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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

“How was your day?”

“It was Good.”

That is the response that I have grown accustomed to when asking the kids about their day. I bet I’m not alone in that. But, when I asked my daughter, Hazel, “How was Winter Retreat this weekend?” I got more than “It was good.” I got actual details which told me that it really was good!

While Hazel will tell you that she loved playing gaga ball (similar to dodge ball but better), the campfire, and crafts, that was not the first thing she told me about. The first thing she told me about was the Saturday night speakers. It was a husband-and-wife team who had the kids make slime, and what child doesn’t love slime?

But I could tell she was impacted by more than that. She told me about how the speaker’s 9 year old daughter had the vision to sell slime to raise funds for children in need in Romania. Kids helping kids by doing something universally fun for all children...making slime.

Hazel is the same age as the little girl who started this mission, 9 years old, and I think she was struck by the impact that this young girl made at such an early age. She also shared that the little girl was diagnosed with brain cancer and died not too long after they started this mission work. Her parents were continuing the mission and ministry that she began. As Hazel shared this with me, I was fighting back tears. What a powerful testimony that had obviously resonated with the kids.

When Harriet Moore shared about the weekend in worship this past Sunday, she began with the theme for the retreat,

“The theme was Rock Solid, teaching us that God is our firm foundation, and we will stand and not fall when we trust in him.”

And when Lily Helen Rainosek shared about the retreat she said,

"You never have to worry about being left out... It is also very fun because you get to bond with God all weekend and your church. This is why I love Blue Lake."



What a gift that our children took away these lessons:

1. I am not too young to make an impact for the Kingdom of God.
2. God is our firm foundation, and we will stand and not fall when we trust in him.
3. There is a place for me at church (and camp), and it is fun to bond with God and my church family!

I am thankful for all the chaperones that went on this retreat, giving our children this opportunity and I am thankful to be a part of a church that makes space for our children to grow and learn about the love of Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Gillian



LENT 2025



DAUPHIN WAY UMC

This Lenten season, our church has an exciting lineup of opportunities for you to grow in faith and community.

Get all the information at dauphinwayumc.org/Lent2025.



SUNDAYS IN MARCH

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

No Sunday Night Programming on March 2

MORNING

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 8:10 AM | Children's Nursery | E110, E109, E111 |
| 8:20 AM | CHAPEL WORSHIP | Chapel |
| 9:00 AM | Sunday Morning Donuts | McGowin Hall |
| | ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
| 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 |
| 10:30 AM | Fellowship for Everyone | McGowin Hall |
| 9:30 AM | CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | Moore Hall |
| 9:50 AM | Children's Church K5-3rd | E215 |
| 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY WORSHIP | Sanctuary |
| 11:20 AM | Children's Church K5-3rd | E215 |

EVENING

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|---------|--|------------------|
| | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | |
| 4:00 PM | Sunday Night Nursery | E105 (Treehouse) |
| 4:00 PM | Children's Check-In Station | Gathering Place |
| 4:00 PM | 3rd Grade Bible | E211 |
| 4:00 PM | Open Playground | Playground |
| | Children's Choirs | |
| 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) | Choir Room |
| | Children's Classes | |
| 5:00 PM | Gardeners (K4 - K5) | E213 |
| 5:00 PM | M & M (1st - 3rd Grade) | E215 |
| 5:00 PM | JUMP (4th - 5th Grade) | E218 |
| 6:00 PM | Children's Pick-Up Station | E218 |
| | ADULT MINISTRY | |
| 4:30 PM | Basement Men's Group | SB101 |
| | YOUTH MINISTRY | |
| 5:00 PM | Youth SNL and Dinner | Moore Hall |
| 5:00 PM | Confirmation Class | E123 |

MARCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY: Church Offices and CDC Closed

Monday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 4

Youth Morning Devotion: *No meeting Wednesday, March 5*

Contemporary Worship Practice: *No meeting Wednesday, March 5*

CDC Teacher Work Day: *No CDC classes Friday, March 28*

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 |
| 6:15 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

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|----------|--|-----------------------------|
| 6:30 AM | Youth Morning Devotion | Off Site |
| 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 | Last Words of Jesus Bible Study (begins Mar 12th) | Dill Parlor |
| 1:30 PM | Centering Prayer | Dill Parlor |
| 5:30 PM | Lenten Worship & Dinner (begins Mar 12) | Sanctuary & McGowin Hall |
| 6:15 PM | SALT Representatives (Mar 19 & 26 only) | Off Site |
| 6:30 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| 7:00 PM | Contemporary Worship Practice | Moore Hall |

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

MARCH AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, Mar 5th

12:00 & 5:30 PM

Ash Wednesday Worship

Sanctuary

Thursday, Mar 6th

6:00 PM

Guided by Grace

McDavid Library

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| Friday, Mar 7th 4:30 PM | Thornley & Hawks Wedding Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Saturday, Mar 8th 9:00 AM 5:00 PM | Boy Scouts: The Order of Arrows Thornley & Hawks Wedding | McDavid Library Sanctuary |
| Monday, Mar 10th 5:00 PM | Racial Justice & Reconciliation | ZOOM |
| Tuesday, Mar 11th 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:15 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM | The Long Goodbye Trustees Meeting Youth Parent Council Meeting SPRC Meeting Compassionate Friends | McDavid Library Bishops Meeting Room McDavid Library Family Life Room McDavid Library, Family Life Room, Dill Parlor |
| Wednesday, Mar 12th 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM | Last Words of Jesus Bible Study Tools For Hope Lenten Worship & Dinner Guest Speaker: Bishop Lawson Bryan SALT Meeting | Dill Parlor Bishops Meeting Room Sanctuary & McGowin Hall The Refuge |
| Friday, Mar 14th 8:00 AM | Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup | Moore Hall |
| Saturday, Mar 15th 8:00 AM | Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race | Moore Hall |
| Friday, Mar 14th – Sunday, Mar 16th Sunday, Mar 16th – Friday, Mar 21st | Confirmation Retreat Weatherford UMC Mission Week | Blue Lake Camp Gym Rooms A & B, McGowin Hall |
| Tuesday, Mar 18th 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM | Dauphin Way Across the Bay Traditional Worship Design Team Finance Committee Meeting | Westminster Village McDavid Library McDavid Library |
| Wednesday, Mar 19th 12:00 PM 5:30 PM | Last Words of Jesus Bible Study Lenten Worship & Dinner Guest Speaker: Bishop Mike Watson | Dill Parlor Sanctuary & McGowin Hall |
| Thursday, Mar 20th 6:00 PM | Young Adult Gathering | Bluegill |

Friday, Mar 21st

11:00 AM

Lucille Delchamps Fleming Memorial Service & Visitation

Adkins Chapel

Tuesday, Mar 25th

5:30 PM

Community Garden Committee Meeting

McDavid Library

Wednesday, Mar 26th

12:00 PM

Last Words of Jesus Bible Study

Dill Parlor

5:30 PM

Lenten Worship & Dinner

Sanctuary & McGowin Hall

Guest Speaker: Reverend Kristen Curtis

Thursday, Mar 27th

7:00 AM

Grits & Grace

McGowin Hall

Friday, Mar 28th

5:00 PM

Slade & Lewis Wedding Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Saturday, Mar 29th

6:00 PM

Slade & Lewis Wedding

Sanctuary



2025 LENTEN WORSHIP & DINNER

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKERS



March 12

Bishop Lawson Bryan



March 19

Bishop Mike Watson



March 26

Reverend Kristen Curtis



April 2

Reverend Sheila Bates



April 9

Reverend Henry Roberts

Read more about our speakers &
register for Lenten Dinners online at:
dauphinwayumc.org/lentendinners



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

February's been a month of adventure and growth for the children's ministry. We've been studying the miracles of Jesus, and how they reveal His love and compassion for all of His children. We are also learning about His parables and are learning why He uses these to help us better understand what kinds of lives He wants us to lead. We have enjoyed lively discussions, explored praying aloud and for sharing our prayer concerns in constructive, caring ways, and have engaged in crafts and games to amplify our participation in both Children's Church and during our evening programming. Our Third Grade Bible students are studying the geography of Biblical places, and we're comparing translations of Scripture to discover what all of these have in common. Over the February 7-9 weekend, eighteen third, fourth, and fifth grade students and four intrepid adult chaperones engaged in an amazing weekend of spiritual growth and personal and communal connection to God's Word during an action-packed retreat at Camp Blue Lake. The students came home energized and enthusiastic for all that they learned and experienced, and it's been a wonderful time for the rest of us to hear their stories and learn from them.



March will be a busy time of learning and preparing for the Lenten season. Our students recently assisted the Ministry team in burning last year's Palm fronds and will discover how those are used during the church's Ash Wednesday worship service. We'll take a brief break from programming on March 2, but will return from Mardi Gras vacation to dive once more into time building friendships with each other and growing closer to Jesus. We will welcome guest speakers during the month to help our upper elementary students discover how they can use their own unique spiritual gifts to further God's kingdom, and to discern what their interests and talents can become in God's service.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, and sign-ups for both STUDENTS and VOLUNTEERS is live. VBS is a highlight in our church life and for our community, and we encourage everyone to participate with us this summer. As well, we are always welcoming morning and evening programming volunteers and are so grateful for the support of such a wonderful group of parents and members of the congregation.

Rachel Broughton, our Children's Ministry Director, has gone on her maternity leave to await the birth of her baby boy, Jack. We pray for her safe and healthy delivery and send her our love as she and her family prepare for this precious addition to their home. I am really excited about serving as your Interim Director during these next months, and it's been a privilege to meet and get to know so many of you. Dauphin Way UMC is truly a blessing for me.



Thank you so much for your prayers and participation in this vital ministry. Children are gifts from God, and every minute with them is to be treasured! They grow up so quickly. Please pray that we will do all we can to wrap them in love and to encourage them to grow in Godly ways in these most formative of years.

Heather White
Interim Children's Ministry Director



VBS 2025

**JOURNEY
WITH PAUL**

JUNE 16-19

Sign up your children early for this year's VBS! The earlier you sign up, the better, as it helps us plan an amazing experience for all the kids.

But we need more than just kids – we need volunteers to make VBS a true success, even if you can't be at the church in person.

REGISTER

KIDS: dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-2025

VOLUNTEERS: dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-volunteers

**SIGN UP
EARLY!**



YOUTH MINISTRY

Since we returned from Winter Retreat, we have returned to the rhythms of our regular programming. Our first series of the semester was a two-week study on spiritual formation entitled “The Making Of.” This series was focused on taking the highs of Winter Retreat and converting them into practices that can be applied to our regular lives. On February 9th, we had our Big Game Party where we enjoyed food, fellowship, and games while we took in the Big Game. We had a great time watching the Eagles defeat the Chiefs. We have since gotten into our second series of the semester, “In The Shadows.” This two-week series looks at doubt and questions and how God is working in those moments and phases.



We will be taking off from programming on Sunday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 5th as the youth enjoy their Mardi Gras breaks. But, we will be back in action on Sunday, March 9th which will be the first week of six consecutive weeks of programming. We are incredibly excited for this extended period of consistency, the topics we will cover, and all the fun things in between. This includes a Guys Night In in March and a Girls Night Out in April. This spring is looking to be a lot of fun!

Thank you to all the parents who have provided dinner for us so far this year and are scheduled to provide one later this year. Thank you to Shannon Rhodes for coordinating the food and drink for our Big Game Party and the parents who provided those treats. And thank you to the Supper Club that cooked us dinner for SNL on February 16th! We are so appreciative of all the help and support we receive.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



It is with great joy and deep gratitude that I write to you as the new Director of Music and Worship. From the very first moment we stepped into this wonderful community, my family and I have felt warmly welcomed. The kindness and encouragement extended to me by the staff, congregation, and, of course, the choir has made this transition a smooth and fulfilling experience.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our choir, whose enthusiasm and grace have made such an impression on me already. They have jumped right in, embracing new ideas and working together in beautiful harmony. Their dedication is inspiring, and I look forward to continuing to grow together both in our faith and in our musical expressions.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to share that we are in the early stages of planning the revitalization of several key ministries. One of the first steps is the return of the Traditional Worship Design Team, who will help shape and guide the overall worship experience. Additionally, the Choir Council will once again meet to foster collaboration, communication, and creativity within our choir program. We're also looking forward to bringing back the Bell Choir, a cherished part of the worship culture at Dauphin Way UMC.

We are now preparing for the sacred season of Lent. The special observances of Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter are on the horizon, and there is much excitement around the opportunities to reflect, pray, and celebrate together. These times will be rich with music, devotion, and worship, and I am thrilled to walk alongside all of you throughout this deeply meaningful season.

My wife Natalie, who is serving as organist and the Associate Director of Music and Worship, has assumed direction of the Wesley Singers and Joyful Singers. She shared that her first rehearsals with these groups went extremely well, and she is excited about all that they will accomplish together in the months ahead. We are thankful for the dedication of families, the instruction of beloved past directors, and all who have worked together to foster such gifted children's choirs.

We look forward to working alongside each of you in these upcoming months, as we continue to create a vibrant, Spirit-filled music ministry that enhances our worship and draws us closer to the heart of God.

Thank you once again for your welcome. May God's peace and grace continue to guide us all as we journey together in faith.

Peace,

Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac, Director of Music and Worship



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Thanks be to God for another incredible month! As we continue into this new year, I am constantly amazed by the passion and commitment of our worship team in leading our congregation into moments of deep and meaningful worship. Each week, we are witnessing the power of music to draw hearts closer to God, and it is truly a blessing to be a part of this journey.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your perspectives in the recent survey regarding our music ministry. Darrin, Natalie and I are eager to dive into the feedback and explore how we can continue to enhance our worship experience. Your thoughts and insights are invaluable as we seek to create an atmosphere where all can encounter God in a powerful way. We are listening, and we are excited for what is ahead!



I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the team for their continued dedication and excellence in leading worship. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, each of you plays a vital role in bringing our services to life. Your commitment to serving with passion and authenticity does not go unnoticed, and I am incredibly grateful for each of you.

Looking ahead, we are excited to dive into the Lenten season this year, especially within our worship space. There are plans to bring back some familiar songs, as well as introduce some new songs that will hopefully speak to the hearts of our congregation as we reflect on what Christ did for us on the cross. Additionally, we are looking forward to the return of the Contemporary Worship Design Team meetings. These gatherings provide a space for creativity and collaboration as we continue shaping our worship services in meaningful ways.

God is moving powerfully within our church, and I cannot wait to see all that He has in store for us in the coming months. Let's continue to worship with joy, expectation, and a heart full of praise!

Kassidy Terry, Director of Contemporary Worship

Our Worship Team at Dauphin Way UMC is reaching out to hear from YOU! We'd love to ask a few questions that will help us better understand the culture, traditions, and desires surrounding our music ministry. Your honest feedback is key to helping us serve the needs of the church and expand our ministry.

Paper surveys are located in the Gathering Place, OR

Take the Survey Online:



dauphinwayumc.org/musicsurvey



CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC SURVEY

PASTORAL REPORTS

Reverend Wilson Newell

Pastor of Discipleship

February was a great month for spiritual formation at Dauphin Way. Our 3rd-5th graders went to Blue Lake Camp for Winter Retreat and had an awesome time there with kids from other churches. Youth programming continues to reach new students in impactful ways. The *Justice or Just Us?* study led by our Racial Justice and Reconciliation group in tandem with Legacy Church at Toulminville-Warren Street was a huge success, culminating in a worshipful celebration in the Chapel on February 23. I enjoyed teaching on the Book of Genesis in the Wednesday Noon Bible Study and on Sunday nights with the Basement Men's Group. The colorful stories of Genesis give us a deeper understanding of who God is and who we are.



We also served as a warming shelter for homeless families when it was cold, and it was an honor to be recognized for this by the mayor at a city council meeting.

With March comes one of the most poignant and powerful seasons of the church calendar: Lent. You will have many opportunities to grow in your faith and connect with your church community during these 40 days between Mardi Gras and Easter. You can visit Dauphinwayumc.org/lent2025 for more information.

Individual

1. Sign up to receive a Lenten Devotional Guide written by Huntingdon College students and professors.
2. Fast from food one day per week or choose something to abstain from like social media, TV, or desserts. This ancient practice reminds us of our need for God and helps us to focus our prayer life.
3. Almsgiving is an old “churchy” word that means “giving to the poor.” It is an ancient Christian practice associated with Lent. You can give funds that you saved from fasting and abstinence, interest earned on investments, or set up a side hustle like a lemonade stand to support the poor. The Lenten Offering that we will collect on Palm Sunday supporting 12 ministry partners is a great choice, but there are others, too!
4. The Stations of the Cross icons will be hung in the Sanctuary with written meditation guides available. The Sanctuary will be open Monday-Friday from 8-5. Just stop by the receptionist's desk to ask to open it and turn the lights on.

Group

1. Join a group or class to go deeper in your faith. We will have Men's and Women's small groups on Sunday evenings from 4:30-6:00 and a Wednesday Bible Study class at noon on Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*.
2. We will have Holy Week Prayer and Communion at 7am Monday through Friday in the Chapel during Holy Week.

Worship

1. Attend Wednesday night services and dinners at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. We will have incredible guest preachers, beautiful music, and a great meal together!
2. We will begin Holy Week with a bang on Palm Sunday with a combined service at 10:30 and Fish Fry in the Pumpkin Patch.
3. Our Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary and Good Friday Service will be at 6:00, and are two incredible ways to encounter the story of Jesus.

That is a lot of options to choose from! You don't have to do it all. I would encourage you to pick a few things and do them with all your heart, being entirely present to what God is doing. Lent is a season to press into our faith and ponder the question of "How am I becoming more like Christ?"

Mark your calendars:

April 27 will be LOVEMOB Sunday! We will have a combined service at 10:30, eat lunch, and disperse to different sites around town to serve others.



Justice or Just Us Closing Gathering with Legacy Church in Adkins Chapel, February 23, 2025

LENTEN



DEVOTIONAL

HOPE FROM ASHES

Experience the season of Lent in a deeper, more meaningful way with *Hope from Ashes*, a daily devotional guide created by Huntingdon College. This collection of thought-provoking devotionals is designed to enrich your Lenten journey, whether used as personal reading, small group discussions, or a church-wide Lenten experience. Let these reflections inspire you and deepen your understanding of the cross and Christ's ultimate sacrifice and renew your spirit as you walk this sacred season.

Begin your journey here:



*paper copies are available
in the Gathering Place*





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.

This month has been a wonderful example of our church living out its mission to serve others and share God's love within our congregation and community.

Our supper clubs were active in ministry, coming together to serve and fellowship with younger generations. Club # 25 provided a hotdog supper for our youth group on a Sunday night, offering not only a meal but also an opportunity to build relationships with the young people of our church. Supper club #35 joined together to serve a gumbo meal to the United Methodist Wesley Group at the University of South Alabama. In both cases, our members not only provided the food but also sat with the students, engaging in conversation and offering encouragement. These acts of hospitality reflect the love of Christ and the spirit of service that defines our church family. These two great clubs challenge our other DW supper clubs to feed these hungry teens and college students.



Our widows' group, Guided by Grace, gathered for a special evening with the theme "Bloom Where You Are Planted". The devotional encouraged each woman to seek joy and purpose in her current stage of life, even after the loss of a loved one, and to embrace the new opportunities God places before her. The evening included a hands-on activity where each participant created a beautiful bouquet to take home, symbolizing the beauty that can still flourish in new seasons of life. A delicious meal, lovingly prepared by Lynn Stewart, added to the warmth of the gathering.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had a particularly busy month, organizing and sorting the yarn that has been donated over the years. The group also prepared bags of yarn to share with other knitting ministries, ensuring that these materials could be put to good use in spreading love and comfort. These dedicated ladies continue to craft beautiful prayer shawls for those facing crises, as well as prayer blankets to welcome newborns into our church family, providing tangible reminders of God's care and our church's support.

Each of these ministries reflects our church's commitment to sharing God's love through acts of service, words of encouragement, and the gift of presence. We are grateful for every member who has contributed time, talent, and resources to making these meaningful moments possible. May we continue to seek ways to bless those around us in the months ahead.



If you are a United Methodist preparing your heart for Lent, you can focus on spiritual disciplines that help deepen your relationship with God and align your heart with Christ's journey to the cross. Here are some meaningful ways to prepare:

1. Prayer and Reflection

Set aside daily time for prayer, asking God to reveal areas in your life that need growth and transformation. Use the Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, or personal prayers to focus on repentance, gratitude, and renewal. Consider using a devotional guide specifically for Lent.

2. Fasting and Simplicity

Give up something that distracts you from God, whether it's a certain food, social media, or a habit that takes up too much of your time. Instead of traditional fasting, consider a positive fast, such as fasting from negativity or complaining.

3. Scripture Reading

Read passages about Jesus' journey to the cross, such as Isaiah 53, Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus' temptation), and Luke 22-23. Participate in a Lenten Bible study, either personally or with the church.

4. Acts of Service and Mercy

Follow John Wesley's example of works of mercy by serving others, volunteer at a food pantry, visit the sick, or help a neighbor in need. Make a commitment to give generously, whether financially or through acts of kindness.

5. Confession and Repentance

Take time to examine your heart and confess any sins that separate you from God. Seek reconciliation in relationships where there may be conflict or division.

6. Worship and Community

Attend Ash Wednesday services and weekly worship to focus on the themes of Lent. Join a small group or Lenten study to grow with others in faith.

7. Practicing Gratitude and Joy

Keep a gratitude journal to reflect on God's blessings even in a season of repentance. Find joy in the journey, knowing that Lent leads to the celebration of Easter.

Lent is a season of preparation, but it is also an opportunity for renewal and deeper faith. How do you usually observe Lent?

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 January with a deficit of \$23,651.77. This was mainly due to the large insurance payment that is made every January and the cost of winter utilities. The \$60,000 surplus from 2024 was used in January to pay toward our 2025 apportionments.

The capital fund balance as of 1/31/2025 is \$288,186.16. This number is expected to be reduced to \$143,813.33 as we finish all of the projects that have been approved and are ongoing as well as the \$100,000 commitment to phase 1 of the HVAC project.

The Trustees approved several projects: 1) repair the RTU and all damage resulting from the busted coils and replace the damaged equipment not to exceed \$30,000, 2) repair the leaking valves at a cost not to exceed \$26,000, 3) hire Nations Roof to repair the areas on the flat roof that are leaking and caulk all of the flashing at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. 4) sign a contract with PCE for the first phase of the HVAC project.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

SPRC

No Report

Finance

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, February 18, and reviewed the December 2024 and January 2025 financial statements. We ended the year with a gain of \$1,456.24 after a transfer of \$60,000 to our designated escrow account. January ended with a deficit of \$23,651.77. This is predominantly due to the large insurance payment we make at the beginning of each year. We are hopeful that the transition to our new phone system will be completed by the end of March which has a significant cost savings which we budgeted for. The CDC ended the year with a deficit of \$1,953.02. In January they increased tuition and have scheduled a summer camp which they believe will result in a gain at the end of 2025. They ended January with a gain of \$1,369.59 so they are off to a good start.

A silent campaign is being conducted to raise funds to cover the cost of the first phase of our HVAC project of almost \$1.1M. The contract has been signed, work will begin shortly and will last 6 – 9 months. The committee is approaching pledges of almost \$450,000. With prior commitments from the DW Foundation, Finance committee, Board of Trustees, and some other avenues of funding we are nearing \$1,000,000. Dauphin Way is an amazing church with amazing people.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 1 - January 8.33%
2025 Receipts & Disbursements

| ACCT # | | 2025 Budget | Actual for Period | 2025 Actual YTD | Actual to Budg % | Prior YTD |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1131 | Current Pledges | 1,344,268.00 | 71,033.12 | 71,033.12 | 5.28% | 90,844.91 |
| 1133 | Prior Pledges | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 1134 | Trust Fund Pledge | 66,795.00 | 16,698.69 | 16,698.69 | 25.00% | 15,516.80 |
| 1135 | Loose Plate | 14,839.00 | 1,425.00 | 1,425.00 | 9.60% | 1,650.00 |
| 1136 | Escrow Funds | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| 1137 | Non Pledged Contribution | 328,538.00 | 19,102.66 | 19,102.66 | 5.81% | 27,108.22 |
| 1138 | Unexpected Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 1140 | Interest Income | 0.00 | 15.09 | 15.09 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 1142 | Facilities Use Income | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 1,060.00 |
| 1143 | Pre-paid Pledge Income | 78,100.00 | 6,508.33 | 6,508.33 | 8.33% | 2,005.38 |
| 1144 | Gain on Sale of Stock | 0.00 | 703.79 | 703.79 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 1147 | PPP/ERC | 33,754.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| 1148 | CDC Fee Income | 72,336.00 | 6,028.00 | 6,028.00 | 8.33% | 6,028.00 |
| 1149 | Wedding Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 1,060.00 |
| | Total Receipts | 2,007,630.00 | 181,514.68 | 181,514.68 | 9.04% | 145,273.31 |
| Disbursements | | | | | | |
| 4413 | Total Pastoral | 2,200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 37.67 |
| 4510 | Total Communications | 7,700.00 | 181.88 | 181.88 | 2.36% | 998.02 |
| 5011 | Total Children's Ministry | 19,575.00 | -490.44 | -490.44 | -2.51% | 883.74 |
| 5111 | Total Youth Ministry | 18,455.00 | 750.08 | 750.08 | 4.06% | 497.84 |
| 5211 | Total Adult Ministry | 0.00 | 342.57 | 342.57 | 0.00% | -65.72 |
| 5612 | Total Missions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 5710 | Total Connectional | 22,046.00 | 8,092.27 | 8,092.27 | 36.71% | 1,936.38 |
| 5739 | Conference Apportionments | 141,424.00 | 51,907.73 | 51,907.73 | 36.70% | 12,431.62 |
| 5910 | Total Membership Care | 1,200.00 | -61.05 | -61.05 | -5.09% | -394.91 |
| 6001 | Community Care | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00 |
| 6310 | Total Worship | 35,000.00 | 4,441.40 | 4,441.40 | 12.69% | 1,591.78 |
| 6610 | Total Office | 86,860.00 | 5,039.86 | 5,039.86 | 5.80% | 6,859.46 |
| 6710 | Total Facilities & Equipment | 568,197.00 | 48,176.50 | 48,176.50 | 8.48% | 39,095.29 |
| 6810 | Total Operations | 16,015.00 | 480.00 | 480.00 | 3.00% | 1,289.30 |
| 7111 | Total Kitchen | 15,115.00 | 1,019.15 | 1,019.15 | 6.74% | 1,658.14 |
| | Total Personnel | 1,088,369.00 | 85,286.50 | 85,286.50 | 7.84% | 91,347.98 |
| | Total Disbursements | 2,022,156.00 | 205,166.45 | 205,166.45 | 10.15% | 158,166.59 |
| | Income Over/Under Expenses | -14,526.00 | (23,651.77) | (23,651.77) | 162.82% | (12,893.28) |

Asset Account Balances as of January 31, 2025

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Checking | \$125,737.33 |
| Payroll Checking | \$486.04 |
| Online Checking | \$253.95 |
| Petty Cash | \$400.00 |
| Operating Money Market | \$5,480.25 |
| Operating Reserve - AWFUMF | \$396,898.30 |
| Accounts Receivable - DW | \$6,372.00 |
| Stock Holdings | \$6,154.68 |
| Total Assets | \$541,782.55 |

Accounts Payable - CDC \$0.00



CLEAN UP FOR A CAUSE

Help us earn money for our community garden by simply picking up litter! Thanks to a generous grant from Love Your Community, we can turn your efforts into funds to renovate the DWUMC garden - a peaceful space for everyone to enjoy and Be Still.

Here's how you can help:

- 1) track the time you spend picking up litter
- 2) log your time at dauphinwayumc.org/gardenfundraiser



It's easy! Take a bag with you on a walk around your neighborhood or gather a small group of friends to clean up a local spot together. Every little bit helps, so let's clean up and transform our garden!

GARDEN FUNDRAISER

This Lenten season, make a difference in the community and help support our Society of St. Stephen ministry by ordering one of our beautiful Easter Lilies. Society of St. Stephen is a completely volunteer run ministry, and all financial support goes directly to support people in need.

All lilies are dedicated to a loved one of your choice and will be displayed in our sanctuary during our Easter Sunday Worship Services on April 20 to remind us of the hope offered through our Lord and Savior's sacrifice. They will be available for pickup directly following the service for you to take home or give as a gift. You may also make a meaningful donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Cost: \$15 each

Deadline: Monday, April 14

Help make this Easter season special by giving back.
Order your lily today at dauphinwayumc.org/easterlily2025



EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER

SOCIETY OF ST STEPHEN



MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

MILESTONE

We rejoice in the baptism of Florence Lucille Newell, daughter of Wilson and Olivia Newell, on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

SYMPATHY

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Jane Jefferson and family upon the death of her husband John Jefferson, a former member of our Maintenance Staff for over 30 years, who passed away on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Tim Collier and family upon the death of his mother-in-law, Jeanie, who passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harry Wilber

Lynn & Richard Byrd

Jeanie Grady

In Memory of Sarah Cross

Lynn & Richard Byrd

In Memory of Dan Peoples

Shannon & Tony Wallace

Lewis & Elizabeth Redditt

Julie & Howard Moore

Missy & Don Foose

In Memory of David Holmes

Susan Holmes

In Honor of Jane & David Dukes

Judy Hinton



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