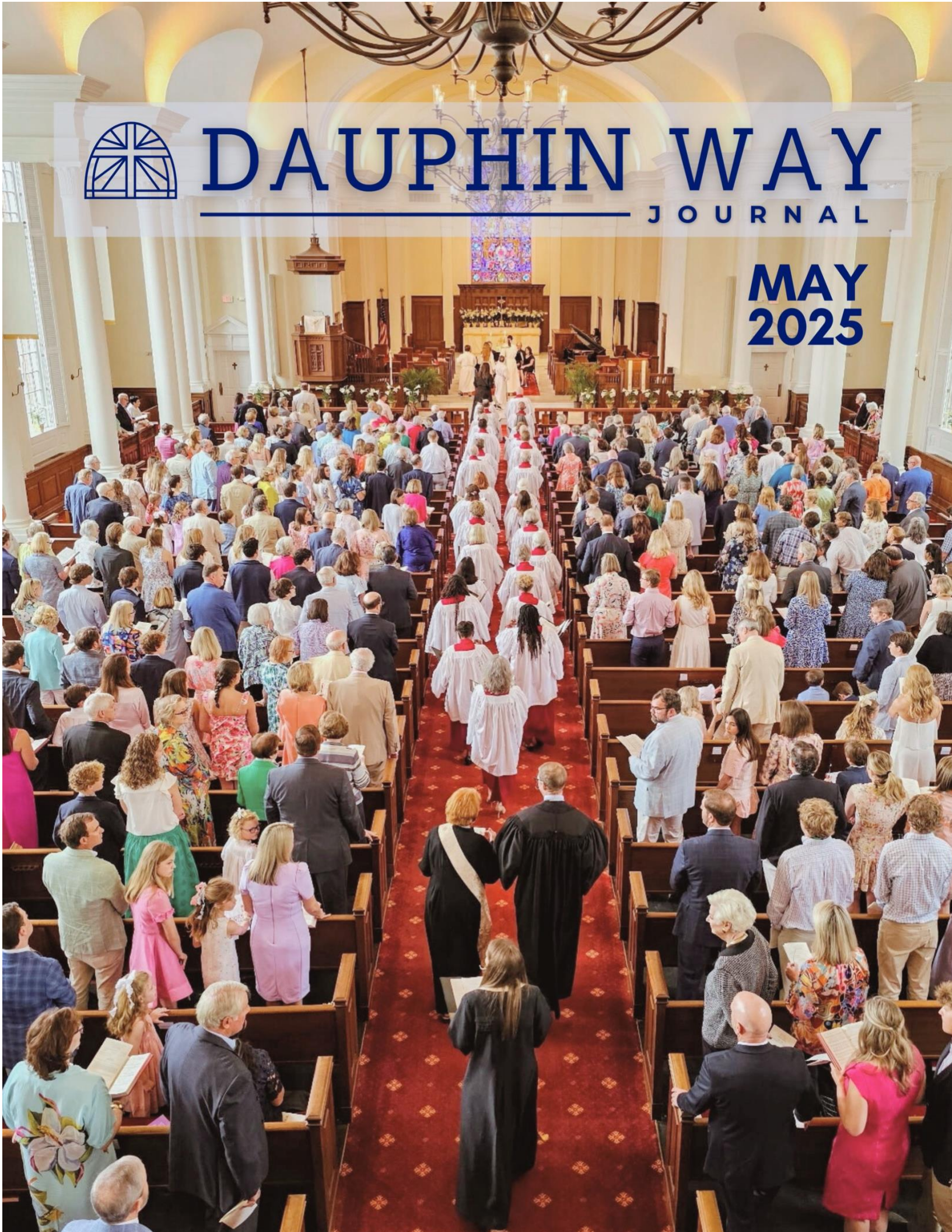




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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Congregation,

Our Children's Ministry Director, Rachel Broughton, has made the decision to step down from her role to be able to stay home with baby Jack and their family. She will be at the children's end of the year party this Sunday at 5:00 pm in the gym. We will also use that time to celebrate her, offer words of thanksgiving for her time here, and give the kids a chance to give her hugs. Parents and kids are invited to bring cards to give to her on Sunday night as signs of our appreciation for her leadership. There will be bouncy houses and cake, and it will be a fun night as we close out the Sunday evening programming for the year.



I am also very thankful to be able to share that Heather White, who has been our excellent interim director, is excited and ready to transition into the role of Children's Director. Heather has a master's degree in elementary education and a long tenure of teaching experience in Georgia and Tennessee public schools. Not to mention, her energy and heart for working with kids has been evident and a gift while she was volunteering in our children's ministry before taking on this position.

I hope you will help me both to show our gratitude to Rachel for her time with our kids, and to welcome and support Heather as she steps into this role.

Lastly, I wanted to give you a glimpse of the Dauphin Way Newsletter back from August 21, 1971, when we were hiring a youth director. Can you guess what her name was? Kathy Links! A lot has changed since 1971, but a constant has been Kathy's faithful leadership here at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church. I am thankful that she still so generously shares her gifts of pastoral care and leadership with us, and for the gift it is to lead alongside her.

If you would like to honor Kathy's many years of service, you can give a Mother's Day gift at dauphinwayumc.org/mothersdayplate. That gift will go to support both the Links Compassion Fund and Meals on Wheels. And I hope you will take a peek at the 1971 article on the next page.

Grace and peace,
Gillian



Dauphin Way News

Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

AUGUST 27, 1971

STAFF CHANGES ANNOUNCED



MISS KATHY LINCKS joins our Church Staff as Director of Youth Ministries on September 7. Kathy has recently received her degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Alabama, and is now working on a Master's Degree.

She is 22 years of age and has been a part of Dauphin Way since childhood. She sang in the Church Choirs from preschool through High School. Active in every part of the church program, she participated in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, was a Westminster Choir College Scholarship recipient and has worked with our neighborhood youth program.

Kathy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lincks, live in Warner Robins, Georgia, where they were transferred in the phasing out of Brookley. She has a sister, Dian, who is now Mrs. Gene Beitel. She attended Maryvale Elementary School, Mae Eanes Junior High and is a graduate of Murphy High School.

Many honors have come to her in high school and college. In high school she was in the Marching Band, president of her Company in Junior Achievement, in the Dramatic Club, and on the Track Team. In College she was R.O.T.C. sponsor; Alabama Sweetheart of Circle "K"; active in the Wesley Foundation, and was on the Dean's list several times.

The youth of Dauphin Way have in store for them a great treat as they are under the able direction of Kathy Lincks. We welcome her to our Church Staff!

MRS. RAY (JULIA) HOAGLAND retires from our Staff after serving the church so ably as Director of Children's Work. She has served in the program of Christian Education on two occasions at Dauphin Way. As a volunteer, as a part time and full time member of the Staff she has worked twenty years. Her able leadership, genuine dedication and congenial spirit has drawn the membership of our church to her.

After sixteen years of service earlier, and an absence of several years from the Staff, Julia came back in 1967 and has served four years on a part-time basis. The only part-time aspect of the job has been the salary for she is one who gives full time whatever she does. She came back to help us "for a few months" until another staff member could be hired. The church was so pleased that no one sought the new person. Only at her request, and with great reluctance do we accept her retirement from the Staff. She will continue to be near us and will be used for counsel and help.

All of us are saying to one another, "Julia is a genius in Christian Education, and especially children's work."

Her stamp of greatness will ever be upon the program of our church but more than this, upon the lives of many people. Our thanks and good wishes to Julia!

Mark Stewart Directs Children's Work

Mark Stewart, our Director of Christian Education, will assume responsibility for Children's Work at Dauphin Way. Under his direction, Kathy Lincks will direct our youth ministries. Jim Mason continues to serve the Adult Ministries of the church. With these, our leaders, we can anticipate a strong program of Christian Education in every division.



Promotion Day

August 29th, this coming Sunday, is Promotion throughout our Children and Youth Divisions. Please remember that all students go to their regular class when they come, and later in the session they will be promoted as a class. In short, this is the last session of this church school year so the greater part of this period will be used this way, with promotion coming the last few minutes.

New teachers coming in will teach through the 1971-72 year, which starts September 1st and closes August 1972. A complete roster of these teachers will be published in a coming issue of the Dauphin Way News.

Beginning September 12 FALL SCHEDULE for SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Teen-Toner Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High M.Y.F.
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

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Sunday, May 4

SUNDAYS IN MAY

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

Sunday, May 4

COMBINED SERVICE: Confirmation Sunday | 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Children's Church | 10:50 AM in E215
Children's End of Year Party | 5:00 PM in Moore Hall
Youth SNL Senior Celebration | 5:00 PM in McGowin Hall

SUNDAY

8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	E110, E109 & E11
8:20 AM	CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE except May 4	Adkins Chapel
9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall May 25 Breezeway May 4, 11 & 18
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL		
9:15 AM	Covenant Class except May 11	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 except May 4 & 11	McGowin Hall
9:30 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE except May 4	Moore Hall
9:50 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd except May 4	E215
11:00 AM	SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE except May 4	Sanctuary
11:20 AM	Children's Church K5-3rd except May 4	E215

CONFIRMATION
Sunday
+ COMBINED SERVICE





Join us in celebrating our
confirmands as they make their
profession of faith and officially
join our church family!

SUNDAY MAY 4
10:30 AM | the Sanctuary

MAY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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CHURCH OFFICES & CDC CLOSED: Memorial Day | Monday, May 26, all day

MONDAY

7:00 AM	CDC Classes except May 26	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 except May 26	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 Devotion except May 21 & 28	Off Site
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen & McGowin Hall
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Bishops & Family Life Rooms
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
6:30 PM	SALT Meeting May 7 only	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

MAY AT A GLANCE

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10:00 AM	CDC Graduation Rehearsals Thursday, May 1 Mon-Thur, May 5-8 Tues-Wed, May 13-14 Wednesday, May 21	Adkins Chapel
Thursday, May 1		
5:30 PM	Fellowship Night Out	Moe's BBQ Downtown
6:00 PM	Guided By Grace	McDavid Library, Bishops Meeting & Family Life Rooms, Dill Parlor
		DWUMC
Sunday, May 4	Confirmation Sunday	Sanctuary
8:15 AM	Confirmation Rehearsal	McGowin Hall
9:15 AM	Confirmation Breakfast	Sanctuary
10:30 AM	COMBINED Worship Service	Moore Hall
5:00 PM	Children's End of Year Party	McGowin Hall
5:00 PM	Youth SNL Senior Celebration	DWUMC & Online
11:59 PM	Mother's Day Plate Fundraiser Deadline	
Tuesday, May 6		
5:15 PM	Youth Parent Council Meeting	Off Site
5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	McDavid Library
Wednesday, May 7		
6:30 PM	SALT Meeting	The Refuge
Thursday, May 8		
8:30 AM	DWUMC Staff Retreat	Off Site
Friday, May 9		
5:00 PM	3rd Grade End of Year Celebration	DWUMC & Off Site
6:00 PM	Youth Guys Night In	Moore Hall & The Refuge
11:59 PM	Youth Boston Butts Fundraiser Deadline	DWUMC & Online
Sunday, May 11	Mother's Day & Senior Recognition Sunday -Meals On Wheels 50th Anniversary & Lincks Compassion Fundraiser + Offering	DWUMC
9:45 AM	High School Senior Breakfast	McGowin Hall
Monday, May 12		
5:00 PM	Racial Justice Reconciliation	ZOOM
Tuesday, May 13		
12:00 PM	The Long Goodbye	McDavid Library
12:00 PM	Trustees Monthly Meeting	Bishops Meeting Room
7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends	McDavid Library, Family Life Room & Dill Parlor
Wednesday, May 14		

12:00 PM Thursday, May 15	Tools For Hope	Bishops Meeting Room
9:00 AM	Leinkauf Pre-K Graduation & Crossing Over Ceremony Rehearsal	Moore Hall
6:00 PM Friday, May 16	Young Adult Gathering	BLUEGILL Restaurant
9:00 AM	Leinkauf Crossing Over Ceremony	Moore Hall
12:00 PM	Leinkauf Pre-K Graduation Ceremony	Moore Hall
Sunday, May 18		
All Day	Baby Recognition Sunday	
9:30 AM	Baby Recognition Reception	McGowin Hall
4:00 PM	RJR Presents: An Afternoon with Frye Gaillard	Adkins Chapel
Tuesday, May 20		
9:00 AM	Youth Boston Butt Pickup	DWUMC & USA Wesley Foundation
10:00 AM	Dauphin Way Across the Bay	Westminster Village
5:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
6:00 PM	Historical Societies Mayoral Candidate Forum	Moore Hall & McGowin Hall
Thursday, May 22		
10:00 AM	CDC Graduation	Adkins Chapel
Monday, May 26		
All Day	Memorial Day Church Offices & CDC Closed	DWUMC
Tuesday, May 27		
5:30 PM	Community Garden Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
Thursday, May 29		
7:00 AM	Grits & Grace	McGowin Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun-Fri, June 1-6	All Day	Youth Summer Camp	Timberlake Ministries Millport, AL
Monday, June 9	7:00 PM	Rev. Wilson Newell's Deacon Ordination Service	FUMC Pensacola
Mon-Thur, June 16-19	8:30 AM	Vacation Bible School 2025: Journey With Paul	DWUMC
Wednesday, July 23	12:00 PM	Sages Luncheon	McGowin Hall
Mon-Sat, July 21-26	9:00 AM	DWUMC First Annual Kids' Musical Camp — "Called"	DWUMC

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children's Ministry concluded its evening programming for the school year on April 6. This spring, we averaged forty children each Sunday night (4-6 p.m.), ages 4 to fifth grade, weekly, for Choir practices, open playground time, Third Grade Bible, Acolyte training, special speakers, Bible stories, crafts, games, and pizza, and welcomed many dedicated volunteers to lead these children in their various age groups (Gardeners/4-5K, M&M/1st-3rd grades, and Jump!/4th-5th grades). Our nursery staff worked in the Treehouse with children ages 1-3 and averaged two to five little ones weekly.



Evening programming will resume in late August/early September with a kick-off celebration. Children's Church during the Contemporary and Traditional services is going well and is averaging attendance between 30-35 for ages 4K through 3rd grade (we have fourth and fifth grade students who're coming to help with games and crafts). We have strong adult volunteer attendance for these times. Our nursery staff serves anywhere from three to twenty children on Sunday mornings.

Nursery and Treehouse hours have been increased this spring to accommodate more children and to provide care for little ones during the Lenten speaker series on Wednesday nights. Currently, there are ten nursery workers who are on the rotation.

We cleaned out and reorganized the Treehouse and made some changes to the materials, games, toys, and furniture there; the space looks and feels bigger and brighter.

We held a Parents' Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, and discussed preparations for all of these events and for programming suggestions/changes that the staff will consider during its retreat in May.



The biggest event we have sponsored through the Children's Ministry this April was April 13th's Palm Sunday Children's Processional, Children's Church in Adkins Chapel, Easter Egg Hunt, and lawn games following the Fish Fry. It was a blessed and beautiful morning, and both the Joyful Noise (1st-3rd grades) and Wesley Singers (4th-7th grades) participated in singing during the worship service. There were roughly 65

children in the Traditional service that day, and twenty babies (to age 3) in the Nursery. We welcomed more than fifty children to Adkins Chapel for a movie about Jesus' ministry, Easter-themed snacks, games (Holy Week BINGO and flip books were big hits), and a story about Resurrection eggs. In addition, we had seven nursery workers staff the nursery, and one CDC employee help assist in Adkins Chapel. Many wonderful parent volunteers made this day possible, with staff members Andrew Peeler and Marie Robertson (husband, Daniel) helping to hide Easter eggs (Andrew) and serving as an amazing Easter bunny (Daniel) and Bunny assistant (Marie).



We made changes to the Easter Egg Hunt this year and believe these were instrumental in helping the afternoon's events run smoothly. Sections were cordoned off for all age groups (1-3 years, 4-5K, 1st -3rd grades, and 4th -5th grades), with start times staggered to help parents watch their children in different areas. We utilized signage so that parents and kids could more easily locate their hunting "zones."

In addition, lawn games were added to the afternoon. Hula hoops and bubbles (children took the latter home) were sweet, non-messy strategies for keeping children entertained. Also on hand were bunny cornhole bag target games, a wooden egg-and-spoon relay, and bunny ear ring toss activities.

All children received treat bags geared to their age groups, and 4th and 5th grade kids got to keep all their candy-stuffed Easter eggs in addition to their treat bags after the hunt concluded. A huge thanks goes to Lee Hoagland and Leslie Rentz, who worked in the library for three Wednesdays and at home after-hours to attach all of the eggs and fill the treat bags for the children. Brenda Bush and Alison Rodrigues also assisted in egg-work by taking bags of eggs home to attach.

We are now pivoting to LoveMOB Sunday and are excited to fill care bags for the un-homed population of Mobile, as well as to write cards to our shut-in church members.

We look forward to May's busy children's activities, including our May the Fourth Be With You Children's Ministry party, our Third Grade Bible off-campus outing, Baby Recognition Sunday, and Vacation Bible School work days.

We are blessed to have a dedicated group of adults in the Children's Ministry, who give tirelessly of their time and energy into making all of these activities successful and meaningful.

Heather White
Children's Ministry Director



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Welcome

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VBS 2025 VOLUNTEERS

HELP WITH VBS

- Decorating begins in May
- Now accepting cardboard boxes for use as prop materials (bonus points for refrigerator boxes!)
- Youth from rising 6th grade and up are eligible to volunteer



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YOUTH MINISTRY

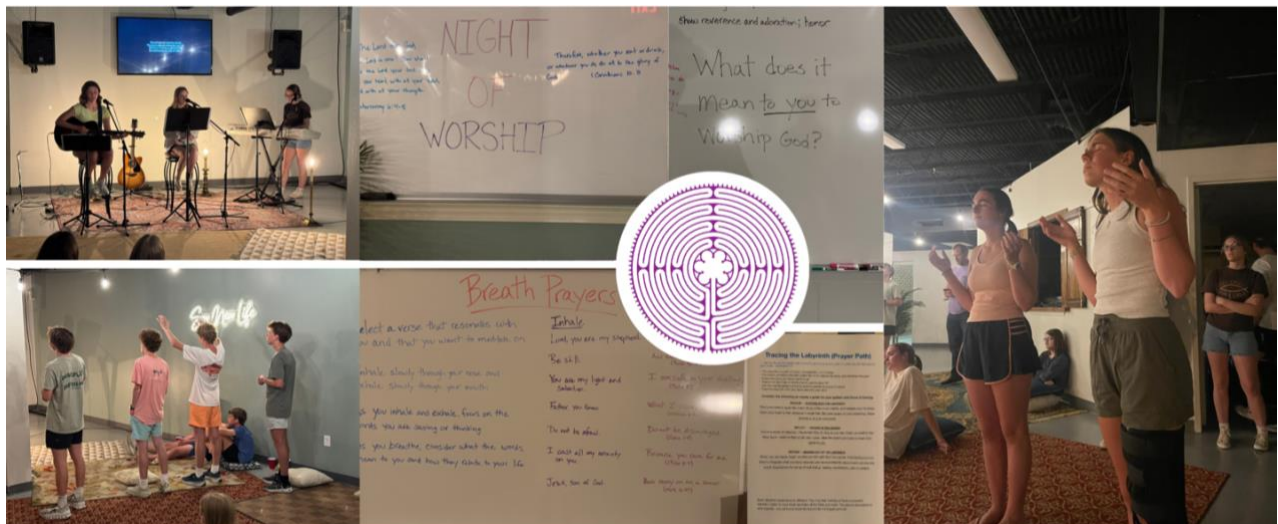
April has seen a little uptick in Youth events. At SNL, we went through our Easter series, "Invited," where we talked about celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Following a break for Easter, we finished up our April SNL's with our Night of Worship. Our focus for this night was indeed worship as we sang through songs that are most meaningful to some of our seniors and leaders. Along with our worship, there were a couple of prayer spaces that our youth could move through as they felt led. We of course continued our Wednesday morning devotions are Carpe Diem. And we also had our Girls Night Out at Top Golf on April 11th. The girls who were there had a great time swinging golf clubs and playing games.



As we approach the end of the year, we get a little busier. On May 4th, we will be celebrating our Confirmands in the Sanctuary at 10:30am and then that evening, the youth will be celebrating our Seniors and the end of the year. On that Friday, we will have our Guys Night In at the church. The youth boys (6th grade and up) will eat, play games like Underground Church, and just enjoy some fellowship with each other. Then on Sunday, May 11th, we will celebrate our graduating seniors in both the Contemporary and Traditional services. The last major event in May is the Boston Butt Fundraiser. The butts will be distributed on Tuesday, May 20th at both Dauphin Way and at South Alabama's Wesley Center. The last day to order a butt is Friday, May 9th.

Thank you to all of our different teams that have contributed to making this year great. Youth Parent Council, SALT, SALT Reps, Youth Leaders, Parents, etc. All of the work you all do behind the scenes does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director



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Deadline: Friday, May 9



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



As we reflect on this most recent Lenten season and our celebration of Easter, I want to take a moment to lift up the incredible fruitfulness of ministry we experienced at Dauphin Way UMC. These past several weeks have been marked by rich spiritual depth, creative collaboration, and a profound sense of community. I am filled with gratitude and pride as I share highlights of this holy season with you.

First, I must express deep appreciation to our Associate Music Director, Natalie Isaac, for her excellent supervision and coordination of the maintenance and tuning of our church organs, both in the chapel and sanctuary. Her attentiveness to these sacred instruments ensured that they were in excellent form to support our worship throughout Lent and Holy Week.

Our midweek Lenten worship services were consistently well-attended and deeply reflective. We were blessed by inspiring guest preachers and beautiful musical offerings that enriched our journey toward the cross. These gatherings served as a meaningful space for contemplation, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Palm Sunday brought a special joy as we gathered for a combined worship service led by our children's choirs—the Wesley Singers and the Joyful Noise Singers. Under Natalie Isaac's loving and skillful direction, the children sang with both confidence and joy, reminding us of the beauty of childlike faith and the power of worshiping together across generations.



Maundy Thursday was a particularly moving service this year. The chancel choir provided powerful anthems that underscored the reading of scripture, and the service centered around a dramatized setting of the Lord's Table. I am especially grateful to Cassidy Terry and Pat Turner, who served as our table stewards and brought the scene to life with reverence and grace. This evening reminded us of the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice in a tangible and unforgettable way.





Easter Sunday was a true celebration of resurrection and new life. The spirit of revival was evident throughout the congregation as we worshiped together with joy and expectancy. We were uplifted by the sounds of a guest brass quartet, which added a festive richness to our music. Our hearts soared as we joined in the tradition of singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” to close the service in a powerful declaration of praise.

I would also like to highlight the growing collaboration between myself and Kassidy Terry, our Director of Contemporary Worship. Kassidy played a pivotal role in the planning of our Maundy Thursday service and graciously invited me to participate in our Good Friday worship. This partnership has been life-giving for my ministry, and we are both excited about continuing to serve as a bridge between our traditional and contemporary worship expressions. We believe strongly in the unity of our church family and look forward to finding even more ways to strengthen that bond.

As we turn our eyes toward Pentecost and the coming summer season, we are filled with anticipation. Planning collaboration is already underway in regards to music for Vacation Bible School and other summer programming. Additionally, Natalie is preparing a musical theater camp for children and youth this July. Over the course of a week, participants will rehearse and perform a short production, offering a creative and joyful outlet for young people to grow in faith and community.

Finally, let me say how grateful I am for the support of this church community. Your prayers, presence, and encouragement make this ministry possible. It is truly a joy to serve alongside you at Dauphin Way UMC. I am excited for all that God has in store for us in the seasons ahead.

Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac, Pastor of Music & Worship

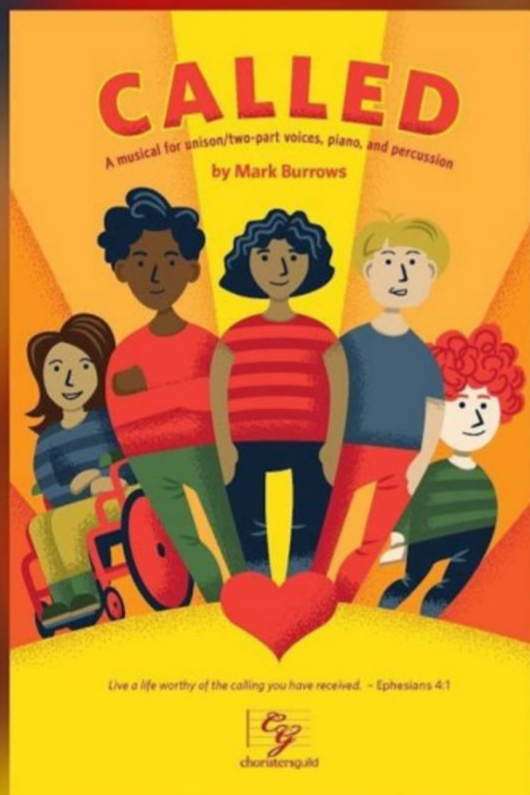


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July 21-26, 2025

9 AM - 2:30 PM



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/musicalcamp2025](https://dauphinwayumc.org/musicalcamp2025)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

What a powerful season we have just experienced at Dauphin Way! Holy Week was a meaningful time of worship and reflection, and I am so proud of the way our worship team led with such intentionality and heart.

Our Good Friday service in Moore Hall was a deeply moving evening. Through music, scripture, and space for quiet reflection, we were reminded of the depth of Christ's love and the weight of His sacrifice. It was a beautiful and solemn gathering that helped prepare our hearts for the joy to come.



I am also incredibly thankful for those who stayed late after the Good Friday service to prepare the space for Easter Sunday - and what a celebration Easter Sunday was! From the first note played to the last word spoken, the spirit of resurrection was alive at Dauphin Way. The energy in the room was contagious, and it was a true joy to witness so many gathered in worship of our risen Savior. A special thank you goes to our band, tech team, and volunteers who poured so much time and effort into making the entire week run smoothly and meaningfully.

As some of you may have noticed, we have been adding some new musicians to our worship team! It's been a gift to see fresh faces joining in and using their talents to glorify God. Recruitment for the band is still ongoing, and we're especially looking for instrumentalists and vocalists who feel called to serve through worship. If you know someone who might be a good fit, please send them our way—we'd love to help them find their place in this ministry.

As we now move into the Easter season, I continue to be encouraged by the faithfulness of this team and our church family. God is clearly at work in and through this church body, placing big dreams in the hearts of the congregation and leadership alike, and I'm excited to see what He has in store for us all.

Kassidy Terry, Director of Contemporary Worship



PASTORAL REPORTS

Reverend Wilson Newell

Pastor of Discipleship



I was so proud of our church for fulfilling the invitation from Ash Wednesday of “keeping a holy Lent.” Every event and service had a great turnout, and we experienced some beautiful expressions of worship and love. One of my favorite parts of Lent was the Bible study on The Final Words from the Cross which I had the privilege to lead on Sunday nights and Wednesdays at noon. Every week, we had a great group and great discussion. The material from Adam Hamilton was powerful and it spurred some deep conversation and forged some new friendships.

The Palm Sunday Fish Fry and Egg Hunt was another massive success. Special thanks go to Eddie Brister and his fry team, Robert Hunter and the setup crew, Marsha McGehee and her kitchen team, and Heather White for organizing the games and egg hunt for the kids. It was a spectacular day all around. From there, Holy Week took a sharp turn into somber reflection with our Holy Week Morning Meditations, Maundy Thursday Service, and Good Friday Service. Our worship team absolutely knocked it out of the park with these powerful services. If you missed it, you need to go back and watch them and make plans to attend next year. They are truly life changing. These services end in darkness, but we didn’t stay in the dark. Easter Sunday came with life and joy as we gathered to praise our risen Savior! He is risen indeed!

Easter is not just a day – it is an entire season of celebrating new life in Christ that runs all the way through Pentecost on June 8. The Sunday following Easter was LOVEMOB Sunday, a day of service in our community. We partnered with several churches and organizations to go out and share the love of Christ with Mobile. It was so good to have a combined service, enjoy a meal, and go out to these different sites carrying the good news.

COMING UP

Confirmation Sunday

We have lots going on in May that I hope you will participate in! May 4 will be another combined service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary as we worship together for Confirmation Sunday! We have a great class, and it will be so good to witness them take this big step in their faith and join the

church. Later that evening, the children's and youth ministries will have their End-of-the-Year parties featuring inflatables!

Mother's Day, Senior Recognition, and Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

We will have a lot to celebrate on May 11. It is Mother's Day, and we have a special way for you to honor your mother. Meals on Wheels is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and they are joining forces for a fundraiser with the Lincks Compassion Fund. For \$25, you can purchase your mother a "plate" made of cardstock to be displayed in the breezeway on May 11. May 11 will also be Senior Recognition Sunday, and we have an incredible senior class to celebrate. You will want to be here to hear from them about how this church has blessed them. Let's honor their faithfulness and send them off well!

Baby Recognition Sunday

May 18 is Baby Recognition Sunday. We will celebrate the births of all babies born from April 21, 2024- May 18, 2025! Babies are a gift from God, and I am especially grateful to be raising baby Florence and her big sisters in this amazing church family. Later that evening, Frye Gaillard will present a lecture in the chapel. He is a brilliant teacher, and you will want to hear what he has to say.

The Dauphin Way Family

Throughout Lent, my prayer has been that everything we do will kindle and nurture relationships. God has answered this prayer. Through our worship, fellowship, Bible study, and everyday living, I believe God is drawing us nearer to one another. If I can help you find where you belong and plug into the Dauphin Way family in any way, I would be honored and delighted to talk with you. May your relationships with one another be blessed, and may the peace, love, and joy of Christ rule in your hearts during this celebratory season.





Reverend Kathy Jorgensen

Associate Pastor of Membership Care and Spiritual Direction

We are certainly experiencing “April; Showers” in abundance this month! We have seen flooding in our midtown area unlike ever before. We are so thankful that there was no water leaking into the basements of the Sanctuary or Educational buildings... thank to all the work of current and past Trustee Committees. The rain has not kept our widows’ ministries from continuing! For April Guided by Grace ladies toured the Cornerstone Gardens owned by Von Drinkard on Government Street. Below are some of the pictures taken in this inspirational garden. After the tour we returned to the church for a tasty picnic supper and a Lenten devotional. We have a number of new members that have joined our group in the past few months. We are so happy to have them.

Lynn Stewart does such a good job supporting these ladies as they travel through grief together. If you know of any woman who is widowed and feel they would be helped by our support group, please email Lynn at lynnstewart1@att.net or Kathy Jorgensen 251-471-1511

Our wonderful Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet every Wednesday morning in the Family Life room. There have been so many requests lately for shawls for our members as well as for church members’ friends and family, that our group has been very, very busy. Along with shawls for adults our group also has been making baby prayer blankets/shawls for all our new babies in the church family. If you need a shawl for someone or are interested in helping by knitting or crochet please contact our leader , Shelby Wright at shelbyw40@aol.com or Clela Kay Hanebuth at cletah@gmail.com

“Ways to Help”

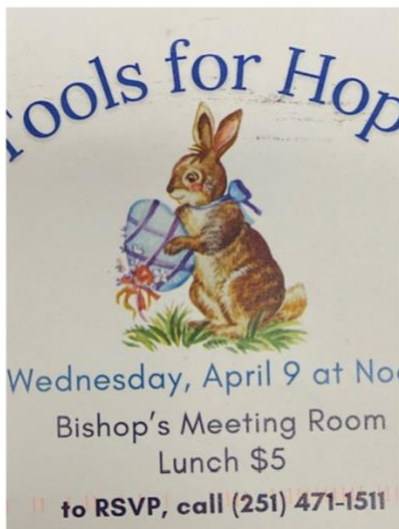
There are so many ways you can help us help others here at the church. We want to be with you in your good times and difficult times.

1. Please call the church whenever you or your family members are hospitalized. 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. 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 fmawebster@aol.com.
3. We are here to help you in your faith journey. 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.

4. Support Groups at Dauphin Way:

- **Widow's Group** - "Guided by Grace", meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- **Generalized Grief Group** – "Tools for Hope", meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon.
- **The Long Goodbye**- (helps those who have a loved one with dementia) meets each 2nd Tuesday at noon in the Church Library. Lunch is provided by the "Happy Meals" ministry.
- **Compassionate Friends** (for parents and grandparents who have lost a child of any age) meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- **Dauphin Way Across the Bay** (a way for Dauphin Way Members who live across the bay to meet and have devotional time and a chance to catch up on church news) meets every other month at Westminster Village every other month.

For more information, please contact Kathy Jorgensen at:
kathy.jorgensen@dauphinwayumc.org



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 March with a surplus of \$18,935.52. This reduced our YTD deficit to \$26,621.61. We are starting to move in the right direction.

The CDC ended March with a monthly and YTD surplus, \$8,409.23/\$20,577.23 respectively.

The capital fund balance as of 3/31/2025 is \$287,858.77. This number is expected to be reduced to \$82,697.23 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.

Gillian stated that she would like to have protocols pertaining to tornado, fire, and active shooter to present to the Trustees for approval at the May meeting. This would allow the protocols to be part of the Usher training which is happening in May.

The Trustees will also be investigating different funding opportunities for the Capital Maintenance fund. This fund has very few sources of revenue. Seeing that this is the fund we use to pay the larger maintenance items at the church we can't allow it to run out of money.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

Finance

The Finance Committee did not meet during the month of April. Here is a financial summary for March. DW ended March with a surplus of \$8,310.83. This reduced our year-to-date deficit to \$31,608.53. We are thankful for a positive month.

The CDC ended March with a surplus of \$14,473.16 which resulted in a year-to-date surplus of \$26,641.16. They are performing better than anticipated.

We have received \$446,156 of the \$481,156 that was pledged for “Phase One” of the HVAC project. We anticipate receiving the remaining pledges very soon. We will make the second installment at the end of April. It won’t be long before we see work begin on phase one.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations



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Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 3 - March 25.00%
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	111,770.04	278,004.46	20.68%	336,397.68
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	997.50
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	66,795.00	0.00	16,698.69	25.00%	15,516.80
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	1,408.00	3,815.19	25.71%	4,283.00
1136	Escrow Funds	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00		0.00
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	328,538.00	19,872.38	51,881.41	15.79%	115,313.13
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1140	Interest Income	0.00	200.65	230.87	0.00%	31.79
1142	Facilities Use Income	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,060.00
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	78,100.00	13,016.70	26,033.36	33.33%	6,016.22
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	12,056.00	24,112.00	33.33%	18,084.00
1149	Wedding Income	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00%	1,060.00
	Total Receipts	2,007,630.00	158,523.77	461,679.77	23.00%	498,760.12
Disbursements						
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	191.32
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	918.26	1,289.11	16.74%	1,858.31
5011	Total Children's Ministry	19,575.00	1,775.09	1,148.05	5.86%	1,023.97
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,455.00	6,133.65	12,159.45	65.89%	7,039.19
5211	Total Adult Ministry	0.00	2,733.57	-1,918.59	0.00%	545.38
5612	Total Missions	0.00	-20.00	-20.00	0.00%	-786.19
5710	Total Connectional	22,046.00	1,268.53	10,629.31	48.21%	5,635.31
5739	Conference Apportionments	141,424.00	8,137.83	68,183.45	48.21%	35,232.28
5910	Total Membership Care	1,200.00	61.42	41.79	3.48%	-251.72
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00%	8.00
6310	Total Worship	35,000.00	1,120.18	7,601.49	21.72%	11,084.75
6610	Total Office	86,860.00	6,237.53	20,916.52	24.08%	21,223.75
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	568,197.00	27,401.45	110,657.15	19.48%	143,842.87
6810	Total Operations	16,015.00	500.00	980.00	6.12%	1,295.45
7111	Total Kitchen	15,115.00	2,655.43	4,784.88	31.66%	7,922.24
	Total Personnel	1,088,369.00	80,665.31	251,948.77	23.15%	274,456.55
	Total Disbursements	2,022,156.00	139,588.25	488,301.38	24.15%	510,321.46
	Income Over/Under Expenses	<u>-14,526.00</u>	<u>18,935.52</u>	<u>(26,621.61)</u>	183.27%	<u>(11,561.34)</u>

Asset Account Balances as of March 31, 2025

Operating Checking	\$39,633.44
Payroll Checking	\$486.04
Online Checking	\$253.95
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Operating Money Market	\$89,666.03
Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$396,898.30
Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00
Stock Holdings	\$6,154.68
Total Assets	\$539,864.44

Accounts Payable - CDC \$0.00

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

MILESTONE

Sully Stillings, daughter of Kollyn and Tyler Stillings, was presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the combined worship service on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Virginia and David Crawford on the birth of their daughter, Dorothy Frances Crawford, born on April, 2, 2025. Dorothy is the granddaughter of Lindsey and David Crawford and great granddaughter of Carolyn Bennett.

Congratulations to Steven and P.J. Floyd on the birth of their daughter Stevie Joann, born on April 16, 2025.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Martha Sue Tillotson upon her death on March 30, 2025.

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Nan Haddad upon her death on April 7, 2025.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Memory of Gordon Blackwell

Tom and Carol Delchamps

Allen and Kimi Oaks

C. F. and Valda Ratcliffe

Elizabeth and Lewis Reditt, II

Jim and Joyce Sockwell

John and Phyllis Mostellar

Barbara Russ

Phil and Sally Partridge

Bruce and Nancy Fitzgerald

Lisa Clement

Abe and Carolyn Phillips

Lorraine Zerfas

In Memory of Clark Daughdrill

Lacey D. Smith

In Memory of Lucille Delchamps Fleming

Tom and Carol Delchamps

Community Foundation of South Alabama

Abe and Carolyn Phillips

In Memory of Will Schmahl

Phil and Sally Partridge

In Memory of Martha Sue Tillotson

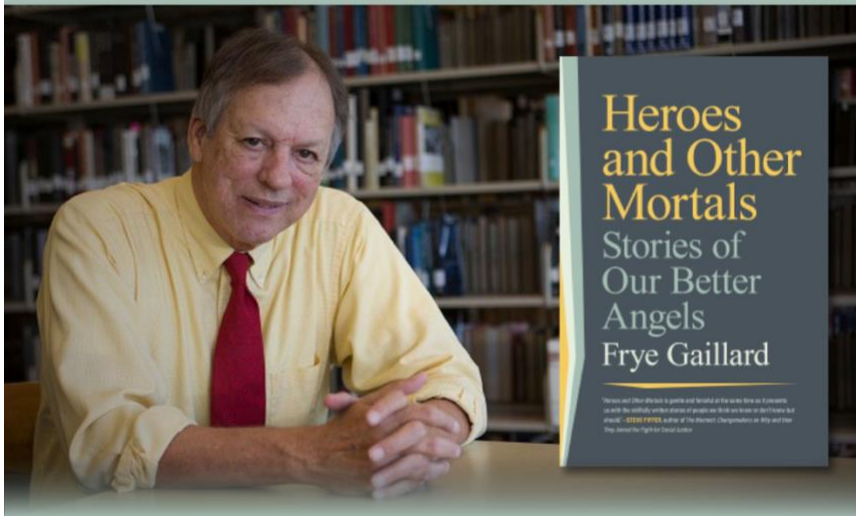
Kimi and Allen Oaks

Barbara Russ

In Memory of Harry Wilber

Lisa Clement

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