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PASTORAL REPORTS

Reverend Gillian Walters *Senior Pastor*

Over the past three weeks, we have walked together through our stewardship series, A Joyful Giver. Each Sunday, we were reminded that giving is not about obligation or pressure, but about joy, gratitude, and participating in God's abundant work.

- We began by remembering that **God is the model of generosity**—like the father in the story of the prodigal son, God pours out grace upon us freely and abundantly.
- We then looked at the call to **offer our “first fruits” back to God**, just as God's people did at the harvest. Our gifts of time, talent, and treasure are an act of worship, a way of saying, “Lord, you are first in my life.”
- And finally, we heard the story of the Macedonian church from 2 Corinthians, who, even in poverty, discovered **abundant joy through generous giving**. They remind us that the blessing of giving is not about the size of the gift, but the spirit in which it is given.



Throughout these weeks, I've been inspired by your faith, your commitment, and your joyful witness. Many of you have already turned in your pledge card, and I want to thank you sincerely. Your commitment helps our church live out its mission in powerful ways—sharing Christ's love, serving our community, and deepening our life of worship together.

If you have not yet had the chance to turn in your commitment, I encourage you to do so. Here is the link, www.dauphinwayumc.org/2026-commitments, or you can call or mail in your pledge. Your pledge, no matter the size, makes a difference. More than that, it is a tangible expression of trust in God's provision and a step toward living into the joy of generosity.

Let us continue to be a people who give with glad and generous hearts, confident that God will take our offerings and use them to do more than we could ask or imagine.

With gratitude and joy,

Gillian



Reverend Wilson Newell

Pastor of Discipleship

S EPTEMBER RECAP

The much-anticipated launch of fall programming was a huge success! In our first week of children's, youth, and adult programming, we ministered to 187 people! Including volunteers, that number is over 200. There were 79 kids in children's ministry and nursery, 50 youth and confirmands, and 58 adults in groups and classes. I am incredibly grateful for the hard work of our staff and leadership to make this fall such a fruitful time of discipleship and growth in our faith and community.

As I write this, I am preparing to go to the New Room Conference in Montgomery. It will be a full 3 days of worship, prayer, and ministry workshops, and I am excited to have my cup filled.



The missions' ministries of the church continue to do good work. The Community Garden Team resumed its labors with a workday and Meals on Wheels leadership team met. I am also grateful for the response to the Society of St. Stephen food drive, which gives a bit of extra support to the people who come in our doors looking for bill assistance. The people called Dauphin Way are the hands and feet of Jesus in so many ways.

OCTOBER

The pumpkins are comin'! This year, the patch will benefit missions and have a shortened schedule. The patch will be open on Fridays (12-6), Saturdays (9-6), and Sundays (12-6). Pumpkin Unloading will be **October 12** at 4:00 PM. We will need all hands on deck to make this a smooth process! We also have a full slate of field trip slots and weekend slots for volunteers to staff the patch, and I really appreciate any hours of help given. Go to dauphinwayumc.org/pumpkin-patch-2025 to see the signups.

Gear up for the 2025 USA Wesley Cookoff! It will be Thursday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Wesley Foundation building (across from the Mitchell Center). It will be tailgate-themed because there is a South Alabama away game that night. The Cookoff is always a great time for a great cause. You can find out more at usawesley.org.

Lastly, sign up for Family Camp, which is **November 14-16** at Blue Lake Camp! I am so looking forward to a great time of rest and recreation with our church family, along with Spanish Fort and Legacy Church.

I am grateful for all that God is doing in us and through us here at Dauphin Way, and I look forward to seeing where God takes us in October.



FAMILY CAMP 2025

Unplug from the noise around you. **Reconnect** with your family. Take a weekend away to **commune** with friends. **Lean** into God's word **together!**

EVENT DATE

**NOVEMBER
14-16**

**CAMP BLUE LAKE
Andalusia, AL**



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OCT. 31



Reverend Kathy Jorgensen
Associate Pastor of Membership Care
& Spiritual Direction



W*hat Are the Hats We Wear?*

Our theme for September in our support groups has been “What Are the Hats We Wear?” Together we reflected on the many roles we carry in life. Some are familiar, parent, sister, friend. Others are quieter but just as important, the steady strength of a prayer warrior, the gentle patience of a listener. At different times, we may wear the hat of a caregiver, or the tender, heavy hat of grief.

So often, when asked how we are doing, we say, “I’m fine,” when in truth we are not. Imagine if our hats could speak for us: Today I am weary. Today I am lonely. Today I need comfort. These changes in our roles are not easy. The hats we once wore so naturally, secure and familiar, sometimes must be laid aside, and with them parts of our identity. The world may keep moving forward, but our steps feel heavy.

And yet, even here, God is with us. The psalmist reminds us: “*You, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the lifter of my head*” (Psalm 3:3). When our strength falters, Christ surrounds us with love and carries us forward.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, often spoke of the “means of grace”, ordinary practices like prayer, Scripture, the Lord’s Supper, and Christian fellowship. These are the places where Christ meets us and renews us for the journey. Even when our sadness is beyond words, a prayerful sigh can rise like a hat lifted heavenward. When loneliness settles in, Scripture wraps us like a warm cap. When we gather in worship, even with tender hearts, we are reminded that we are never alone.

As we move into fall, perhaps we might choose each morning to put on the “hat of grace.” Not a hat of pretending everything is fine, but one that says: Lord, today I am yours. Cover me with your compassion, and help me wear patience, gentleness, and love.

I am deeply grateful for the Dauphin Way family and the way you care not only for one another, but for our wider community. Many of you have stepped into new roles of service this fall, and I know you will find great joy in them. Thank you!



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

So many of you faithfully lift up our members and their families in prayer. Our Prayer Chain Ministry, lovingly organized by Lorraine Zerfas, continues to be a source of strength and comfort. If you would like to join the prayer team, please contact Lorraine at **251-586-8992** or fmawebster@aol.com.

Please remember to let the church office know if you or a family member are hospitalized, or if you would like someone added to the Prayer Chain. Hospitals no longer provide us with this information, so we rely on your calls.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Committee stands ready to assist families during times of loss, offering hospitality, directions, and ushers at visitations and services. This ministry, coordinated by Sara Jane Fulmer (Bereavement) and Carol Jordan (Funeral Ushers), serves with compassion and care. In September, we gathered in love to grieve and remember two of our long-time faithful members, Shirley Lane and Sam Russ.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This month we celebrate the 19th anniversary of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, begun by Shelby Wright. Each week, shawls are prayerfully created and given to those who are ill, grieving, or facing difficult seasons, as well as to each newborn in our Dauphin Way family. Thank you to Shelby, Cleta Kay, and all our dedicated knitters for your faithful service.”. The group meets Wednesday mornings in the Family Life Room—all are welcome, and we are happy to teach beginners! We continue to make shawls for the ladies who have graduated from ‘The Home of Grace. I wanted to share a poem written by one of the graduates, Carissa R. She entered the Home of Grace for Women on June 2, 2025, and will graduate from the program on September 8, 2025. Below is a poem written by Carissa about her recovery journey:

*How did I get here,
Why should I stay?
All these “godly” people
Telling me to pray.*

*On the outside I smile
Help all that I can,
On the inside I’m screaming
Is it ever going to end?*

*“Study the Bible”
“Read the word”
This is all I hear
Things I’ve never heard.*

*“Open up your heart”
“Let it all out”
These are all the things
I know nothing about.*

Feeling out of place

*Like in a faraway land
Struggling with unknowns
Because of who I am.*

*Atheist, agnostic
Gonna die for not believing
This is how they make me feel
Because the “word” I’m not
receiving.*

*A shattered childhood
Of memories I don’t remember
Feelings of hurt, guilt and shame
All left to linger.*

*In and out of prison
Used and abused
Beaten and broken
Yet I was the accused.
Lost my mom and my dad
A few years apart,*

*I tried to end my life
Before it had a chance to start.*

*I found my only friend
At the age of thirteen
It stuck by my side
But remained unseen.*

*At twenty-nine years old
A miracle occurred,
Told I’d never have kids
Yet here was my baby girl.*

*One year later
I had my son.
I had a husband, too,
Wow! I thought I had won.*

*But just below the surface
Stuck in the walls I’d built around it
Was a heart full of pain and anger*



Of tragedies turned to resentment

*I had lost all control
And lost everything around me
My husband, my kids
My whole entire family.*

*Angry and alone
Hurt and fighting mad
Turned on anyone who dared come
near me*

It was all just a mask

*But I came to a place
Without an ounce of faith
A place that's turning my life around
It's called the Home of Grace*

*Although I don't believe
And at times it's kinda rough
I know my future will be better from
here*

'Cause I'm built Ford tough!

*Now a lot has changed
Since the day I started this poem
There was a tugging at my heart
A need to get to Him*

*So I took a leap of faith
And some friendly advice
I opened my heart to Jesus
Now I'm letting him change my life!*

GUIDED BY GRACE – WIDOWS' GROUP

Our Guided by Grace group, led by Lynn Stewart, explored the theme of “hats of grief.” We also enjoyed a special program from a speaker who creates hats from scratch. Over 25 women attended—a beautiful reminder of the comfort and strength found in community. This group is open to all widows in our church and community.

SHEPHERDS MINISTRY

Our Shepherds continue to visit, call, and write to our homebound members, ensuring they feel remembered and loved. If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry—or if you would like to become a Shepherd—please contact me at the church office (251-471-1511).

PASTORAL CARE & TEACHING

As one of your clergy, I am blessed to visit members in the hospital and those in long-term care, as well as to walk alongside families in prayer and support. On Sunday evenings, I am also enjoying teaching a class on understanding Scripture as the “living Word of God.”

*With gratitude for each of you, and for the many
hats you so faithfully and lovingly wear, your companion in Christ,*

Rev. Kathy Lincks Jorgensen










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SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

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TIME	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
MORNINGS		
8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	E110; E109; E111
8:20 AM	CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE	Chapel
9:15 AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covenant Class Faith Development Class Open Hearts Open Minds Friends In Faith I 9:30 AM 	McDavid Library Dill Parlor Family Life Room E125
9:30 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE	Moore Hall
9:50 AM	Children's Church K5 - 3 rd Grade	E215
10:30 AM	Fellowship for Everyone	McGowin Hall
11:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
11:20 AM	Children's Church K5 - 3 rd	E215
8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
EVENINGS		
4:15 PM	Children's Nursery: 0-3yr	Tree House; E110
4:30 PM	YOUTH: Open Gym: 6th -12 th Grades	Moore Hall
4:30 PM	CHILDREN NIGHT PROGRAMMING and Snack Supper	E105, E213; E214; E216; E218; McGowin Hall
4:30 PM	ADULT NIGHT PROGRAMMING and Snack Supper	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feeding on the Word Study Foundation of the Faith Women's Bible Study The Basement Men's Group 	Dill Parlor; McGowin Hall McDavid Library; McGowin Hall Family Life Room; McGowin Hall SB101; McGowin Hall
5:00 PM	CONFIRMATION and Dinner	E123; McGowin Hall
5:00 PM	YOUTH: S.N.L. and Dinner	Moore Hall; The Refuge; McGowin Hall



OCTOBER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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TIME	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAYS		
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
TUESDAYS		
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
	Men's Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen, McGowin Hall
9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	SSS Offices
	Staff Meetings	McDavid Library
3:00 PM	Worship Review and Design	McDavid Library
WEDNESDAYS		
6:30 AM	Youth Morning Devotions	Off Site; 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	Adult Bible Study	McDavid Library
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice	Moore Hall
THURSDAYS		
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen, McGowin Hall
FRIDAYS		
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen, McGowin Hall



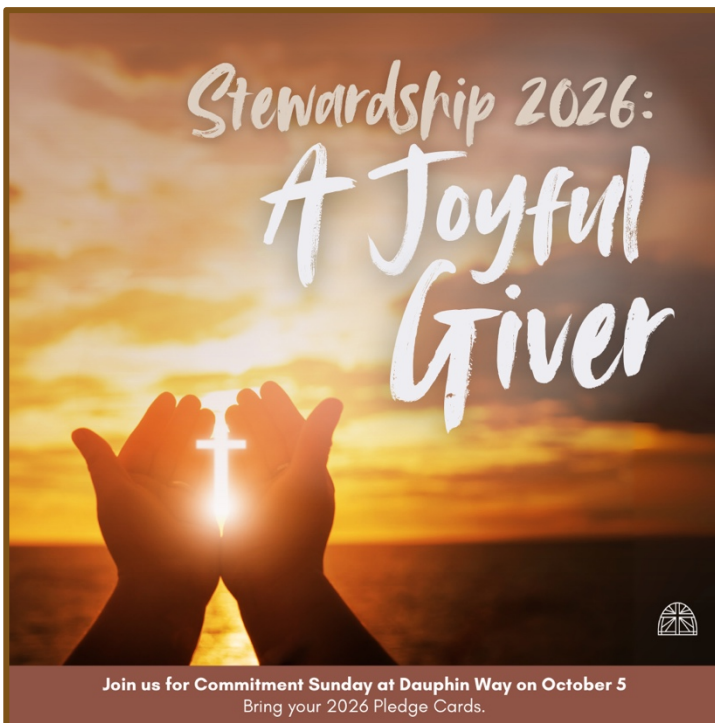
OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

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TIME	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday, October 2nd		
8:30 AM	Staff Off Site Retreat	Off Site: The White's Home Habitat for Humanity
6:00 PM	Guided By Grace	McGowin Hall
Sunday, October 5th		
8:20 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM	Name Tag Sunday Stewardship Sunday	Chapel; Moore Hall; Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Children Choir: Wesley Singers & Joyful Nosie Performance	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	SALT Meeting	The Refuge
Tuesday, October 7th		
12:00 PM	Children's Parent Council Meeting	McDavid Library
5:30 PM	SPRC	McDavid Library
Wednesday, October 8th		
12:00 PM	Tools of Hope	Bishops Meeting Room
Thursday, October 9th		
12:00 PM	Stewardship Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
Saturday, October 11th		
9:00 AM	Choral Boot Camp: Wesley Singers & Joyful Noise	Choir Room McGowin Hall
Sunday, October 12th		
9:30 AM	CDC Students Performance	Moore Hall
3:00 PM	Bluegrass Hymn Singing	Chapel
4:00 PM	Pumpkin Unloading	Pumpkin Patch
Monday, October 13th		
5:00 PM	RJR	ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday, October 14th		
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, Family Life Room, Dill Parlor
Friday, October 17th		
12:00 PM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
6:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Off Site
Saturday, October 18th		
9:00 AM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
Sunday, October 19th		
11:00 AM	Chancel Ringers Performance	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
Monday, October 20th		
6:00 PM	Charge Conference 2025	The Gathering Place; Chapel
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts Neighborhood Clean Up	Parking Lot; Moore Hall
Tuesday, October 21st		



12:00 PM	Traditional Worship Design Team Meeting.	McDavid Library
2:00 PM	Dauphin Way Across the Bay	Westminster Village Spanish Fort
5:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
Thursday, October 23rd		
7:00 AM	Grits and Grace	McGowin Hall
5:30 PM	USA Wesley Foundation Cook Off	Off Site: USA Wesley Foundation
Friday, October 24th		
12:00 PM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
Saturday, October 25th		
9:00 AM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
9:00 AM	Cub Scout Pack 227: Scouting for Food	Parking Lot
Sunday, October 26th		
9:30 AM; 11:00 AM	Kids In Worship	Moore Hall; Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Pumpkin Patch Open	Pumpkin Patch
4:30 PM	Trunk or Treat	Pumpkin Patch
Tuesday, October 28th		
12:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Design Team Meeting	McDavid Library
Friday, October 31st		
10:00 AM; 11:00 AM	Visitation and Memorial Service for Sam Russ	Dill Parlor; Chapel



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We're beginning our second full month of fall programming in the Children's Ministry, and it is truly humbling and so exciting to see the Holy Spirit moving through the lives of these kids, their adult volunteers, and our nursery staff.

Our numbers during both the morning and evening programming times are growing, and the peer leaders from our fourth and fifth grade ranks really help model great behavior and classroom involvement for our K-third grades on Sunday mornings. We have a broad range of parents who help deliver the lessons, play the games, and build the crafts, too, which helps the kids see how many people are here at Dauphin Way to support them in their Christian faith journeys. Our nursery staff continues to offer kind, loving, and patient care for our babies, toddlers, and children through age four, and we are looking forward to adding a third morning class, "Walkers to Twos," on Sunday mornings beginning on **October 5** in Room 115. This class is for those children who are walking well and extends to kids who are not three on September 1st. We will offer a simple Bible lesson and craft, play a thematic game, and give this age group an opportunity to thrive in a space that's made just for them.



We are asking interested church members to volunteer as "rockers" and as assistants to our nursery staff on Sunday mornings and at night, and hope that these opportunities to serve will give everyone a glimpse into the care taken with these littlest people in our charge.

Sunday nights are full of laughter, voices raised in song, and are absolutely the most wonderful times at church all week! We are averaging 80 children from infants to fifth grade across the building, from our Treehouse and nursery to our Gardeners (4K-5K), M&Ms (1st&2nd grades), Third Grade Bible class, and the 4th and 5th grade JUMP! students. It takes many hands to make lighter work among these groups, and we have at least fourteen adults nightly helping to teach, play games, make crafts, sing in the Music Suite with the Isaacs, and eat snack supper in McGowin as the evenings wind to a close. We have added special roles for a Third Grade Bible assistant teacher and one for Bible lessons in first and second grade, which really aid the teachers to work closely with individual children and to make every lesson more impactful across the curriculum.

Nathaniel Bell, a freshman at South Alabama, is volunteering this fall to lead Gaga Ball on the playground, and the kids love "Coach N," as he's been nicknamed.

We are looking forward to Children in Worship Sunday on **October 26**, when students have the opportunity to serve alongside adults in every facet of morning Contemporary and Traditional worship. What an incredible way to involve our kids in the importance of praising God and sharing His love with others!



Trunk or Treat is in the Pumpkin Patch from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on **October 26**, and we are looking for at least twenty families to provide trunks decorated in every way imaginable for the kids to “trick or treat.” We will have a s’mores firepit, old-fashioned lawn games, face painting, and the Shux Y’all Fire Roasted Corn truck to help feed us that night. It’s going to be a blast! Please consider volunteering your car, truck, boat, or golf cart and share a not-so-spooky night of fun with your neighbors and church family.

Of course, the Children’s Ministry is really excited for Family Camp and welcomes people across the congregation to join us in November for a weekend unplugging and reconnecting with God at beautiful Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia. Registration is open through **October 31**.

How can you help the Children’s Ministry this month?

Pray for us! Pray that God will bless its volunteers, its nursery staff, and the children and families we serve. Pray that we will bless others with our understanding of the Bible, in our growth as stewards of God’s blessings, and as we learn more about Jesus’ love for us all. Volunteer as a rocker in the nursery, a helper in one of the classrooms, or sign up to work a shift on a Sunday night. You will be truly amazed at how blessed your experience will be. It’s a great joy to serve the children here at Dauphin Way!

Heather White, *Director of Children’s Ministry*





YOUTH MINISTRY

We're back and better than ever. Our long-anticipated wait for the beginning of programming has finally ended. SNL kicked off on **September 7** with more than fifty 6th-12th graders joining us for the evening as we hung out, worshipped, ate dinner, and started our series "Find Your Way." This opening series is focused on spiritual growth, specifically reading the Bible. Over the 4 weeks in September, we will be discussing how the Bible helps us see things differently, how it shows us how to be like Jesus, how it reveals what God is like, and how it teaches us what is true. Each week we will be giving the youth practices to assist them in reading the Bible.



Our second week of programming saw another fifty youth show up to steal keys, eat pizza, and support SALT as they led SNL start to finish. The 14th was our first ever youth-led SNL which had SALT plan and lead every aspect of SNL. They did incredible work preparing the game, worship, the message, and small group questions and I know we were all impressed with the word they gave and the discussions it produced.

September will finish up with two more weeks of SNL, culminating with our first theme night of the year on the 28th. Youth and leaders are encouraged to wear their favorite jersey or support their favorite team on Jersey Night with the best dressed winning a free dozen doughnuts from Krispy Kreme. The 28th also marks our first birthday celebration of the year where we will celebrate all the birthdays from July, August, and September.

October is shaping up to be another fantastic month in the youth ministry. We will be diving into our second series of the year, "Stick Together." This four-week series will explore the Old and New Testaments for what God has to say about how we can have, and be, good friends. We'll see how every friend will influence you; how wise friends will help guide you, that good friends are worth fighting for, and that you'll always have a friend in Jesus.

Thank you to all of our parents who have provided dinner for us in this first month of SNL. Dinner is such an important part of our fellowship on Sunday nights, and we are so grateful that you all provide this for us. Thank you to SALT for the great work you all have done not just in the youth-led SNL but in making SNL a welcoming place for all who come. And thank you to all of our leaders who have hit the ground running this year.

Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

It has been a season of rich and passionate worship together. As we bring our “Habit of Humility” series to a close, I have been continually encouraged by the way our congregation has leaned into worship with open hearts and generous spirits. We now look ahead with excitement as we enter a new season focused on stewardship in our “A Joyful Giver” series, praying that our worship will inspire a deeper sense of gratitude and generosity in all of us.

A highlight on our horizon is the Bluegrass Hymn Sing on **October 12**, where Natalie and I will lead alongside a wonderful five-piece band of local musicians. This evening will be a true celebration of community and song. We will also give thanks for the ministry of the Society of St. Stephen and their faithful work through the recent food drive. I encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to the hymn sing so we can overflow their pantry shelves and meet the growing needs of our neighbors. A freewill offering will also be received to benefit the White Christmas program.

Our music ministries continue to grow in energy and participation. Choir members are returning, and we are welcoming new singers into the fold. Our Bell Choir is rehearsing again for the fall season, preparing their beautiful offerings to our worship. Our children’s choirs have also begun their fall rehearsals. Every child in our programming has the chance to participate in choir, and we look forward to seeing their families present in worship, especially during the upcoming White Christmas Concert. The children are already preparing the piece they will sing with the orchestra, and in our presentation of Messiah they will offer a special arrangement for young voices of “For Unto Us a Child Is Born.”

I am deeply grateful for the way music continues to shape our life together at Dauphin Way. Through song, we not only give glory to God, but we also strengthen the bonds of our community and extend joy, hope, and compassion into the world.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac, Pastor of Music & Worship



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

This month has been full of energy and encouragement as we step into the rhythm of fall. Our new volunteers are continuing to settle in, and it has been such a gift to see them become part of the life of our worshiping community. Their presence and willingness to serve are already helping shape our space into one that is even more welcoming and Spirit-filled. If you'd like to jump into one of our volunteer rotations, please let me know!

One of the highlights of the past few weeks was the third-grade Bible presentation in Moore Hall. It was a beautiful reminder of the ways God's Word shapes us at every age and stage of life. Watching our children receive their Bibles with joy was both humbling and inspiring, and it underscored our commitment as a church to walk alongside them in their faith formation.



Our worship team is also finding its rhythm again after a slower summer. Rehearsals have started back, and there's a renewed excitement among the team as we lean into this next season. The congregation, too, is showing up with a deep sense of joy—our worship attendance reflects not just numbers, but a genuine eagerness to gather, praise, and be together. In one of my recent readings for seminary, the author explored the idea of participatory worship, encouraging “full, conscious, and active participation” from the congregation. I believe we are experiencing that here at Dauphin Way—especially in Moore Hall. Each week, hearing the voices of our neighbors join together in the Lord's Prayer before communion or in singing the worship songs that have become as beloved and familiar as the hymns our faith is built on is deeply encouraging to me. And it seems that every week, those voices are only getting stronger. That kind of momentum feels like a gift, and I'm eager to see how God will use it to carry us through the fall.

I'm deeply grateful for all of our volunteers, both seasoned and new, who continue to step into roles with dedication and creativity. Each person who serves helps make our worship space a place where people can encounter God's presence, and that is not a small thing.

As we move further into this season, I am filled with gratitude—for the energy in our worship, for the joy of seeing children and families nurtured in faith, and for the many hands and hearts that make this ministry possible. I'm confident that God is at work among us, and I'm excited to see what continues to unfold in the weeks ahead.



Kassidy Terry, *Director of Contemporary Worship*



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 SPRC deals with sensitive, employment-related issues, their meetings are usually open only to members. However, the SPRC chair may invite non-members to attend a particular meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Generally meets in the second week of the month. The Board of Trustees is the only committee that elects its own chair. Anyone may attend a Trustees' meeting.

FINANCE

Generally meets in the third week of the month.
13 voting members include Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Lay Leader, SPRC Chair, and Trustees Chair. Anyone may attend a Finance meeting.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee meets three times in August and September to prayerfully consider who to nominate as officers and committee members for Dauphin Way's leadership. The committee seeks input from all volunteer teams and also considers which members have been actively living their commitments to prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Because these meetings deal with individual members of the congregation, they are strictly confidential.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

SPRC

No Report

Board of Trustees

No Report

Finance

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, **September 16**, and reviewed the August 2025 financial statements. DW ended August with a deficit of **\$2,360.60**. This resulted in a year-to-date deficit of **\$197,770.40**. The church generally continues to go further in debt during the summer, but the deficit begins to decrease in late Fall. We are in better shape this year than we were at this time last year.

The CDC ended August with a profit of **\$8,636.51** which resulted in a year-to-date gain of **\$71,611.59**. They are performing better than anticipated.

The Finance Committee approved a youth fundraiser called Project 3:16. These funds will replace monies previously raised by the Pumpkin Patch.

The 2024 Audit report was submitted for review. With no issues or questions, our auditors will be sending the finalized report soon.

Phase 1 of the HVAC project is basically complete. Minor tweaking of the system will continue over the next few months. There is one draw remaining and there is a commitment to cover this payment.

Stewardship letters were mailed last week. We have already received 3 pledges. This is encouraging and we are hopeful that this is a sign of things to come.

Cindy McMillan, Director of Finance & Operations



001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 8 - August 66.67%
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	105,488.40	808,487.90	60.14%	757,302.83
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,397.50
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	66,795.00	0.00	50,096.07	75.00%	46,550.40
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	1,542.51	12,149.70	81.88%	8,843.13
1136	Escrow Funds	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00		0.00
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	328,538.00	39,609.77	187,558.11	57.09%	239,034.32
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1140	Interest Income	0.00	126.52	10,726.42	0.00%	514.58
1142	Facilities Use Income	9,000.00	0.00	250.00	2.78%	1,609.86
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	78,100.00	6,508.33	52,066.68	66.67%	16,043.32
1144	Gain on Sale of Stock	0.00	0.00	703.79	0.00%	0.00
1147	PPP/ERC	33,754.00	0.00	32,686.50		0.00
1148	CDC Fee Income	72,336.00	6,028.00	48,224.00	66.67%	48,224.00
1149	Wedding Income	0.00	0.00	3,140.00	0.00%	7,000.00
	Total Receipts	2,007,630.00	159,303.53	1,266,089.17	63.06%	1,127,519.94
Disbursements						
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	134.20	341.09	15.50%	2,010.68
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	432.63	2,478.14	32.18%	5,085.05
5011	Total Children's Ministry	19,575.00	-1,555.20	13,933.48	71.18%	13,062.12
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,455.00	193.19	29,070.18	157.52%	19,272.70
5211	Total Adult Ministry	0.00	-249.39	-898.46	0.00%	3,566.20
5612	Total Missions	0.00	0.00	486.14	0.00%	1,457.10
5710	Total Connectional	22,046.00	1,268.52	16,971.92	76.98%	7,458.72
5739	Conference Apportionments	141,424.00	8,137.69	108,872.15	76.98%	47,031.28
5910	Total Membership Care	1,200.00	-32.58	334.79	27.90%	3.42
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	-150.00	0.00%	515.07
6310	Total Worship	35,000.00	3,785.90	26,262.07	75.03%	27,088.82
6610	Total Office	86,860.00	6,003.93	55,006.99	63.33%	52,453.55
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	568,197.00	66,801.15	385,891.97	67.92%	387,223.02
6810	Total Operations	16,015.00	0.00	108,885.12	679.89%	4,910.90
7111	Total Kitchen	15,115.00	1,344.39	12,872.62	85.16%	11,195.87
	Total Personnel	1,088,369.00	75,399.70	703,501.37	64.64%	729,061.79
	Total Disbursements	2,022,156.00	161,664.13	1,463,859.57	72.39%	1,311,396.29
	Income Over/Under Expenses	<u>-14,526.00</u>	<u>(2,360.60)</u>	<u>(197,770.40)</u>	1361.49%	<u>(183,876.35)</u>

Asset Account Balances as of August 31, 2025

Operating Checking	\$31,817.58
Payroll Checking	\$486.04
Online Checking	\$253.95
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Operating Money Market	\$25,639.13
Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$296,898.30
Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00
Stock Holdings	\$6,154.68
Total Assets	<u>\$368,021.68</u>

Accounts Payable - CDC \$0.00

* In April, the Finance committee paid its commitment to the HVAC project. The pledge was \$100,000. This came from the Operating Reserve Funds. When these funds are used, we must recognize an expense. This is why we are showing that we had more than a \$100k deficit. This is an accounting/on paper issue. We had the cash available to make this payment.



MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

Milestones

- Masie Weinacker, daughter of Chason and Abby Weinacker, was presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, **September 7, 2025**.

Celebrations

- Congratulations to Thomas and Lauren King on the birth of their son, James Thomas King, born on Sunday, **September 26**. William King is the excited big brother.

Sympathies

- Our love and sympathy are extended to Scott and Deborah Hunter upon the death of their son-in-law, Jon Shultz.
- Our love and sympathy are extended to Natalie Isaac and family upon the death of her grandfather.
- Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Sam Russ, who passed away on **September 10, 2025**.
- Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Shirley Lane, who also passed away on **September 10, 2025**.
- Finally, our love and sympathy are extended to Bishop Mike Watson and family upon the death of his sister.

Honorariums and Memorials

*In Memory of **Mary Delchamps Reyner** for Society of St Stephens*

Mr./Mrs. James H Flanagan

David and Cindy Peeler

*In Memory of **Wendy Macin** for Meals on Wheels*

Phyllis Mostellar

*In Memory of **George Wilson** for White Christmas*

Cindy and Phil Brooks

*In Memory of **Earl Taylor, Jr.** for White Christmas*

Cindy and Phil Brooks

*In Memory of **Jamie Blake** for White Christmas*

David and Cindy Peeler

*In Honor of **Don Kidd** for our Music Ministry*

His family c/o Becky Kidd

*In Honor of **Charles Walters** for Music and Arts*

Cindy and Phil Brooks





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