



# DAUPHIN WAY

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# FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Congregation,

You may remember a few months ago, as Wilson prepared to preach his ordination sermon, I shared this with you:

*“Did you know that the ordination process to become a United Methodist pastor takes at least 9 years to complete? The first step is an undergraduate degree, followed by 3 years of seminary, and 2 years of residency. To enter the residency phase of ordination, you must pass your first round of board interviews. To be ordained you must pass your second round of board interviews after your 2 years of residency is complete. For those interviews, you submit a substantial amount of paperwork on your understanding of our Wesleyan theology and reflections on the practice of ministry. You must also submit a Bible study that you have written and taught and a sermon that you have prepared and preached, in addition to a few other assignments.*

*I’m sharing with you about this lengthy process of ordination for a couple of reasons:*

*One is to let you know that the United Methodist church has worked hard to create a process that helps to train and equip your pastors for life long fruitful ministry. The other is to give you a glimpse of the work that your pastor, Rev. Wilson Newell, has been working on.”*



As we recognize the hard work that Wilson has done to make it to this point, we celebrate that this past week he was approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry for Ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. This year's ordination service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida on June 9. Save the date so that you can be a part of this meaningful worship service and be there to support Wilson.

To get a glimpse of some of the great work Wilson has been organizing lately, check out his letter about the warming shelter on the next page.

Grace and peace,

Gillian

## Caring in the Cold

*a letter by Reverend Wilson Newell*

For most of us, last Tuesday was a day of pure delight. We watched in amazement as snow- real snow! – fell from the sky all day long over Mobile, Alabama. We made snowmen, snow angels, snowballs. It was a beautiful sight to behold. But most of us also had a warm home to retreat into and sleep peacefully as temperatures dropped into the teens.

Two weeks ago, the Homeless in Mobile ministry and the City of Mobile invited Dauphin Way to consider opening as a warming shelter for families during the extreme cold weather. Homeless men can shelter at the Salvation Army and Waterfront Rescue Mission. Women can go to McKemie Place or Central Presbyterian. However, families did not have a place to land, so the city asked if we would like to be a part of their coordinated effort. I pitched the idea to our trustees, who were supportive and took action to make this happen.

From Monday night through Thursday morning, we hosted 15 guests in our gym area. It could not have happened without the generosity and support of Dauphin Way.

### **The Volunteer Army**

Our church collected and sorted mounds of donated items and food to host people. Heather White, Martha Hightower, the Brand family, and the Byrne family helped set up the rooms and sort items so that the guests could find them. Nesy Keaton and Julie Hoagland were day hosts and drivers.

The Rainosek family walked down and cooked hot breakfasts for them. Andrew McAslin stayed all three nights and cooked hot meals for them. Joshua Guy stayed one night and two days. It wasn't just church members that made a difference. We could not have done it without people from our community. Elizabeth Chiepalich from the Homeless in Mobile ministry stayed one night. Captain Mike Wurlick from the Reserve Corps stayed two nights



and provided security and experience. Lucy Murray's friend, Misty Lee, stayed all three nights, and she was an incredible gift. Leaders like Rev. Jim Langston from Waterfront Mission, Kendall Young, the City of Mobile's Homeless Outreach Coordinator, and Mike Dillaber from EMA were instrumental resources for me throughout the week.

### **More than a Shelter**

The warming shelter was more than a roof and a warm room to sleep in; it was a refuge. These guests experienced the hospitality and love of God during their stay. Through several conversations with Elizabeth and Misty, one woman elected to go to rehab after years of struggles with addiction and abuse. One family had been living out of their car since May, and Elizabeth was able to find them a family shelter and secure a hotel room for them before space became available. We also gave them donated food to bring home, and they were moved to tears of gratitude. The other family even helped us with cleanup and entertained my rowdy children

while they waited to leave. They came to us with reluctance but left us filled with joy and hope.

I am so proud of our church and our city for working together to offer people a safe and loving place to

stay. It meant everything to our guests and perhaps even more to those who hosted them. Thanks be to God!

-Rev. Wilson Newell



# SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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

**(No Children’s Sunday Night Programming on February 9)**

## MORNING

8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	E110, E109, E111
8:20 AM	<b>CHAPEL WORSHIP</b>	Chapel
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts <b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	McGowin Hall
9:15 AM	Covenant Class	McDavid Library
9:15 AM	Faith Development	SB101
9:15 AM	Open Hearts Open Minds	Family Life Room
9:30 AM	Friends in Faith	E125
9:30 AM	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>	Moore Hall
9:50 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd	E215
11:00 AM	<b>SANCTUARY WORSHIP</b>	Sanctuary
11:20 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd	E215

## EVENING

	<b>CHILDREN’S MINISTRY</b>	
4:00 PM	Sunday Night Nursery	E105 (Treehouse)
4:00 PM	Children's Check-In Station	Gathering Place
4:00 PM	3rd Grade Bible <b>Children’s Choirs</b>	E211
4:00 PM	Cherub Choir (K4 – K5)	SB102
4:00 PM	Wesley Singers (4th – 7th Grade)	Choir Room
4:45 PM	Joyful Noise Singers (1st – 3rd Grade) <b>Children’s Classes</b>	Choir Room
5:00 PM	Gardeners (K4 - K5)	E213
5:00 PM	M & M (1st - 3rd Grade)	E215
5:00 PM	JUMP (4th - 5th Grade) <b>ADULT MINISTRY</b>	E218
4:30 PM	Justice or Just Us (February only)	E210
4:30 PM	Basement Men's Group <b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>	SB101
5:00 PM	Youth SNL and Dinner	Moore Hall
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class	E123

# FEBRUARY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change throughout the month.  
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weekly Along Dauphin Way updates.

**MONDAY**

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	E120
10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	Scout Meetings	ED Building: Upstairs

**TUESDAY**

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen
9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	E120
9:00 AM	Staff Meetings	McDavid Library
3:00 PM	Worship Review	McDavid Library

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Bishops & Family Life Rooms
12:00 PM	Bible Study: In the Beginning	Dill Parlor
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
6:15 PM	SALT Representatives	Off Site
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice	Moore Hall

**THURSDAY**

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen

**FRIDAY**

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen

# FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, Feb 4th

12:00 PM

5:30 PM

**Children's Parent Council  
SPRC**

McDavid Library  
E210

Wednesday, Feb 5th

6:30 PM

**SALT Meeting**

The Refuge

Thursday, Feb 6th

8:30 AM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

**DWUMC Staff Retreat  
Fellowship Night Out  
Guided by Grace**

Spanish Fort UMC  
Velvet Pig  
McDavid Library, Dill Parlor,  
Bishops & Family Life Room

Friday, Feb 7th -

Sunday, Feb 9th

All Day

**3-5th Grade Winter Retreat**

Blue Lake Camp

Sunday, Feb 9th

5:00 PM

5:30 PM

**Youth Big Game Party  
Young Adult Big Game Party**

Moore Hall  
The Rogers' House

Monday, Feb 10th

5:00 PM

**Racial Justice & Reconciliation**

ZOOM

Tuesday, Feb 11th

12:00 PM

12:00 PM

5:15 PM

7:00 PM

**Long Goodbye  
Trustees Monthly Meeting  
Youth Parent Council  
Compassionate Friends**

Bishops Meeting Room  
McDavid Library  
McDavid Library  
McDavid Library, Family  
Life Room, Dill Parlor

Wednesday, Feb 12th

12:00 PM

**Tools for Hope**

Bishops Meeting Room

Thursday, Feb 13th

5:00 PM

**Darrin Isaac Onboarding with Choir**

McGowin Hall

Saturday, Feb 15th

9:00 AM

**Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Workday**

Moore Hall

Tuesday, Feb 18th

12:00 PM

5:30 PM

**Traditional Worship Committee Meeting  
Finance Committee**

McDavid Library  
McDavid Library

Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM

**Darrin Isaac Onboarding with Staff**

McDavid Library

Friday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

3:00 PM

**CDC Mardi Gras Parade**

Catherine St. Parking Lot

Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 PM

**Coffee With the Pastor**

Family Life Room

4:00 PM

**Justice or Just Us Closing Gathering**

Chapel

5:30 PM

**Acolyte Training**

Sanctuary

Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

**Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet**

McGowin Hall

Tuesday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM

**Contemporary Worship Design Team**

McDavid Library

5:30 PM

**Church Council**

E210

Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM

**Sages**

McGowin Hall

Thursday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM

**Grits and Grace**

McGowin Hall



**COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR**

 **Sunday, Feb 23 • 4 PM**  
**FAMILY LIFE ROOM**

Join us this month for Coffee with the Pastor, a casual time to connect, ask questions, and build a deeper relationship with the heart of our church. Whether you're new around here or have been with us for a while, this is the perfect opportunity to chat, share stories, and learn more about what drives our community. Come for the coffee, stay for the conversation. We can't wait to see you there!



# FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY 6 FEB • 5:30 PM

VELVET PIG

a dinner gathering for those in their 30s and 40s

[dauphinwayumc.org/fellowship-night-out](http://dauphinwayumc.org/fellowship-night-out)



# Young Adult Gathering

big game party

RSVP [wilson.newell@dauphinwayumc.org](mailto:wilson.newell@dauphinwayumc.org)

Sunday February 9 • 5:30 PM  
@ the Rogers house

watch The Game with others in their 20s and 30s



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

January has been a great month in Children's Ministry as we settled back into our regular rhythms. We resumed Sunday night programming on January 26, bringing back opportunities for kids to grow in their faith and build community together. In Children's Church, we have been working through the miracles of Jesus and exploring how they reveal His power, compassion, and mission. Meanwhile, our 3rd Grade Bible class has been diving into the genres of the books of the Bible, helping students understand how different types of writing shape the way we read and apply Scripture.



Looking ahead, we have an exciting February planned! Our Winter Retreat is coming up on February 7-9, providing a special time for kids to step away from their daily routines, connect with one another, and deepen their faith. Sunday night programming will continue to grow as we build on the foundation we've set this month, offering engaging lessons and activities each week.

Another big milestone is the launch of VBS registration, which is now open for children and volunteers! This is always a highlight of our year, and we're looking forward to welcoming children for a meaningful and fun experience this summer. Parents also have something to look forward to—our Fellowship Night Out at Moe's BBQ on February 6 will be a great time for connection and community while their kids enjoy a fun evening of activities at church.

Finally, we are thrilled to welcome Heather White as the interim assistant for Children's Ministry during my maternity leave. She is already jumping right in, and we are so grateful for her willingness to serve during this transition. Thank you, Heather, for your enthusiasm and dedication—we are blessed to have you on board!

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our Children's Ministry. It's a joy to see God at work in the lives of our kids and families!

Rachel Broughton, Children's Ministry Director



3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADE

# Winter Retreat

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2025  
BLUE LAKE CAMP IN ANDALUSIA

# JOURNEY WITH PAUL

**VBS 2025**  
**JUNE 16-19**

REGISTER TODAY

KIDS: [dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-2025](http://dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-2025)

VOLUNTEERS: [dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-volunteers](http://dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-volunteers)



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# YOUTH MINISTRY

January means Winter Retreat and what a Winter Retreat it was. 52 youth and leaders joined us for an incredible weekend at the 4-H Center. Our theme for the weekend was "I Am" and over four sessions, Micah Wright went through who Jesus tells us he is, utilizing the seven "I am" statements he makes in the book of John. Micah reminded us that Jesus is love, Jesus is truth, Jesus is always with us, and Jesus is our Savior. Along with our regular small group discussions after session, all of the small groups were encouraged to go on the prayer walk at some point during the weekend. The walk explored each of the "I am" statements: I am the gate, I am the vine, I am the resurrection and the life, I am the way, I am the good shepherd, I am the bread of life, and I am the light of the world.



Our team games this trip were a lot of fun. On Saturday, we had 3 different activities: Kahoot trivia, states and state capitals, and 9-square. For the Kahoot, we did an "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader" quiz. Each team had a phone to play on and each team member answered a couple of questions. The results of the quiz had Red team and Blue team tied for first, Yellow team in third, and Green team in last. Next was states and state capitals. Teams had 10 minutes to label the states and name the corresponding capital. Red team dominated this event as well, scoring a 92/100 (14 points higher than second place). And finally on Saturday, we played 9-square. We had a running timer and just played for about 25 minutes. At the end of time, the teams earned points based on their position in the 9-square grid. Once again, Red team came out victorious. On Sunday, we finished up with the always exciting game of broom hockey. Inside an arena made of tables, 2 players from each team went head-to-head trying to score a goal. After a few thrilling matchups, it was once again Red team who walked away with the victory. And so, Red team was declared the winner of Winter Retreat Team Games with the largest margin of victory in Team Games history (11.5 points out of a max of 12).

Overall, this was an incredible weekend of fellowship, worship, fun, and faith. There is a reason that this retreat is many of our youth's favorite thing we do. And, a quick thank you to all the leaders who helped make this weekend happen and the effort and time they put in to loving our youth. This weekend does not happen without all of you.

Post-Winter Retreat, we are getting back into our regular weekly programming with our Wednesday morning devotions at Carpe Diem and SNL. On the 26th, we began a new series at SNL called "The Making Of." This series focuses on spiritual formation and looks to build off of the foundations laid at Winter Retreat. Following this series, we will have our Big Game party on February 9th at 5:00 pm in Moore Hall.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

What a beautiful start to an exciting new year! I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy and spirit that has already filled our worship services this year. We have already witnessed beautiful moments where the congregation has been deeply engaged in worship, lifted by songs that remind us of God's enduring love and faithfulness. The team's creative energy, heartfelt leadership, and flexibility have set a powerful tone for what promises to be an amazing year of worship.

I would like to give a huge shoutout to the team that led on Sunday, January 19th. There were quite a few "usual" band members (including myself) that were away for this year's Youth Winter Retreat. We were able to enjoy the retreat, spending time pouring into our students and being poured into, without wondering for a moment if things were going well here. It is such a blessing to be a part of a team that is able and willing to fill in the gaps to make sure that our congregation is being ushered into the presence of God with excellence, week in and week out.

Looking ahead, I am filled with anticipation for the ways God will continue to use our team to lead others in worship. We have plans to introduce new songs, as well as opportunities to grow together as a team spiritually and musically. Additionally, I am excited to share that the Contemporary Worship Design Team meetings will be starting back up soon! I look forward to the creative conversations and ideas that will emerge from these sessions, helping to shape the atmosphere of our services in meaningful and impactful ways. I am confident that with such dedicated and passionate groups, we will continue to see hearts transformed and lives touched through worship. I couldn't be more excited about what God has in store for us in the coming months.



Kassidy Terry, Director of Contemporary Worship



# WELCOME

DARRIN & NATALIE ISAAC



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**DIRECTOR & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

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# PASTORAL REPORTS

## Reverend Wilson Newell

Pastor of Discipleship

Happy New Year! 2025 is off and running, and we are somehow closer to 2050 than we are to 2000! For some, with the new year comes new goals, hopes, and dreams. For others, it brings fear and anxiety. I am grateful to face the new year with my church family, knowing that God is faithful and good. I pray the words we sang in worship this month, “Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care.”



### **Children’s and Youth Ministry Launch**

January has been a beautiful month of new beginnings in ministry. Following the holiday break, our age-level ministries launched on January 26. I am grateful for our Children’s Director, Rachel Broughton, our Youth Director, Andrew Peeler, and the army of faithful volunteers that make these ministries possible. The Youth had their annual Winter Retreat at 4-H Camp. Although I was unable to attend this year, I know firsthand how meaningful that retreat is, having attended as a former Dauphin Way youth. I am especially proud of the 13 seniors who went. They have had a huge impact on our church, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to guide them as they transition into the next phase of their lives.

### **Adult Ministries**

Alongside our youth and children’s programs, we launched three new adult offerings on January 26. I have the honor of leading The Basement Men’s Group on Sunday nights at 4:30, and it is always a gift to my soul to be with those guys in sharing about life and studying God’s word! David Peeler began a Sunday night Bible Study called Justice or Just Us: The Biblical Call to Confront Racism. I am also excited about leading a class on the Book of Genesis titled “In the Beginning.” I have never led a weekday class at Dauphin Way, and I look forward to that experience of digging into God’s word together. Find out more info and sign up for one of these classes at [dauphinwayumc.org/adult-discipleship](http://dauphinwayumc.org/adult-discipleship).

### **Serving the Homeless in Mobile**

January also saw a significant opportunity for our church to serve those in need in our community. With brutally cold temperatures, many in Mobile found themselves struggling to stay

warm. In response, our congregation collected two truckloads of warm clothing, blankets, and other supplies for those staying at warming shelters.

Additionally, I was approached with an unexpected and holy opportunity: a friend connected to the Homeless in Mobile ministry asked if our church could open its doors as a warming shelter. I am proud to say that we were able to respond to this need. Our trustees and volunteers quickly mobilized to make our facility available for those in need. We hosted 15 guests, including two families who otherwise would have been stranded in the cold. God opened doors for us to care for the most vulnerable in our city.

### **Looking Ahead to February**

February will bring more exciting events to look forward to.

- Our Young Adult Super Bowl Party will be on Sunday, February 9 at 5:30 pm at the Rogers' house. Email me to RSVP!
- We will have our next Sages Luncheon for senior adults on Wednesday, February 26 at noon in McGowin Hall. I hope you will join us for food and fellowship!
- Groups and classes will continue through February, and I hope you will join us! Go to [dauphinwayumc.org/adult-classes](http://dauphinwayumc.org/adult-classes) for more details!

As we begin 2025, I encourage you to find your place of belonging within our church family. Whether through one of our classes, a service opportunity, or simply joining us in worship, I would love to help you connect and grow in your walk with God. May this year be one of deepening relationships, spiritual growth, and living out our calling as the body of Christ.

Peace,  
Rev. Wilson Newell



# IN THE BEGINNING

A CLASS ON GENESIS



Wednesdays  
12 pm | Dill Parlor



## THE BASEMENT MEN'S GROUP



Sunday Nights  
4:30 pm | SB101



## JUSTICE OR JUST US THE BIBLICAL CALL TO CONFRONT RACISM



Sundays in February  
4:30 pm | E210



## Reverend Kathy Jorgensen

Associate Pastor of Membership Care and Spiritual Direction

We have so many things to celebrate since we met last month. The first is having been able to celebrate Advent together as a church family. How wonderful it was to hear the word, experience a beautiful choir during the special services like White Christmas and our three Christmas eve services. It's always a true joy to be together celebrating Christ coming anew to us once again.

But realize that the work of Christmas has just begun for us in the Church and as followers of Christ who came to earth to start His mission.

### **The Work of Christmas** written by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.*

Christmas is just the beginning of this mission. The world is now different because God has entered it in a tangible way. And we are called to continue this work. The Church isn't a destination for the already righteous; it is the people sent out to continue Jesus' mission of bringing peace, love, and hope to the world.

### **How Do We Respond to the Messenger and the Message?**

In the story of the shepherds, we see a powerful response to the message: they immediately go to see Jesus and then tell others (Luke 2:17). They didn't just sit on the news—they shared it.

We, too, are called to respond to God's message and share it. But it's more than words. We are called to embody the love of Christ in our actions. This is where we turn to John Wesley's teachings on living out our faith:

- **Works of Mercy:** Wesley emphasized that faith isn't just about belief, it's about action. Wesley's works of mercy—feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners—are the natural response to God's love. Just as the shepherds couldn't keep the good news to themselves, we are called to spread God's love through tangible acts of service.
- **Works of Piety:** Wesley also believed in growing closer to God through prayer, Bible study, and the sacraments. These acts of piety are essential because they help us align our hearts with God's will and empower us to live out our mission.

How do we do this at Dauphin Way? One of the ways was to become a warming center in the same way we used to host families that were homeless through "Family Promise".

Our support groups, started anew with our new year. Knowing that the darker days of winter after the holiday can be one of the heavier times of the year, we made a special effort to be there in a supportive way for our groups. We strive to offer joy and helpful lessons to aid each participant in the start of a new year.

**Our "Guided by Grace"** widow group enjoyed a snack supper at the church prepared by our coordinator Lynn Stewart followed by a wonderfully uplifting program by Vanessa Reyner.

**The "Long Goodbye" support group** helps people who have a loved one with dementia. In January, we shared a devotional thought for the new year and discussed how Christmas went with their loved one. Lucy Murray and Louise Rayford decorated our luncheon table and presented our nourishing lunch. In December, each participant received a book titled *Finding Comfort in the Storm*. A wonderful local group called Mission Fitness, located on 951 Government Street., awarded our Long Goodbye group a check for \$3000 to continue our ministries and our "Happy Meal lunches". Alison, the owner of this great exercise Mission Fitness, will be a speaker for our widows in Guided by Grace in the future.

**Tools for Hope**, our generalized grief group, had a wonderful meal planned by Hill Aeiker and we discussed the joy and difficulties that they experienced during the holidays. We had a devotional thought and each received a devotional book.

**Annie's Gift** celebrated the birth of new babies in December and January. Each child is presented with an Annie's Gift time capsule. This ministry is provided lovingly by Keith Mills. Keith does this ministry as a **living memorial** for his 19-month-old granddaughter who passed away.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** continued to meet all of December and January under the wonderful leadership of Shelby Wright and Clea Kay Hanebuth. Many shawl and prayer crosses were given to people experiencing a crisis in their lives or a baby blanket celebrating a new birth. Our ministry also provided a gift for each of our Honorary Stewarts who have served so faithfully at Dauphin Way...including our very own Prayer Shawl Leader Shelby Wright.

#### **Please Call Us If...**

Let us help you by joining us for one of our support ministries. We want to be with you in your good times but especially in the difficult times.

1. Please call the church whenever you or your family members is hospitalized or sick. Regretfully the hospital doesn't inform the church, so we are counting on you or a family member to call us 251-471-1511.

2. **Pray Chain:** Please let us know if you have anyone you would like placed on our prayer chain. You can add yourself or a friend or family member by emailing Lorraine Zerfas at [fmawebster@aol.com](mailto:fmawebster@aol.com). If you have an emergency and wish to reach one of the pastors after hours, the emergency phone is 251-422-0623.

3. **Spiritual Direction** is to support the directee in her or his personal relationship with God, and to deepen that person's ability to find God's presence in ordinary life. Rev. Kathy Jorgensen is a certified Spiritual Director on our clergy staff. You can make an appointment by calling the church office 251-471-1511.

### **Support Groups at Dauphin Way:**

***Guided by Grace*** | Widow's Group  
meets every first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm

***Tools for Hope*** | General Grief Group  
meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon

***The Long Goodbye*** | for those who have a loved one with dementia  
meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon

***Compassionate Friends*** | for parents and grandparents who have lost a child of any age  
meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

For more information, please contact Rev. Kathy Jorgensen at [kathy.jorgensen@dauphinwayumc.org](mailto:kathy.jorgensen@dauphinwayumc.org) or 251-471-1511



**BLOOM  
WHERE  
PLANTED**

*Floral Arranging*  
**WORKSHOP**

**Thursday Feb 6 • 6 pm**

RSVP by Feb 4  
[lynnstewart1@att.net](mailto:lynnstewart1@att.net)





Happy Meals friends - 1.2.2025

Yours is a noble effort. Seeing need and responding to the call is the most godly thing we can do. We are grateful to be a small part of your big efforts.

In health+heart -  
alison+mission team

row | ride | reform | pilates | barre | trx | hiit | yoga | open gym

**MISSION FITNESS**

951 government street | 251-338-6959  
www.missionfitness.rocks | hello@missionfitness.rocks



## 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 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 REPORTS

## Trustees

The church ended December with a surplus of \$50,497.72. This resulted in a year-to-date surplus of \$1,456.24. This was after a \$60,000 transfer was made to our Escrow account to be used in 2025 to pay apportionments.

The capital fund balance as of 12/31/2024 is \$290,296.88. This number is expected to be reduced to \$244,974.85 as we finish all of the projects that have been approved and are ongoing.

The Trustees are pursuing funding for the most recent proposal from PCE for our HVAC system. A smaller committee will be looking into this. The Trustees feel that at this time this limited proposal is the best option for church to pursue.

The church is attempting to become a Cold Night Shelter to assist the city during times of extreme cold. Everything is being handled as quickly as possible so that the next round of extreme temperatures will be coming in less than a week.

**Amelia Driscoll, Trustee Secretary**

## SPRC

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that all staff positions have been successfully filled with the hiring of Natalie Isaac. We are excited to welcome Natalie and her husband, Darrin, to the Dauphin Way family and look forward to worshipping with them! Natalie will be our new Associate Director of Music and Worship and Darrin will be our Director of Music and Worship.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Michelle McCormick for her outstanding service as Interim Choir Director over the past few months. Michelle has done a beautiful job, and we are deeply thankful for her leadership during this time.

In January, SPRC completed leadership training and onboarding, welcoming three new members: David Bush, Taylor Johnson, and Alex Munderloh. We also want to recognize the dedicated service of Carrie Barton, Dennis Sumrall, and Gene Warren, who are rolling off SPRC after completing three years of invaluable service. Thank you to each of them for their commitment and hard work.

Our next meeting will be February 3.

**Anna Moore, SPRC Chair**

## Finance

The Finance Committee had a brief meeting immediately after Leadership Training January 12. Richard Byrd, chairperson, welcomed the new members; Terri Gray, Scott Hunter, Bailey Savage; to the committee. He reported that Dauphin Way finished 2024 with receipts over disbursements of \$61,456.24. He stated that the apportionments for 2025 were higher than originally anticipated. He recommended that before 2024 was closed, we transfer \$60,000 from our operating budget to our Escrow designated account. In 2025, we would apply the \$60,000 to our 2025 apportionments. The committee unanimously approved this recommendation. This change will result in 2024 ending with income over expenses of \$1,456.24.

**Cindy M. McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations**



**INTERIM DIRECTOR  
OF MUSIC AND  
WORSHIP**

**Michelle McCormick**

*Thank  
you!*

**001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2024**  
**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 12 - Deember 100.00%**  
**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	157,005.47	1,297,488.02	102.88%	1,369,208.46
1132	Pledge Reduction Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Net Current Pledges	<u>1,261,121.00</u>	<u>157,005.47</u>	<u>1,297,488.02</u>	102.88%	<u>1,369,208.46</u>
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	2,472.50	0.00%	27,607.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	62,067.00	0.00	63,249.09	101.90%	61,426.16
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	3,270.65	14,948.78	100.74%	18,299.14
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	449,361.00	80,973.43	433,828.44	96.54%	380,972.88
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	21,000.00	0.00%	122,928.16
1140	Interest Income	0.00	14.82	577.60	0.00%	1,673.06
1142	Facilities Use Income	6,000.00	-300.00	9,843.66	164.06%	6,265.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	24,065.00	2,005.42	24,065.00	100.00%	13,916.44
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	72,336.00	100.00%	65,760.00
1149	Wedding Income	4,330.00	-300.00	9,160.00	211.55%	8,230.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,894,119.00</b>	<b>248,697.79</b>	<b>1,948,969.09</b>	102.90%	<b>2,097,519.19</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	464.25	2,688.79	122.22%	2,131.72
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	175.12	6,421.25	83.39%	10,134.83
5011	Total Children's Ministry	24,469.00	4,360.43	18,741.33	76.59%	19,561.39
5111	Total Youth Ministry	23,069.00	2,621.40	18,575.38	80.52%	17,947.52
5211	Total Adult Ministry	4,600.00	998.78	5,016.03	109.04%	5,534.42
5612	Total Missions	1,200.00	0.00	1,936.11	161.34%	1,252.24
5710	Total Connectional	16,575.00	0.00	7,458.72	45.00%	22,541.00
5739	Conference Apportionments	106,026.00	0.00	47,031.28	44.36%	140,929.00
5910	Total Membership Care	3,404.00	552.34	807.56	23.72%	1,924.06
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	665.07	0.00%	1,362.00
6310	Total Worship	39,000.00	6,211.94	49,124.53	125.96%	50,214.53
6610	Total Office	77,500.00	6,018.90	75,822.20	97.84%	76,540.30
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	511,889.00	35,870.40	553,175.30	108.07%	600,981.63
6810	Total Operations	16,434.00	60,360.00	81,026.00	493.04%	20,510.57
7111	Total Kitchen	24,865.00	989.81	15,625.44	62.84%	21,263.48
	Total Personnel	1,167,245.00	79,576.70	1,063,397.86	91.10%	1,154,033.55
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,026,176.00</b>	<b>198,200.07</b>	<b>1,947,512.85</b>	96.12%	<b>2,146,862.24</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>-132,057.00</u></b>	<b><u>50,497.72</u></b>	<b><u>1,456.24</u></b>	-1.10%	<b><u>(49,343.05)</u></b>

**Asset Account Balances as of December 31, 2024**

Operating Checking	\$228,459.47
Payroll Checking	\$486.04
Online Checking	\$398.95
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Operating Money Market	\$5,480.16
Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$396,898.30
Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00
Stock Holdings	\$5,067.00
Total Assets	<u>\$643,561.92</u>
<b>Accounts Payable - CDC</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

## CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Corrine and Justin Hayward on the birth of their son Bennett Hudson Hayward, born on January 2, 2025. Bennett is the grandson of Kathy Willis.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Gene Warren and family upon the death of his stepmother, Alma Joanna Warren, in Marietta, GA on January 5, 2025.

We extend our love and sympathy to Terri and Paul Gray and family upon the death of Terri's father, Dan Peoples, on January 17, 2025.

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*In Memory of* Liz Brevard  
Margaret Ruth Hull

*In Memory of* Harry Wilber  
Allen & Kimi Oaks  
Julie Hoagland  
Supper Club #26 c/o Julie Hoagland  
Barbara Russ  
James & Shirley Calloway  
Audrey Bryan

*In Memory of* Dr. William Curtright  
Teresa M. Smith

*In Honor of* Mr. and Mrs. John Leach  
Dr. and Mrs. E.S. McLaughlin

*In Honor of* Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ladd  
Dr. and Mrs. E.S. McLaughlin

*In Honor of* Mrs. Michael Helmsing  
Dr. and Mrs. E.S. McLaughlin

*In Honor of* Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McGowin  
Dr. and Mrs. E.S. McLaughlin

*In Honor of* Carolyn Bennett  
Allen & Kimi Oaks

*In Honor of* Martha Sue Tillotson  
Allen & Kimi Oaks

*In Honor of* Shelby Wright  
Audrey Bryan

*In Honor of* Ruth Dill  
Nola R. Powell



# Sages

## LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, Feb 26 • 12:00 pm**

Cost: \$15

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2025 Sages Luncheons:

July 23

November 19

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