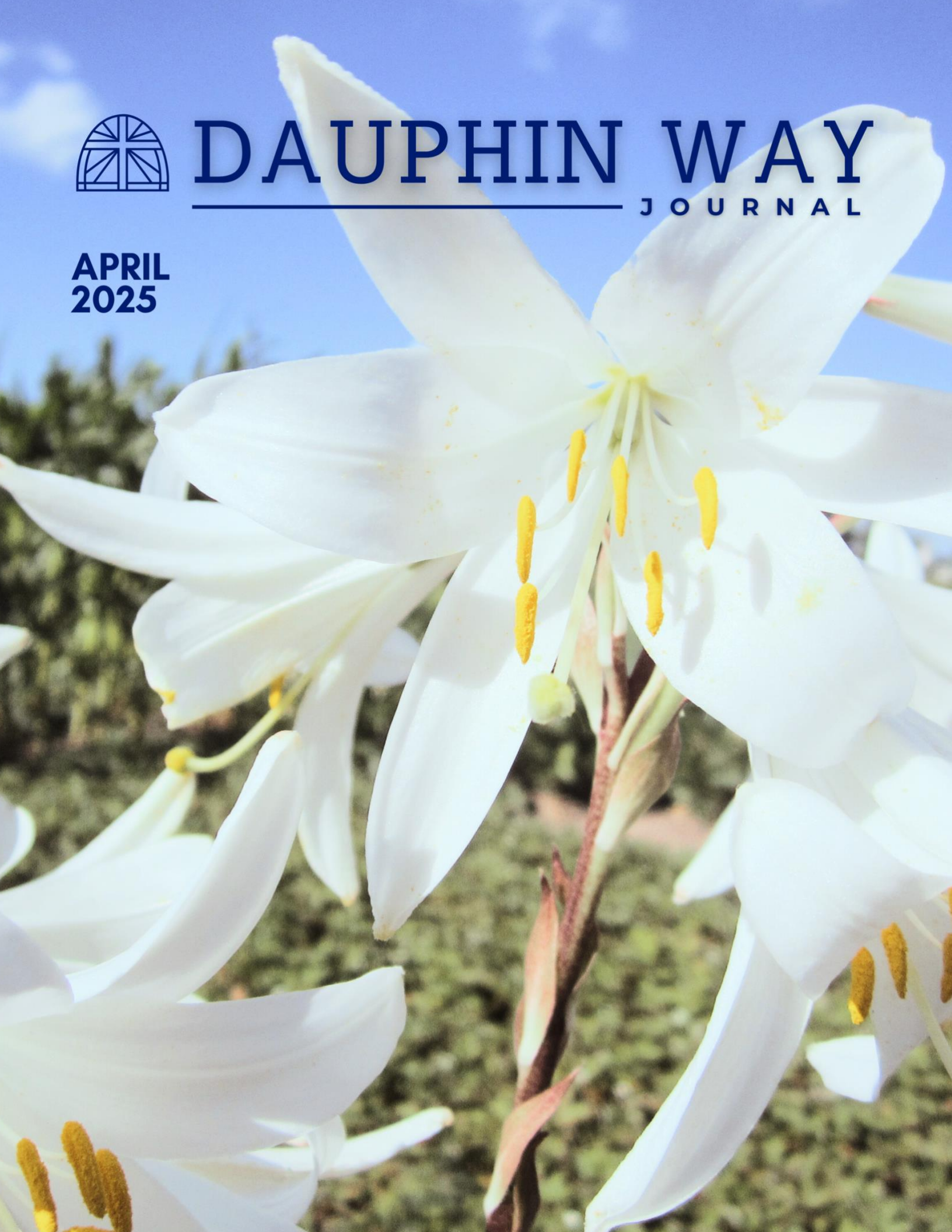




DAUPHIN WAY

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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Congregation,

As many of you already know, our air conditioning system is nearing the end of its useful life. Our current setup is such that if the cooling tower were to fail, the entire campus would be without air conditioning. As fellow Mobile residents, I don't need to explain why this is such a critical issue.

Over a year ago, the trustees began prayerfully researching the best way forward to address this challenge and ensure we have a reliable system in place. Last fall, the trustees presented a proposal to our charge conference, and with unanimous support, we began a journey to update our system and create redundancy to safeguard our campus.

In collaboration with the Finance Committee and the Dauphin Way Foundation, we have been able to pool \$600,000 of available funds. And through the generous contributions of our church family, we've received over \$470,000 through word of mouth, further demonstrating the incredible spirit of generosity and commitment within our congregation. This means that, thanks to your support, we will be able to fund Phase 1 of this project without taking on any debt. We are excited because this will set us up for success as we look toward Phase 2, which will take place in one to two years.

The first step in Phase 1 work will be to address the urgent need to repair our cooling towers, which have become badly rusted. If left unchecked, this could affect the entire campus, so this is a top priority. Other areas that will be updated include the Library, the Family Life Room, and the Bishop's Meeting Room—rooms that are essential to our community and have been affected by mildew, which we've been working tirelessly to prevent. We will also be installing variable refrigerant flow (VRF) units on the first floor of the Education Building, where our CDC classes meet. This is especially important, as we've had to rely on auxiliary units just to keep our classrooms comfortable.

The air conditioning work is scheduled to begin in mid-April and should be completed by the end of the fall. We are committed to working closely with the project manager to minimize any disruption to our ministries and programs. We also deeply appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work together to ensure the long-term well-being of our church.

These updates are more than just a series of repairs; they are an investment in the future of our church, allowing us to serve and care for our community in a way that is sustainable. With these



changes, we will have the ability to continue cooling parts of our campus even if a chiller were to fail—ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministries.

We are truly grateful for each and every one of you who has already contributed to this project, and we invite anyone who feels called to give or who has questions to reach out. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the future of our church, and we couldn't do it without you.

Grace and peace,

Wilson Brand, Trustees Chair
Gillian Walters, Senior Pastor



THANK YOU FOR CALLING DAUPHIN WAY

NEW PHONE SYSTEM



At Dauphin Way, we are committed to being good stewards of the gifts God has provided, and as part of that commitment, we've recently upgraded our phone system. This change will save us approximately \$10,000 a year, allowing us to reinvest those resources into our mission. When you call, you'll hear an auto-attendant with four options. We know many of you prefer to speak directly to a person, so after the auto-attendant answers, simply press 0 to be transferred to the receptionist. If the receptionist doesn't answer right away, please stay on the line and leave a message—we'll get back to you as soon as we can. We appreciate your understanding as we work to make this system better for everyone!



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY 1 MAY • 5:30 PM

MOE'S BBQ DOWNTOWN

FOR PEOPLE IN THEIR 30S AND 40S

Join us for our next Fellowship Night Out! Designed for those in their 30s and 40s, this event gives you the chance to connect with others beyond Sunday mornings. Our next gathering is Thursday, May 1, from 5:30-7:15 PM at Moe's BBQ in downtown Mobile, featuring an all-you-can-eat buffet, childcare for kids through 5th grade, and great company! Don't miss out—pre-pay when you register to secure your spot, and ensure we have enough food for everyone. The cost is just \$15 per person, and the registration deadline is Thursday, April 24. Sign up today at dauphinwayumc.org/fellowshippnightout-may1.



SUNDAYS IN APRIL

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

COMBINED SERVICES:

Palm Sunday: April 13th | 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

LoveMob Sunday: April 27th | 10:30 AM in Moore Hall

Children's Regular Sunday Evening Programming: Ends on Sunday, April 6 until the fall

Youth Regular Sunday Evening Programming: Ends on Sunday, April 27 until the fall

Sunday, April 6

MORNING

8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	Treehouse
8:20 AM	CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE	Adkins Chapel
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
9:15 AM	Covenant Class	McDavid Library
9:15 AM	Faith Development Class	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 SERVICE	Moore Hall
9:50 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd	E215
11:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
11:20 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd	E215

EVENING

	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	
4:00 PM	Sunday Night Nursery	Treehouse
4:00 PM	Children's Check-In Station	Gathering Place
4:00 PM	3 rd 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 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	Final Words From the Cross Study	Family Life Room
	YOUTH MINISTRY	
5:00 PM	Youth SNL and Dinner	Moore Hall, McGowin Hall, The Refuge
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class	E123

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13

MORNING

9:00 AM	Children's Nursery	Treehouse
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
9:15 AM	Covenant Class	McDavid Library
9:15 AM	Faith Development Class	SB101
9:15 AM	Open Hearts Open Minds	Family Life Room
9:30 AM	Friends in Faith	E125
10:30 AM	COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
10:50 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd	Adkins Chapel
11:30 AM	Children's Church Pick-Up Station	Adkins Chapel
11:45 AM	FISH FRY + EASTER EGG HUNT	Pumpkin Patch
	(no nursery provided)	
EVENING	ADULT MINISTRY	
4:30 PM	Final Words From the Cross Study	Family Life Room
	YOUTH MINISTRY	
5:00 PM	Youth SNL and Dinner	Moore Hall, McGowin Hall, The Refuge
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class	E123

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20

MORNING

8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	Treehouse
8:20 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
9:15 AM	Faith Development Class	SB101
9:15 AM	Open Hearts Open Minds	Family Life Room
9:30 AM	Friends in Faith	E125
9:30 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Moore Hall
	(No Children's Church)	
11:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
	(No Children's Church)	

EVENING

(No events scheduled)

LOVEMOB SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27

MORNING

9:00 AM
9:00 AM

Children's Nursery
Sunday Morning Donuts

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 AM

Covenant Class

9:15 AM

Faith Development Class

9:15 AM

Open Hearts Open Minds

9:30 AM

Friends in Faith

10:30 AM

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10:50 AM

Children's Church K5-3rd

Treehouse
McGowin Hall

McDavid Library

SB101

Family Life Room

E125

Moore Hall

E215

LOVEMOB

11:30 AM

Brown Bag Lunch

12:30 PM

Community Service Projects

McGowin Hall

DWUMC & Off Site

EVENING

5:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth SNL and Dinner

Moore Hall, McGowin
Hall, The Refuge

COMBINED WORSHIP

DAUPHIN WAY UMC



Mark your calendars! Come together with us in community and faith as we host a combined worship service on the following Sundays:

Palm Sunday | April 13 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

LOVEMOB Sunday | April 27 at 10:30 AM in Moore Hall

Confirmation Sunday | May 4 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

APRIL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Child Development Center: Closing at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 18

Easter Monday: Church Offices will be closed Monday, April 21

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Monday – Friday, April 1 – 18

8 AM – 5 PM | Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary

Monday – Friday, April 14 – 18

7 AM | Morning Prayer & Communion | Chapel

MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen & McGowin Hall
9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	SSS Offices
10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
6:00 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 & McGowin Hall
9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	SSS Offices
9:00 AM	Staff Meetings	McDavid Library
3:00 PM	Worship Review	McDavid Library

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM	Youth Morning Devotions (except 4/23)	Carpe Diem
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen & McGowin Hall
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Bishop & Family Life Rooms
12:00 PM	Final Words From the Cross (last meeting on 4/16)	Dill Parlor
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Lenten Worship and Dinner (last meeting on 4/9)	Sanctuary & McGowin Hall
6:15 PM	SALT Representatives (except 4/23)	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 & McGowin Hall

FRIDAY

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

APRIL AT A GLANCE

Monday – Friday, April 1st – 18th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Meditations	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Apr 1st		
5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	McDavid Library
Wednesday, Apr 2nd		
12:00 PM	Final Words From the Cross Study	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Lenten Worship & Dinner Guest Speaker: Reverend Sheila Bates nursery provided 5 – 8:15 PM	Sanctuary & McGowin Hall
6:30 PM	Youth: SALT Meeting	The Refuge
Thursday, Apr 3rd		
6:00 PM	Guided By Grace	McDavid Library, Bishops Meeting & Family Life Rooms, Dill Parlor
Sunday, Apr 6th		
8:00 AM	Blood Drive	Church Parking Lot
4:30 PM	Final Words From the Cross Study	Family Life Room
Monday, Apr 7th		
6:00 PM	Metro Jail Chaplaincy Training	Moore Hall
Tuesday, Apr 8th		
12:00 PM	Children's Parent Council Meeting	SB102
12:00 PM	The Long Goodbye	McDavid Library
12:00 PM	Trustees Monthly Meeting	Bishops Meeting Room
5:15 PM	Youth Parent Council Meeting	McDavid Library
7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends	McDavid Library, Bishops Meeting & Family Life Rooms, Dill Parlor
Wednesday, Apr 9th		
12:00 PM	Final Words From the Cross Study	Dill Parlor
12:00 PM	Tools For Hope	Bishops Meeting Room
5:30 PM	Lenten Worship & Dinner Guest Speaker: Reverend Henry Roberts nursery provided 5 – 8:15 PM	Sanctuary & McGowin Hall
6:15 PM	SALT Reps Meeting	Off Site
Thursday, Apr 10th		
6:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Top Golf
Sunday, Apr 13th		
	Palm Sunday nursery provided 9 – 11:30 AM	
10:30 AM	COMBINED Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:50 AM	COMBINED Children's Church	Adkins Chapel

11:45 AM	pick-up children in Adkins Chapel	Pumpkin Patch
12:30 PM	Palm Sunday Fish Fry Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt	Pumpkin Patch
Monday – Friday, April 14th – 18th		
7:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Communion	Chapel & McGowin
Monday, Apr 14th		
12:00 PM	CDC Board Meeting	McDavid Library
5:00 PM	Racial Justice & Reconciliation Meeting	ZOOM
Tuesday, Apr 15th		
12:00 PM	Traditional Worship Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
Wednesday, Apr 16th		
12:00 PM	Final Words from the Cross Study	Dill Parlor
6:15 PM	SALT Reps Meeting	Off Site
Thursday, Apr 17th		
6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service nursery provided 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, Apr 18th		
12:00 PM	Child Development Center closed at 12 PM	CDC Center
6:00 PM	Good Friday Worship Service nursery provided 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Moore Hall
Sunday, Apr 20th		
8:20 AM	Easter Sunday Worship nursery provided 8:10 AM – 12:30 PM	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Traditional Easter Service	Moore Hall
11:00 AM	Contemporary Easter Service Traditional Easter Service	Sanctuary
Monday, Apr 21st		
ALL DAY	Easter Monday: Church Offices Closed	DWUMC
Tuesday, Apr 22nd		
12:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Design Team Meeting	McDavid Library
Thursday, Apr 24th		
7:00 AM	Grits and Grace	McGowin Hall
Sunday, Apr 27th		
10:30 AM	LoveMob Sunday nursery provided 9:45 AM – 2:30 PM COMBINED Worship Service	Moore Hall

11:30 AM
12:30 PM

LoveMob Brown Bag Lunch
LoveMob Community Service Projects

McGowin Hall
DWUMC & Off Site

Tuesday, Apr 29th

5:30 PM

Church Council Meeting

E210

Wednesday, Apr 30th

6:15 PM

SALT Reps Meeting

Off Site

LOOKING AHEAD

Thur, May 1	5:30 PM	Fellowship Night Out	Moe's BBQ Downtown
Sun, May 4	10:30 AM	Confirmation Sunday*	Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	Children End of Year Party	Moore Hall
		Youth End of Spring Party	McGowin Hall
Fri, May 9	5:00 PM	3rd Grade End of Year Party	Off Site
Sun, May 11	Reg Hrs	Mother's Day	DWUMC
		& HS Senior Sunday	
		+ Joint Offering:	
		-Lincks Compassion Fund	
		-Meals On Wheels 50th Anniv	
Sun, May 18	Reg Hrs	Baby Recognition Sunday	DWUMC
Mon, June 9	7:00 PM	Rev. Wilson Newell's Deacon	FUMC Pensacola
		Ordination Service	
June 16-19, 2025	8:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	DWUMC

*COMBINED SERVICE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



March has been a fun, busy month for us in the Children's Ministry. We are welcoming lots of 4K-3rd grade children upstairs during our morning Children's Church worship times, and our Sunday evenings are full of activities, laughter, games, lessons, PIZZA, and time learning more about God's love for each of our 4K-5th graders. It's been such a privilege to engage in kid-friendly, God-centered worship with these engaging students, and to work beside such a dedicated group of parent volunteers each week.

We have studied parables of Jesus, including the Prodigal Son and the Woman who Anoints Jesus, and have heard the story of Zacchaeus and his life-changing meeting with God's Son. We've been exploring the last weeks of Jesus' life, as he visited Simon in his home and met a woman there who washed His feet with her tears and precious perfume. We recently talked about Jesus and His disciples during their last Passover celebration together and will soon learn about Jesus' night of prayer and sadness in the Garden of Gethsemane.



The students planted wildflowers in pots, crafted "Jesus is My Lifesaver" trail mix, and we celebrated a foot-washing ceremony (thanks to our awesome kid volunteers, Charlotte B. and Piper W.) as we learned about humility and Christian love for others.

During other evening programming classes, our fourth and fifth graders engaged with guest visitors Christine Ford and Cindy McMillan, who talked more with the students about the best ways they can use their spiritual gifts for God. Our Jump! students are also wrapping up their month-long acolyte training. It's going to be amazing to have their participation as acolytes during worship times.



The Third Grade Bible students have discussed translations of the Bible, shared Big Questions about God with Rev. Jorgensen, built John 3:16 magnet crosses, and learned about different genres within the books of the Bible.



Our youngest students are memorizing God's Big Ideas (God helps us know what's true, We can give back to God, God sends us helpers, and God gives us second chances) by playing "popcorn" games in their classroom, and our first through third graders created a Pot of Gold for God, where they posted ways they can bless God through their interests and hobbies. They've really gotten into acting out plays to tell Bible stories, too!

We look forward to BIG events in April and would be grateful for volunteers to help make these meaningful for our children. There are many ways to get involved, from escorting students down the church aisles during the Palm Processional and helping during Children's Church at Adkins Chapel afterward, to assisting with egg and spoon races, hula hoop and bubbles games, and our Easter Egg Hunt following the Fish Fry on April 13th.

Children are encouraged to bring flowers to decorate our lovely garden cross on Easter Sunday, and will sit with their parents and a special craft during our morning services that day.

LoveMOB Sunday's going to be a lot of fun, and we have great mission activities for children and their families that afternoon.

I am especially grateful to the amazing adults who dedicate themselves weekly to work with these precious children. Our nursery staff is incredibly patient and loving with our littlest kids, and our rotation of parent volunteers who give their Sunday mornings and nights to teaching and chaperoning our students is such a blessing. Thanks for your continued prayers for this ministry.

Heather White
Interim Director of Children's Ministry



VBS 2025

JOURNEY WITH PAUL

JUNE 16-19

SIGN UP TODAY!

KIDS:



dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-2025

VOLUNTEERS:



dauphinwayumc.org/vbs-volunteers



 **DAUPHIN WAY UMC**

YOUTH MINISTRY



March has been a month of consistency for the youth. Following our hiatus for Mardi Gras, we have enjoyed three straight weeks of programming with another three to follow. Over these first three weeks we went through a series entitled “Good Call” where we discussed Godly wisdom. In our first week of the series, we learned that wise people practice what God has said. The second week had us looking at the idea that wise people follow God’s guidance. And our series conclusion told us that wise people’s words show God’s love. Outside of our own programming, March has been a busy month for the arts. Both UMS’ and St. Paul’s spring shows had a whole host of youth on the stage and we very much enjoyed getting to see them showcase their theatrical abilities.

Our next three-week series is entitled “Invited” and looks at celebration and the Resurrection as we head into Easter. Over the three weeks we will be discussing the ideas that: we’re invited to celebrate who Jesus is, we’re invited to let Jesus make us new, and Jesus invites us to invite others. At the end of the month, we will have our semesterly Night of Worship which is going to be a compilation of songs that are most meaningful to our youth. Alongside our regular programming, we will be celebrating Girls Night Out at TopGolf on Friday, April 11th. All girls 6th grade and up are invited to come hang out that night from 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Thank you to all of our parents and volunteers who do so much behind the scenes to make everything we do great. And a special thank you to my sister, Emily, for playing at SNL on March 23rd alongside myself and Chris.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director

**BOSTON
BUTT**
Fundraiser

9:00 AM-12:30 PM
TUESDAY, 20 MAY
DAUPHIN WAY UMC

Support our youth by purchasing a Boston Butt for Memorial Day Weekend! Butt price is \$45. Pickup will be on Tuesday, May 20th at Dauphin Way UMC or South Alabama Wesley.

ORDER DEADLINE: MAY 9 | dauphinwayumc.org/bb2025

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for the warm and loving welcome you have shown to me and my family. From the very beginning, we have felt embraced by this church community, and we are truly blessed to be part of the Dauphin Way family. Thank you for your kindness, hospitality, and encouragement as we begin this journey together.

I also want to take a moment to recognize and thank our incredible choir. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for worship continue to inspire me. Each week, your voices lift our hearts and draw us closer to God. It is a joy and a privilege to serve alongside you in leading our congregation in worship.

I was incredibly grateful for the opportunity to meet our confirmands and walk alongside them as they grow in their faith and commitment to the church. It has been a joy to witness their enthusiasm and dedication as they prepare to take this important step in their spiritual journey. A special thank you to John Ricketts for his time and leadership in training them to be acolytes and worship leaders. His guidance has helped equip these young disciples to serve with confidence and reverence, and we look forward to seeing them take an active role in our worship services. We celebrate this milestone with them and give thanks for the ways they will continue to bless our church community.



This Lenten season has been a deeply meaningful time of reflection and renewal, and our midweek worship services have been a special part of that journey. These gatherings have provided us with sacred space to pause, pray, and draw near to Christ. If you haven't had a chance to join us yet, I invite you to come and be part of these moments of worship as we continue through this holy season.

As we approach Holy Week, I want to share a special invitation to our Maundy Thursday service. This service will be a time of devotion and reflection as we gather at Christ's table, welcomed by grace, and sent forth in service. Just as Jesus knelt to wash the feet of His disciples, we are called to serve one another in love. Through worship, song, and prayer, we will remember the depth of Christ's love for us. As the service closes, we will turn our hearts toward Good Friday, entering into a service of darkness that leads us into the final words of Christ on the cross.

With each step of this journey, we draw closer to the joy of Easter morning. I can already feel the anticipation building as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! What a glorious day it will be as we proclaim Christ's resurrection together. I cannot wait to worship with you as we rejoice in the hope and new life found in Christ.

A note from our Associate Director Natalie Isaac:

"I have been so thrilled with my introduction to the children's choirs here at Dauphin Way UMC. The Wesley Singers and Joyful Noise will be singing on Palm Sunday, which we are excited about! We've been having such fun learning and making music together on Sunday nights. Stay tuned for more about summer programming and next year's calendar - I have lots of exciting ideas in mind!

Our beloved Quimby organ has a tuning scheduled before Easter. The chapel organ will also be tuned at this time. Regular maintenance on these organs is essential to a positive worship experience, and the music department is thankful for the team that services our instruments."



Thank you for being a church that loves, serves, and worships so faithfully. We look forward to walking through this sacred season with you.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac, Pastor of Music and Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A large, colorful stained glass window depicting the Last Supper. Jesus is in the center, holding a chalice. He is surrounded by his twelve apostles. The window is set in a semi-circular archway. The text "MAUNDY THURSDAY" is overlaid on the top left, and "THURSDAY, APRIL 17" and "6 PM | SANCTUARY" are overlaid on the bottom right. A small white icon of a dome is in the bottom left.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
6 PM | SANCTUARY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

What a beautiful season of reflection and renewal this Lenten season has been! As we continue walking through this sacred time, I am deeply grateful for the way our worship team has led with such reverence and passion. Each service has provided an opportunity to draw closer to God, preparing our hearts for the joy and triumph of Easter.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our worship team. Their dedication and willingness to step in and handle everything when I had to be away for a family emergency meant the world to me. Knowing that our congregation was still being led with excellence and care in my absence was a true blessing. I am so thankful for each of you and the way you serve with such passion and grace.



With Holy Week and Easter quickly approaching, we are looking forward to the Good Friday service, which will be held in Moore Hall on April 18th. This will be a time of deep reflection as we remember the sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross. I encourage everyone to join us as we come together in worship and contemplation during this solemn and sacred gathering. We are also looking forward to the celebration that is Easter Sunday! Our team is working hard to make this day a beautiful reminder of our risen King, and we hope you join us in embracing the hope and victory that we have in Christ.

Kassidy Terry, Director of Contemporary Worship





EASTER SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:20 AM
9:30 AM
11:00 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SANCTUARY
MOORE HALL
SANCTUARY

PASTORAL REPORTS

Reverend Wilson Newell

Pastor of Discipleship

I am so proud of our church's response to the invitation to press into our faith together during this season of Lent. It has brought such joy to my soul to engage with our church and community in service and spiritual formation.



Ministry Partners

Dauphin Way's connection to our community and world has been on display through the witness of our ministry partners in worship. Every Sunday, we have heard from different organizations in Mobile and around the world who are doing great kingdom work. It has been a gift to hear not only what God is doing through them but also their appreciation for Dauphin Way. One Sunday, Leinkauf Elementary School's principal proclaimed that Dauphin Way provided transportation for 250 kids to go to OWA to reward their learning growth in statewide testing, blessed teachers with special meals, and honored students of the month. Of course, she bragged on our own Lee Hoagland, who is our liaison to Leinkauf, and Stephanie Bradford, who was the counselor there until this fall. I love that we have a real relationship with these ministry partners. Our Lenten Offering is not a handout to random organizations but a statement of support and connection. I hope you will prayerfully consider donating to the Lenten Offering on or before Palm Sunday!



We also got to visit two partner organizations and witness their good work firsthand. On March 11, our staff and Embrace board member Carolyn Byrne visited Babies First Home by Embrace Alabama Kids, which is a home for teen mothers and their children here in Mobile. It is a beautiful facility and the staff there are so loving. We are excited to partner with them in the future by doing diaper drives and, of course, supporting Embrace through the White Christmas Offering.



On March 17, I joined several Dauphin Way members to visit Dumas Wesley's Senior Citizen program. We played games, served lunch, and sang some hymns together. Those folks love to sing!

Adult Discipleship

March was also a month of incredible engagement in Bible Study and spiritual formation. I have greatly enjoyed the community during the Wednesday night services and dinners and privately reading the daily devotions from Huntingdon. I also had the pleasure of leading most of the Sunday night and Wednesday night studies on Adam Hamilton's book, *Final Words from the Cross*. What a gift that was! We have had over 40 people participate in the study and some great conversations.



Looking Ahead to Holy Week

If you thought March was fun, just wait until April! Holy Week is always one of the best weeks of the year. It begins with Palm Sunday. We will have a joyous combined service in the sanctuary at 10:30, followed by our annual Fish Fry at the pumpkin patch. We still need some volunteers for frying and cleanup. We will also have Prayer and Communion in the chapel Monday through Friday at 7am for the early risers. Our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are two of the most powerful services every year, and you can't fully appreciate Easter without appreciating what Jesus did for us on the cross. Then we will celebrate the greatest day in history together on Easter Sunday with three glorious services!

LOVEMOB Sunday

But wait- there's more! The following Sunday, April 27, we will have LOVEMOB Sunday: a day of service in Mobile. We are teaming up with other local churches to go out into the community and serve at different sites. We will have a combined 10:30 service in Moore Hall (wear your work clothes!), eat sandwiches for lunch in McGowin Hall, and work from 12:30-2:00. There is something for everyone. If you'd like more info or are ready to sign up, go to dauphinwayumc.org/lovemob2025. This is one of my favorite Sundays every year. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ by going out into the world and sharing God's love. I hope you will join us!





Reverend Kathy Jorgensen

Associate Pastor of Membership Care and Spiritual Direction

Our Guided by Grace Widows Group had a wonderful presentation this month from a director at the Via Health, Fitness, and Enrichment Center on Dauphin Street. She shared about the various programs available to help maintain health and wellness, including pickleball, an exercise workout room, and healthy lunch options. She also emphasized how exercise plays a crucial role in staying healthy, especially during the grieving process.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to be a source of comfort as we create shawls infused with prayers for those in need. This month, we had a major cleanup and reorganization of our prayer yarn, ensuring that our supplies remain in good order for future projects. We are grateful for the dedicated team that helped with this effort, as

seen in the photograph included.

The Prayer Chain, under the direction of Lorraine Zerfas remains a vital part of our ministry, offering prayer support for those facing crises. This faithful network continues to be a blessing to our church family and beyond.

Dauphin Way Across the Bay, our bi-monthly gathering at Westminster Village, brought together members who live across the bay for a time of fellowship and devotion. This month, we explored meaningful ways to observe Lent with new spiritual practices to deepen our faith during this sacred season.

Sadly, this month, we also mourned the loss of three beloved members of our church:

- Keith Mills, the originator of our Annie's Gift Ministry
- Lucille Delchamps Fleming
- Gordon Blackwell

We celebrated their lives and lift their families in prayer during this time of grief.

The Long Goodbye Group, our support group for those caring for loved ones with dementia, has continued to grow and recently outgrew its meeting space. We are now gathering in the church library to accommodate everyone. We extend special thanks to Lucy Murray and Louise Rayford, who faithfully decorate our tables and serve lunch, bringing warmth and encouragement to our meetings. This month, a representative from the Area Agency on Aging returned to share updates and resources available for families navigating the challenges of dementia care.

For those new to our church, we want to remind you about two other vital support groups:

- Compassionate Friends, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the church library. This group provides support for those who have lost a child of any age.
- Tools for Hope, our general grief support group, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, we reflected on ways to observe Lent while honoring the memories of our loved ones. We offer our deep gratitude to Hill Aeiker for providing a lovely lunch at each meeting.

As we journey through this season of Lent, we are reminded that Jesus Christ understands our suffering and walks with us in our grief. His example of sacrificial love calls us to care for one another with compassion and grace. We are grateful for all who serve in these ministries, bringing light and hope to those in need.

Blessings,
Rev. Kathy Lincks Jorgensen



COMPASSION MINISTRIES
DAUPHIN WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tools for Hope – a general grief group, for people who have lost a close loved one or friend.

Date: 2nd Wednesday of each month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Bishop's room

Lunch \$6.00 RSVP 251-471-1511

The Long Goodbye – A support group for those who have a loved one with dementia.

Date: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Church Library

Complimentary lunch included

RSVP 251-471-1511

Compassionate Friends – A support group for parents who have lost a child of any age.

Date: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Church Library

Prayer Shawl Ministry – a group that meets together for prayer and to craft prayer shawls for others. This group is led by Shelby Wright and Cleta Kay Hanebuth.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Place: Church Family Life Room

Guided by Grace – a support group for widows led by Lynn Stewart

Date: 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: McDavid Library

RSVP: 251-401-8993

Prayer Chain – A group of dedicated people who have answered the call to pray for others. Led by Lorraine Zerfas, accepts prayer request and passes them on to the daily email list of prayers.

Spiritual Direction – We are here to help you in your faith journey. Spiritual Direction help you to deepen your relationship with God and see his presence in your life. As a certified Spiritual Director, I welcome you to call the church for a time to meet together.

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

SPRC

No Report

Trustees

The church ended February with a deficit of \$21,905.36. This resulted in a YTD deficit of \$45,557.13. Even though this is discouraging it is not unusual. At this time last year, we had a deficit of over \$67,000.

The capital fund balance as of 2/28/2025 is \$289,429.16. This number is expected to be reduced to \$87,597.23 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 contract for the first phase of the HVAC Project was signed. The first installment was made the first week of March.

The Trustees approved several projects to be completed in the kitchen: 1) caulk the back of the three-compartment sink, 2) replace the grid and ceiling tiles, 3) replace the lights with LED lights, 4) repair and paint where paint is damaged or peeling. The total cost should not exceed \$8,300.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

Finance

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 18, and reviewed the February 2025 financial statements. DW ended February with a deficit of \$21,905.36. This resulted in a year-to-date deficit of \$45,557.13. It is not uncommon for the church to run a deficit at this time of year.

The CDC ended February with a profit of \$10,798.41 which resulted in a year-to-date gain of \$12,168.00. They are performing better than anticipated.

The silent campaign has been quite successful in obtaining pledges of \$468,906. Currently, we have received \$295,906 of those pledges. We made the first payment on the HVAC project in March. The second payment will be due the end of April. We hope to receive the balance remaining from the silent campaign by the time the second payment is due. The silent campaign along with previous commitments, will get us very close to covering the entire first phase of the HVAC project.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

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Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 2 - February 16.67%
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	95,201.30	166,234.42	12.37%	174,055.82
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	66,795.00	0.00	16,698.69	25.00%	15,516.80
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	982.19	2,407.19	16.22%	2,250.00
1136	Escrow Funds	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00		0.00
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	328,538.00	12,906.37	32,009.03	9.74%	56,199.75
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1140	Interest Income	0.00	15.13	30.22	0.00%	10.82
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	13,016.66	16.67%	4,010.80
1144	Gain on Sale of Stock	0.00	0.00	703.79	0.00%	0.00
1147	PPP/ERC	33,754.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
1148	CDC Fee Income	72,336.00	6,028.00	12,056.00	16.67%	12,056.00
1149	Wedding Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,060.00
	Total Receipts	2,007,630.00	121,641.32	303,156.00	15.10%	266,219.99
Disbursements						
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	191.32
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	188.97	370.85	4.82%	1,280.74
5011	Total Children's Ministry	19,575.00	-136.60	-627.04	-3.20%	2,478.02
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,455.00	5,275.72	6,025.80	32.65%	12,069.52
5211	Total Adult Ministry	0.00	-4,994.73	-4,652.16	0.00%	472.35
5612	Total Missions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-24.60
5710	Total Connectional	22,046.00	1,268.51	9,360.78	42.46%	3,785.85
5739	Conference Apportionments	141,424.00	8,137.89	60,045.62	42.46%	23,831.95
5910	Total Membership Care	1,200.00	41.42	-19.63	-1.64%	-289.14
6001	Community Care	0.00	-100.00	-100.00	0.00%	0.00
6310	Total Worship	35,000.00	2,039.91	6,481.31	18.52%	5,301.69
6610	Total Office	86,860.00	9,639.13	14,678.99	16.90%	13,819.11
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	568,197.00	35,079.20	83,255.70	14.65%	83,665.29
6810	Total Operations	16,015.00	0.00	480.00	3.00%	1,295.45
7111	Total Kitchen	15,115.00	1,110.30	2,129.45	14.09%	2,833.07
	Total Personnel	1,088,369.00	85,996.96	171,283.46	15.74%	183,461.59
	Total Disbursements	2,022,156.00	143,546.68	348,713.13	17.24%	334,172.21
	Income Over/Under Expenses	<u>-14,526.00</u>	<u>(21,905.36)</u>	<u>(45,557.13)</u>	313.62%	<u>(67,952.22)</u>
Asset Account Balances as of February 28, 2025						
	Operating Checking	\$105,879.40				
	Payroll Checking	\$486.04				
	Online Checking	\$253.95				
	Petty Cash	\$400.00				
	Operating Money Market	\$5,480.38				
	Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$396,898.30				
	Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00				
	Stock Holdings	<u>\$6,154.68</u>				
	Total Assets	\$521,924.75				
	Accounts Payable - CDC	\$0.00				

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MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

CELEBRATION

We rejoice with Rachel and Donald Broughton upon the birth of their son Jack on March 5, 2025.
Rachel is our Director of Children's Ministry

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy are extended to Andrea Mills and family upon the death of her husband, Keith Mills, on February 27, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Louise Wilber and family upon the death of her sister, Elaine Hitchcock Reeves, on March 8, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Barney March and family upon the death of his brother, Cary March, on March 12, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Elizabeth Schmahl and family upon the death of her son, Will Schmahl, on March 14, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Diane Gremse and family, upon the death of her father, Gordon Blackwell, on March 22, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to Emily Lyons and family, upon the death of her father, Bill Mosley, on March 20, 2025.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harry Wilber

C.J. & Cindy Angelette

Phil & Sally Partridge

In Memory of Narvie Lu & Peter Beville

John Ricketts

In Memory of Mila & Bishop Joel McDavid

John Ricketts

In Memory of Keith Mills

Thomas & Sharon Mills

In Memory of Dan Peoples

Kimi & Allen Oaks

Ivy Cottage Employees

In Memory of Bill Hanebuth

Phil & Sally Partridge

In Honor of Sara Ann & Walker Hawks

Lynn Hart Thornley

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