	CDC Fee Income	72,336.00	6,028.00	54,252.00	75.00%	49,320.00
1149	Wedding Income	4,330.00	2,460.00	9,460.00	218.48%	7,170.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,894,119.00</b>	<b>162,756.29</b>	<b>1,290,276.23</b>	<b>68.12%</b>	<b>1,416,489.07</b>
	<b>Disbursements</b>					
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	28.84	2,039.52	92.71%	2,070.15
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	601.54	5,686.59	73.85%	6,515.34
5011	Total Children's Ministry	24,469.00	788.08	13,850.20	56.60%	10,202.24
5111	Total Youth Ministry	23,069.00	1,131.86	20,404.56	88.45%	17,416.55
5211	Total Adult Ministry	4,600.00	429.67	3,995.87	86.87%	4,504.05
5612	Total Missions	1,200.00	0.00	1,457.10	121.43%	1,234.39
5710	Total Connectional	16,575.00	0.00	7,458.72	45.00%	16,905.77
5739	Conference Apportionments	106,026.00	0.00	47,031.28	44.36%	105,696.76
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	86.51	89.93	2.64%	579.31
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	515.07	0.00%	162.00
6310	Total Worship	39,000.00	1,297.54	28,386.36	72.79%	34,171.71
6610	Total Office	77,500.00	6,550.92	59,004.47	76.13%	55,979.80
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	511,889.00	55,716.78	442,939.80	86.53%	472,124.88
6810	Total Operation Expenses	16,434.00	3,472.55	8,383.45	51.01%	7,691.62
7111	Total Kitchen Expense	24,865.00	1,431.72	12,627.59	50.78%	14,460.79
	Total Personnel	1,167,245.00	75,707.23	804,769.02	68.95%	842,994.38
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,026,176.00</b>	<b>147,243.24</b>	<b>1,458,639.53</b>	<b>71.99%</b>	<b>1,592,709.74</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>-132,057.00</u></b>	<b><u>15,513.05</u></b>	<b><u>(168,363.30)</u></b>	127.49%	<b><u>(176,220.67)</u></b>
<b>Asset Account Balances as of September 30, 2024</b>						
	Operating Checking	\$63,877.60				
	Payroll Checking	\$486.04				
	Online Checking	\$253.95				
	Petty Cash	\$400.00				
	Operating Money Market	\$5,478.38				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$396,898.30				
	Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00				
	Stock Holdings	\$0.00				
	Total Assets	\$473,766.27				
	<b>Accounts Payable - CDC</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>				

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

## SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Sarah Hallmark Cross who died on October 20.

We extend love and sympathy to the family of Susan Tonsmeire Johnson, upon the death of her husband Steven Johnson, on October 25.

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of* **Liz Brevard**

Chris Henick

Mary Mostellar

Mrs. Eleanor P. Cummings

Lynn W. Morrissette

### *In Memory of* **Tommy Clement**

Suzanne & Michael Damrich

### *In Memory of* **Bob Fox**

Paul W. Klotz

### *In Honor of* **Jacque Williams**

Suzanne & Michael Damrich

### *In Memory of* **Katherine March**

John & Susan Leach

John & Rosa Little

Mary Mostellar

Donald E. Hinton, Jr.

Doris Lanham

### *In Honor of* **DWUMC**

Kimi and Allen Oaks



# White Christmas

Join us for an evening of lessons and carols featuring DWUMC choirs, handbells, and orchestra. Special offering to benefit **Embrace Alabama Kids**.

**December 15**  
**5:30 PM**



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