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# PASTORAL REPORTS

## Reverend Gillian Walters Senior Pastor

*“Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.” — Luke 9:28*

**T**ext after text in the Gospels shows us that after serving and being surrounded by crowds, Jesus would step away to listen to God and pray. But Jesus didn’t only retreat alone—he also pulled away with his closest friends, inviting them into moments of prayer, reflection, and rest. Time apart was essential for Jesus’ life with God, and it is essential for ours too.

Some of my favorite moments of prayer happen at the communion rail, kneeling side by side with brothers and sisters in Christ. Not talking, just being. Just breathing. Just listening. I don’t always do silence well, and I don’t always make the space for it. So having that carved-out time in community is a gift I need more than I admit.

I’m grateful that as a church we teach our children and youth early on why this matters—why it’s important to step away, slow down, and build holy rhythms of prayer, reflection, and community. This is why we take them each year on the Children’s Winter Retreat and the Youth Winter Retreat. Our kids head to Blue Lake, and our youth will be going to Columbiana. And don’t get me wrong—we’ve been talking about quiet reflection, but they will do much more than that. There will be plenty of laughter, games, and fun. But when I think back on my own retreats growing up, the moments that shaped me the most weren’t always on the schedule. It was the conversations that lingered long after small group, the card games that somehow lasted until the early hours, and the quiet walks between activities when God’s voice became just a little clearer.

I hope you’ll consider inviting one of our children or youth—or someone in your neighborhood or family you’ve been thinking about—to join us for Winter Retreat this year. We have scholarship funds available because we never want cost to stand in the way of a child encountering God in a new and life-giving way. There is something about climbing a mountain with Jesus—like Peter, James, and John—that binds people together. And for us, there’s something about wandering the trails around Blue Lake, breathing in the pine-scented air, and yes, even breaking a tooth on that famous Blue Lake toast, that creates memories and friendships that last far beyond a weekend. My prayer is that these retreats will be places where our children and youth encounter God’s presence, discover their own voice in prayer, and find community that will walk with them for years to come.

*Grace and peace,*  
Gillian



## Reverend Wilson Newell

### *Pastor of Discipleship & Missions*

#### Family Camp 2025

For over 35 years, Dauphin Way has enjoyed a tradition of traveling to Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia for Family Camp. On November 14-16, 70 people of all ages from our church and Legacy Church attended Family Camp, and we had a great time. The theme of the weekend was “UNPLUGGED,” and that is exactly what it has always been: an opportunity to unplug from the busyness and the noise of

life and plug into Christ and community. Heather White coordinated the weekend beautifully, and Cassidy Terry did a great job leading the Family Camp Olympics.

I had the honor of speaking to the adults Saturday morning on building a Rule of Life, a structure for spiritual formation to guide us. I particularly enjoyed the set-aside time to sit down with Olivia and work on our family’s Rule of Life. We strengthened our commitment to the practice of Sabbath, defined rules for phone usage, and named times when we could be intentional about passing on the faith to our kids.

I also got to preach on Sunday morning in one of my favorite rooms in all the world: Lambeth Chapel. It is a beautiful old building with raw pine floors, no power, no water, and perfect acoustics. Singing in there is a heavenly experience. While we were worshipping, three boys on the front row put their arms around each other’s shoulders, which successfully melted hearts all around the room. It was a special weekend spent unplugged with my family and church family.





### Food Drive

I should not be surprised, but I was amazed by the response of our church to the food drive in early November. It was incredible to see the church help so generously with the needs of our community that were heightened by the government shutdown and the suspension of SNAP. A hundred families from Leinkauf Elementary, hundreds of people who visit the Dumas Wesley Food Pantry, and people on the Dauphin Way and CDC Staff were blessed by this outpouring of love. Andrew Peeler and I helped deliver the majority of it to Dumas Wesley, and it was incredible to see all the food they had gathered. The words of Matthew 25 came alive through the people of Dauphin Way: "When I was hungry, you fed me."



### Messiah Advent Study

I am excited about our 2-week book study on Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann's *Names of the Messiah*. The study focuses on the names given to the Messiah in Isaiah 9 and complements our Advent sermon series and the White Christmas oratorio, Handel's *Messiah*. The class will meet on Sundays, November 30 and December 7 at 4:30 in the Dill Parlor, OR Wednesdays, December 3 and 10 at 12:00. You are encouraged to order the book ahead of time and read the first 2 chapters so that you come prepared! Sign up at [dauphinwayumc.org/adult-discipleship](http://dauphinwayumc.org/adult-discipleship) or just show up!

### Advent Devotions

This year, our Advent Devotions will be the Society of St. Andrew's *Embrace Joy!* This devotional is more than a spiritual resource. It's also a way for your community to join Society of St. Andrew's mission of feeding the hungry, reducing food waste, and building caring communities that reflect the love of Christ. Whether you enter Advent brimming with joy or longing to rediscover it, *Embrace Joy* is for you. Copies will be available in McGowin Hall, Moore Hall, and the Gathering Place or can be downloaded in Along Dauphin Way. I am excited to celebrate another great Advent and Christmas season at Dauphin Way!

# RAISING KIDS in a DIGITAL AGE

SUN, JANUARY 11 | 4:30 PM



**Reverend Kathy Jorgensen**  
***Associate Pastor of Membership Care  
& Spiritual Direction***

**D**uring this Thanksgiving season I am truly grateful for each one of you and the many ways you are called to be the church. Thank you for all the ways you help in our church, our church family and in our community through the Dauphin Way ministries.

This has been a busy month in our support groups. Thanksgiving and Christmas tend to be a heavier time for those dealing with grief and difficult situations. On the first Sunday of this month, we celebrated *All Saints Sunday*. We celebrated the lives of our many church members we lost in these past 12 months. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of their loved ones as they enter the holiday season. May we keep each of these families in our prayers in the days ahead.



Each of our support groups had a meal together and a devotional thought on how gratitude can balance sadness and loss during the season of Thanksgiving.

In each of our prayer shawl and support groups we gave each person three dried beans. As we passed a jar around, they dropped in one of their beans and said what they were most thankful. This custom started a long time ago with a family at Thanksgiving. The story goes, the first brother dropped his bean in the clay pot and said “I am thankful for my brother who forgave me. When it came to his brother’s turn, he said, “I am grateful to have a brother to forgive. After the family had gone around the table 3 times dropping in their beans and thanking God for each blessing, the family used the dried beans in the soup they made the next day with the leftover turkey and vegetables. They said it was the “BEST” soup they ever had, because it was made with “gratitude beans”. So, in our Dauphin Way support groups we dropped in our beans by one the beans were reminded of all our many reasons to be thankful even in times of difficulties and grief.

As we enter this season of gratitude, may we look not only backward with thanks, but forward with willingness to serve God in new ways.

May we ask the Lord to help us to continue serving Him every day through:

- Our prayers for our church and community
- Our presence with those who need encouragement
- Our gifts that sustain ministry
- Our service to neighbors and friends
- And our witness that shines with love and hope

May our gratitude lead us into deeper trust, deeper joy, and deeper connection with God.





*May we pray:* Gracious God, in this season of Thanksgiving, open our eyes to Your goodness. Thank You for Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, for the ministries that shape us, and the people who walk beside us in faith. Thank You for the blessings of nature, for family, for friends, and for all the ways Your love surrounds our days. Use us, Lord, in this season and in every season. Help us to do all the good we can, in all the ways we can, for as long as we can, so that our lives continue to be a witness to Your grace. Make us truly grateful people, rooted in Your love. Amen

In this season of anticipation, I look forward to all the ways God will continue to use the people of Dauphin Way to spread his hope and love in our church and community.

*Your companion in Christ,*  
**Rev. Kathy Lincks Jorgensen**



*White Christmas*  
2025 CELEBRATION  
*Feat. Handel's Messiah  
Part I: Christmas*

SUN, DECEMBER 14 | 5:30 PM



## SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

*This schedule is subject to change throughout the month.  
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TIME	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MORNINGS</b>		
8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
8:10 AM	Children's Nursery	E110; E109; E111
8:20 AM	CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE <b>Does Not Meet 12/28; Combined Service @ 10:30</b>	The Chapel
9:15 AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covenant Class</li> <li>Faith Development Class</li> <li>Open Hearts Open Minds</li> <li>Friends In Faith I 9:30 AM</li> </ul>	McDavid Library Dill Parlor Family Life Room E125
9:30 AM	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE <b>Does Not Meet 12/28; Combined Service @ 10:30</b>	Moore Hall
9:50 AM	Children's Church K5 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade <b>Does Not Meet 12/28</b>	E215
10:30 AM	Fellowship for Everyone	McGowin Hall
11:00 AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE <b>Combined Service 12/28 @ 10:30</b>	The Sanctuary
11:20 AM	Children's Church K5 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Does Not Meet 12/28</b>	E215
<b>EVENINGS</b>		
4:15 PM	Children's Nursery: 0-3yr <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	Tree House; E110
4:30 PM	Open Gym: 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	Moore Hall
4:30 PM	ADULT: Advent Study <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	Dill Parlor
4:30 PM	CHILDREN NIGHT PROGRAMMING and Snack Supper <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	E105, E213; E214; E216; E218; McGowin Hall
5:00 PM	CONFIRMATION and Dinner <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	E123; McGowin Hall
5:00 PM	YOUTH: S.N.L. and Dinner <b>Only Meets 12/7</b>	Moore Hall; The Refuge; McGowin Hall





# DECEMBER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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TIME	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAYS</b>		
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
<b>TUESDAYS</b>		
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	Staff Meetings	McDavid Library
3:00 PM	Worship Review and Design	McDavid Library
4:30 PM	Basketball Practice: Coach Wayne <b>Meeting 12/2</b>	Moore Hall
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>		
6:30 AM	Youth Morning Devotions <b>Meets 12/3; 12/10</b>	Off Site: Carpe Diem
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen; McGowin Hall
10:00 AM	CDC Chapel	The Chapel
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Bishop & Family Life Rooms
12:00 PM	Adult Advent Study <b>Meets 12/3; 12/10</b>	Dill Parlor
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
5:30 PM	Chancel Ringers Rehearsal <b>No practice 12/31</b>	Choir Room
6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>No practice 12/31</b>	The Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Practice <b>No practice 12/31</b>	Moore Hall
<b>THURSDAYS</b>		
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen; McGowin Hall
4:00 PM	Basketball Practice: Coach Wayne <b>Meets 12/4; 12/11; 12/18</b>	Moore Hall
5:30 PM	Basketball Practice: Coach Chris <b>Meets 12/4; 12/11</b>	Moore Hall
<b>FRIDAYS</b>		
7:00 AM	CDC Classes	CDC Center
8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen, McGowin Hall



## DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

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DATE	PROGRAM / EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Monday, December 1</b>	RJR Liaison Meeting with Legacy UMC	McDavid Library
<b>Tuesday, December 2</b>	Children's Parent Council	McDavid Library
	Basketball Practice: Coach Wayne	Moore Hall
	SPRC	McDavid Library
<b>Wednesday, December 3</b>	Shepard's Meeting	McDavid Library
	Adult: Advent Study	Dill Parlor
<b>Thursday, December 4</b>	Basketball Practice: Coach Wayne	Moore Hall
	Basketball Practice: Coach Chris	Moore Hall
	Fellowship Night Out	Post On the Hill
<b>Sunday, December 7</b>	Name Tag Sunday	The Chapel; Moore Hall; The Sanctuary
	White Christmas Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
	Children: Birthday Party for Baby Jesus	Education Classrooms Upstairs
	Youth: Christmas Party	Post on the Hill
	Adult: Advent Study	Dill Parlor
	Guided by Grace	Off Site: Greer's Home
<b>Monday, December 8</b>	CDC: Board Meeting	ZOOM
	RJR	ZOOM
	Compassionate Friends Christmas Set Up	Moore Hall
	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	Moore Hall
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	Long Goodbye	McGowin/McDavid Library
	Trustees Monthly Meeting	McDavid Library
	Finance Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
	Compassionate Friends December Meeting and Dinner	Moore Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	Tools For Hope	Bishops Meeting Room
	Adult: Advent Study	Dill Parlor





<b>Thursday, December 11</b>	CDC: Grinch Day Basketball Practice: Coach Wayne Basketball Practice: Coach Chris DWUMC Staff Christmas Get Together	Moore Hall Moore Hall Moore Hall The Moore Home
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>	White Christmas Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>	Chancel Ringers Performance White Christmas	The Sanctuary The Sanctuary; McGowin Hall
<b>Tuesday, December 16</b>	Traditional Worship Design Committee Meeting Church Council	McDavid Library E210
<b>Wednesday, December 17</b>	Marsha McGehee Retirement Celebration Children's Pageant Rehearsal	McGowin Hall The Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, December 18</b>	Basketball Practice: Coach Chris Young Adult Gathering	Moore Hall Off Site: Nobel South
<b>Friday, December 19</b>	CDC Christmas Play	Moore Hall
<b>Sunday, December 21</b>	Children's Pageant Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
<b>Monday, December 22</b>	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal	Moore Hall
<b>Tuesday, December 23</b>	CDC: Christmas Cheer Gathering	McGowin Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b>	Church Offices   CDC Closed Children's Christmas Eve Service Contemporary Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary Christmas Eve Service	The Sanctuary Moore Hall The Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, December 25</b>	Merry Christmas! Church Offices   CDC Closed	
<b>Friday, December 26</b>	Church Offices   CDC Closed	
<b>Sunday, December 28</b>	Combined Service: 10:30 AM	The Sanctuary



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's been a non-stop month of learning and fun in the Children's Ministry this November. We have had strong participation in our two morning Children's Church services and in our evening programming, and our volunteers are, as always, the bedrock of this success. Nathaniel Bell runs the Gaga ball pit during recreation, and the kids love mastering all of the tiered rules for the game during their time outside. We look forward to a new four-square installation in the playground, and when it's daylight enough in the early spring to play, plan on getting in some fun on that.



Family Camp over the weekend of November 14-16 was a wonderful retreat from the busyness of everyday life, and nearly seventy people of all ages came together at Blue Lake for some much-needed rest, connection with God, and time with each other in a beautiful setting. We sang, ate great camp food, hiked, walked, rested, spent time in devotion, competed for Family "Campolympics" glory with minute-to-win-it games and group skits, built a campfire and roasted marshmallows, and concluded our time in Andalusia with a lovely service of music, praise, and Holy Communion in historic Lambuth Chapel. It was a blessed time for us all. Huge thanks goes to the church staff and the nursery workers who gave so much time to plan and implement programming that weekend.

The Children's Ministry wraps up evening programming on Sunday, **December 7**, with a *Birthday Party for Baby Jesus* during our dinner together. That will be a low-key, high-energy way to celebrate Christ's birth with everyone before we break until Sunday, **January 25**. We will have two practices for the Children's Christmas Pageant, and the choir is generously treating the kids to a short reception in the Music Suite following the pageant. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate, and it's going to be a sweet, family-friendly service at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, **December 24**. Our morning programming meets weekly during both the Contemporary and Traditional services, but we will not have Children's Church on Sunday, **December 28**, at the Combined Service. We look forward to the 3rd-5th graders' Winter Retreat at Blue Lake next month, January 30-February 1, 2026.

As always, your prayers and volunteer time with the children are vital to the success and growth of this program, and are a blessing to my family and me. Merry Christmas!

**Heather White, Director of Children's Ministry**









# YOUTH MINISTRY

November came and went in a flash. We kicked off the month with a little late Halloween celebration, having all of the youth and leaders dress in their Halloween costumes. The costume selection was very food heavy with many M&Ms, a Nerds Gummy cluster, a slice of pizza, and a pickle but our best dressed went to Chase Anderson who came as Spider-Man Noir.



That evening also kicked off a two-week series entitled "We Are Family," where we talked about our own families and their similarities and differences to Abraham's family. In our first week, we focused on the idea that while our families aren't perfect, God's love always is and we related that to Abram, Sarai, and Hagar. The second week had us look at Abraham and Isaac and relate that to the fact that we are all welcome in God's family.

Before taking off for Thanksgiving, and with the church to ourselves, the youth played their favorite game: Underground Church. 57 youth showed up to establish the underground church and get all the Christians inside without the Romans figuring out where it was and arresting them. The game was as chaotic as you would imagine but we had a great time playing all the same.



And finally, to finish off November, we enjoyed our semesterly Night of Worship. To end each semester, instead of a regular SNL, we participate in an evening of prayer and praise for our God. The theme for the night was "God is ...," with each station focusing on the different things God is for us. Through the six stations, we were lead through a meditation on the ideas that God is Nature, God is Good, God is Love, God is our Peace, God is our Safety, and God is our Guidance. To begin and end our evening, we were lead in worship by Bella Clark, Charlie Mainwaring, and Chris Nodine.



Upcoming for the youth is our *Anything But Christmas Party* on Sunday, **December 7**. Rather than celebrate the one holiday of Christmas, we will be celebrating every other holiday under the sun. Instead of Christmas food we will be eating tacos and hot dogs and candy and rather than playing Christmas games we will be doing an egg toss and pinning a tail on a donkey and wrapping mummies. As part of the festivities, we are asking the youth to bring supplies for homeless bags and then we will assemble said bags at the end of the night. We are so excited to celebrate *Anything But Christmas*!

A big thank you to all the parents of the youth! We were able to have every dinner this semester covered by our parents which is a huge help and blessing for us.

**Andrew Peeler, Youth Ministry Director**





# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac**  
*Pastor of Music & Worship*

**F**riends, what a beautiful season we are stepping into together. As Advent unfolds around us, I find myself reflecting on all of the meaningful opportunities for worship and collaboration that are blessing our church in these holy days. Each moment we've shared, and those still ahead, reminds me how deeply God is at work in our community.

This year's All Saints service was especially moving. The tenderness, the reverence, and the quiet strength in the room testified to the hope we hold in Christ. Immediately on its heels, we introduced our Hanging of the Greens service. This is a tradition new to us, yet already filled with a sense of wonder and belonging. I am so grateful for every reader and volunteer who helped shape these services with such care. And a special word of gratitude to Jasyn Fowler, whose dedication to decorating the sanctuary created a space that reflects the beauty and anticipation of the season.



Looking ahead, our White Christmas celebration on December 14 is sure to be a highlight. It is no small undertaking to bring a masterpiece like Handel's Messiah to life, yet our choir has taken up this challenge with faith, discipline, and joy. This piece is more than music—it is worship. Its soaring lines and prophetic texts invite us deeper into the hope, longing, and radiant promise of Advent. I am grateful as well for the collaboration of Rev. Wilson and Rev. Gillian. Together, we are shaping an Advent season that is holistic and intentional, reflecting on the Scriptures of Messiah not only in worship but also in study. My prayer is that these reflections draw us more fully into the themes of waiting, preparation, and the prophetic voice of Isaiah that stand at the heart of this sacred season.

And of course, our journey will culminate in the profound beauty of Christmas Eve. On that holy night, we will gather again to life the familiar carols, hear the ancient story, and share the light of Christ. It is always a moment that speaks deeply to who we are as a worshipping community: rooted in tradition, alive with hope, and united in the presence of Emmanuel. As we continue through Advent, I am filled with gratitude to be serving among such a faithful, compassionate, and spiritually vibrant church family. May every act of worship, every note of music, every candle lit, and every Scripture read draw us closer to the Christ who comes to dwell with us. Grace and peace to each of you as we wait, prepare, and rejoice together.



## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**A**s we move into the heart of the Advent season, I'm continually grateful for the spirit of expectation and hope that is filling Moore Hall. We began the season with an absolutely beautiful *Hanging of the Greens* service. The symbols, scriptures, and music came together in such a meaningful way, helping us slow down and remember why this season matters. It was a gentle and sacred reminder that even in all the busyness, Christ is coming—and Christ is already here.

This fall has also brought a continued number of new members joining our church family, as well as the joy of celebrating several baptisms. Each new member and each person welcomed into the waters of baptism is such a powerful witness to God's ongoing work among us. These moments have added a layer of hope and renewal to our worship life that feels especially fitting in this season of preparation.

Behind the scenes, Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac and I have been working closely to create more continuity between the contemporary and traditional worship services—using similar songs, focusing on shared themes, and shaping the flow of each service in parallel ways. Advent feels like the perfect season for this collaboration, as we highlight the unity of the whole church preparing together for Christ's coming. It has been a gift to see how these touchpoints connect our congregation across worship styles and generations.

Our band is also gearing up for what I believe will be a truly special Christmas Eve service. There's a palpable excitement in rehearsals as we prepare music that reflects both the wonder and the humility of Christ's birth. Every member of the team is bringing so much heart to this work, and I'm grateful for the willingness and creativity they continue to offer week after week. My prayer is that the service will not only be beautiful, but that it will draw people into the mystery of Emmanuel—God with us. This season always holds a unique mixture of joy, longing, celebration, and quiet reflection. My hope is that our worship in Moore Hall gives people space to experience all of that honestly and faithfully. As we continue walking through Advent, may our songs, prayers, scripture, and sacrament point us again and again toward the light that the darkness cannot overcome.

I'm grateful for everyone who has helped usher us into this holy season, and I'm looking forward with anticipation to the ways God will move among us as Christmas draws near.



**Kassidy Terry, Director of Contemporary Worship**



## LEADERSHIP @ DAUPHIN WAY UMC

### CHURCH COUNCIL

The council generally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and anyone may attend a meeting. The voting members include the pastors, 12 officers, and 9-12 at-large members.

### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The SPRC generally meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month. Because they deal 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

Trustees generally meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month and is the only committee that elects its own chair. Anyone may attend a Trustees' meeting.

### FINANCE

Finance generally meets in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The church ended October with a deficit of \$14,230.00, bringing our year-to-date deficit to \$221,968.84.

Looking at the designated list, for the HVAC project, we started the month with a balance of \$23,125. \$30,000 was transferred from the Capital Fund until we receive the payment from the Foundation. The Foundation committed another \$100,000 for the HVAC project, but we only needed \$45,000. Once the Foundation pays the \$30,000, Cindy will transfer it back to the Capital Fund. There is an outstanding valve payment for the amount of \$15,000

The CDC ended October with a deficit balance of \$14,262.00 due to a three-payroll month and other outstanding expenses. Currently, the CDC has a YTD balance of \$38,633.33.

The capital maintenance fund balance as of 9/30/2025 is \$143,982.25. We received \$3,000.00 for this account in October. We spent \$5,000 to remove a live oak in the pumpkin patch, \$19.00 on holly trees, and \$742.38 on chapel repairs (primer, caulk, polycarbonate sheets, window trim, etc.)





## FINANCE

**001 Dauphin Way United Methodist Church**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025**  
**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 10 - October 83.33%**  
**2025 Receipts & Disbursements**

ACCT #		2025 Budget	Actual for Period	2025 Actual YTD	Actual to Budg %	Prior YTD
<b>Receipts</b>						
1131	Current Pledges	1,344,268.00	87,118.04	1,011,644.29	75.26%	1,026,926.70
1133	Prior Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,472.50
1134	Trust Fund Pledge	66,795.00	17,191.77	67,287.84	100.74%	63,249.09
1135	Loose Plate	14,839.00	928.75	14,663.45	98.82%	10,906.13
1136	Escrow Funds	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00		0.00
1137	Non Pledged Contribution	328,538.00	55,496.72	267,180.55	81.32%	326,645.37
1138	Unexpected Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
1140	Interest Income	0.00	67.09	10,864.28	0.00%	546.54
1142	Facilities Use Income	9,000.00	120.00	250.00	2.78%	10,609.86
1143	Pre-paid Pledge Income	78,100.00	6,508.33	65,083.34	83.33%	20,054.16
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	60,280.00	83.33%	60,280.00
1149	Wedding Income	0.00	0.00	3,140.00	0.00%	9,460.00
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,007,630.00</b>	<b>173,458.70</b>	<b>1,593,784.04</b>	<b>79.39%</b>	<b>1,531,150.35</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
4413	Total Pastoral	2,200.00	60.00	401.09	18.23%	2,107.08
4510	Total Communications	7,700.00	296.77	5,349.01	69.47%	6,093.18
5011	Total Children's Ministry	19,575.00	85.83	14,782.89	75.52%	12,953.72
5111	Total Youth Ministry	18,455.00	-13,410.78	15,857.10	85.92%	19,687.68
5211	Total Adult Ministry	0.00	403.07	284.94	0.00%	3,896.88
5612	Total Missions	0.00	0.00	486.14	0.00%	1,457.10
5710	Total Connectional	22,046.00	1,268.52	19,508.96	88.49%	7,458.72
5739	Conference Apportionments	141,424.00	8,137.71	125,147.55	88.49%	47,031.28
5910	Total Membership Care	1,200.00	0.00	447.53	37.29%	168.35
6001	Community Care	0.00	0.00	-150.00	0.00%	665.07
6310	Total Worship	35,000.00	1,319.92	28,171.56	80.49%	36,365.32
6610	Total Office	86,860.00	8,737.49	74,584.51	85.87%	64,176.81
6710	Total Facilities & Equipment	568,197.00	54,017.33	486,231.19	85.57%	482,764.66
6810	Total Operations	16,015.00	0.00	119,129.58	743.86%	19,556.00
7111	Total Kitchen	15,115.00	1,973.87	16,456.25	108.87%	13,462.34
	Total Personnel	1,088,369.00	124,803.44	909,064.58	83.53%	919,889.05
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>2,022,156.00</b>	<b>187,693.17</b>	<b>1,815,752.88</b>	<b>89.79%</b>	<b>1,637,733.24</b>
	<b>Income Over/Under Expenses</b>	<b><u>-14,526.00</u></b>	<b><u>(14,234.47)</u></b>	<b><u>(221,968.84)</u></b>	<b>1528.08%</b>	<b><u>(106,582.89)</u></b>

**Asset Account Balances as of October 31, 2025**

Operating Checking	\$46,376.95
Payroll Checking	\$486.04
Online Checking	\$253.95
Petty Cash	\$400.00
Operating Money Market	\$25,776.99
Operating Reserve - AWFUMF	\$317,048.85
Accounts Receivable - DW	\$6,372.00
Stock Holdings	\$6,154.68
Total Assets	<u>\$402,869.46</u>

**Accounts Payable - CDC** \$40,000.00

\* 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.



## TRIBUTES & REMEMBRANCES

### MILESTONES

- Warner Zambo, son of Matthew and Marcy Zambo, was presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 8:20 worship service on Sunday, **November 9**.
- Evelyn BrookeRose Trinidad, daughter of Kyle Grace and Chris Trinidad, was presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, **November 30**.

### CELEBRATIONS

- We rejoice to celebrate the birth of Charles Theodore Isaac, born on **November 1, 2025**. He is the son of Rev. Darrin and Natalie Isaac, and is welcomed by big brother Archie and big sister Mary Elizabeth.
- Congratulations to Brett and Kate Ricketts on the birth of their son, Bowen Sawyer Ricketts, born on **November 10, 2025**. John and Donna Ricketts are the proud grandparents.

### SYMPATHIES

- Our love and sympathy are extended to John Howard and family upon the death of his wife, Sandra Howard, on **November 8, 2025**.
- Our love and sympathy are also extended to Charles and Gillian Walters and family upon the death of his father, Jamie Walters, on **November 11, 2025**.
- We extend our love and sympathy to Mike Stringer and family upon the death of his mother on **November 25, 2025**.
- Our love and sympathy are extended to David Bush and family upon the death of his mother, Gloria Bush, on **November 23, 2025**.
- Lastly, our love and sympathy are extended to John Lewis upon the death of his wife on **November 23, 2025**.



# YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

January 16-19, 2026 | Columbiana, AL



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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*In Memory of* **Charles Ratcliffe**

Adele Stafford  
David and Cindy Peeler  
John and Mary Lynn Wilson  
Lisa Clement  
Lorraine Zerfas  
Mary B. Mostellar  
Trudy K. White

*In Memory of* **Samuel Edgar Russ**

David and Cindy Peeler  
Jim and Joyce Sockwell  
Judy and Bill Park  
Lewis and Karen Beville  
Mary B. Mostellar  
Michael and Theresa Thompson  
Shirley McKinney

*In Memory of* **Percy Johnston**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Sarah Cross**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Bill Hanebuth**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Jamie Walters**

Judy and Bill Park  
Kimi and Allen Oaks

*In Memory of* **Shirley Lane**

Celia Jenkins  
David and Cindy Peeler  
Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Martha McDonald**

Benny LaRussa

*In Memory of* **Jamie Blake**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Sandra Howard**

David and Cindy Peeler

*In Memory of* **Gordon Blackwell**

Judy and Bill Park  
Michael and Theresa Thompson

*In Memory of* **Nan Haddad**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Tom Leatherbury**

Lisa Clement

*In Memory of* **Harry Wilber**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Keith Mills**

Judy and Bill Park

*In Memory of* **Martha Sue Tillotson**

Judy and Bill Park







# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DEC  
24  
2025

- CHILDREN'S SERVICE @ 10:30 AM
- CONTEMPORARY SERVICE @ 4:00 PM
- SANCTUARY SERVICE @ 5:30 PM

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