

In the United Methodist Church, green is the color of growth, life, and discipleship. It fills the long season after Pentecost, reminding the church that faith is not only born in high holy moments but nurtured in ordinary days. Green reflects the steady work of the Holy Spirit and the church's call to continue growing in grace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Gillian Walters
PRELUDE	<i>Simple Gifts</i> <i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i> Shaker Tune Moore, arr. Kelsey

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Kassidy Terry

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *In the Garden* UMH 314

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*New every morning is Your grace arising like the dawn.
Your love has drawn us to this place, Your love will lead us on.*

OFFERTORY *Father, We Thank You* *Lyrics on UMH 565*

During the singing of the Doxology, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to make their way to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment.

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might, great God, our king. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT C. J. Angelette

✠ GOSPEL HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694
Verses 1-3

✠ THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Rev. Walters

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694
Verse 4

SERMON The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Rev. Walters
 A Garden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION K. Terry

Merciful God, you sow good seed, yet we confess that we have often nurtured what does not belong to your kingdom. We are impatient with others and with ourselves. We long to uproot what you have called us to entrust to your wisdom. Forgive us for the ways we resist your patient grace. Plant within us hearts that bear the fruit of your righteousness, until we shine with the light of Christ. Amen.

All pray in silence.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The Lord who knows every heart is rich in mercy. Christ has overcome the power of sin and is faithful to complete the work he has begun in us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

✠ HYMN OF INVITATION *This Is My Father's World* UMH 144

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

✠ POSTLUDE *IV. Bourree from "Fireworks Music"* *Handel*

PASTOR
Rev. Gillian Walters

MUSIC & WORKSHOP
Natalie Isaac

PASTOR OF
MUSIC & WORSHIP
Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac

DIRECTOR OF
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Kassidy Terry

ACOLYTES
*Thank you to our dedicated
acolytes for your service
and participation in today's
worship.*

USHERS
 Scott Hunter
 Steve Terry (HU)
 Stoney Chavers
 Sue King

A/V TEAM
*Thank you to our dedicated
 Audio and Visual team member
 for your service and
 participation in today's worship.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Allen Oaks by Kimi Oaks, their daughters Suzanne and Allison, and their families.

CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Cedric and Hilary Nitz on the birth of their twin sons,
Theodore (Teddy) Earl Nitz and Leopold (Leo) Thomas Nitz,
born on July 14, 2026.

COMMENDATION AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND CHILDCARE

We will not have Children's Church during the month of July; however, regular nursery care will be provided. During the service, infants and toddlers up to 2 years old may go to **Room 110**, while 2 and 3-year-olds may go to **Room 115**, and 3 and 4-year-olds may go to **Room 107**. All other children will remain with their guardian during worship and may take an activity sheet to use during the service.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, need prayer, or you would like to have a conversation with a pastor about your faith and relationship to Jesus, then please don't hesitate to reach out to us at pastoralcare@dauphinwayumc.org. You can also call the church office at (251) 471-1511 and set up a time when we can talk with you.

GET INVOLVED AT DAUPHIN WAY

For more info about any of our programs or events, visit dauphinwayumc.org.

SUNDAYS AT DAUPHIN WAY UMC			
MORNING SCHEDULE	8:00 AM	Sunday Morning Donuts	McGowin Hall
	8:10 AM	Children’s Nursery Opens - Ages 0 – 2yrs - Ages 2 – 3yrs - Ages 3 – 4K	Education Building E110 E115 E107
	8:20 AM	Chapel Worship	Adkins Chapel
	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School - Covenant Class - Faith Development Class - Open Hearts Open Minds	McGowin Hall McDavid Library Dill Parlor Family Life Room
	9:30 AM	Friends In Faith	E125
	9:30 AM	Contemporary Worship	Moore Hall
	On Break	Children’s Church (K–3 rd Grade) <i>(resumes 8/2)</i>	
	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	The Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship for Everyone	McGowin Hall
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	The Sanctuary
	On Break	Children’s Church (K–3 rd Grade) <i>(resumes 8/2)</i>	

EVENING SCHEDULE	On Break	Children’s Nursery (0–3yrs)	Education Building
	On Break	Children’s Programming <i>(resumes in the fall)</i>	Ed. Building & McGowin
	On Break	Youth SNL & Dinner <i>(resumes in the fall)</i>	The Refuge & Moore Hall

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
MON – FRI	8:00 AM	Meals On Wheels	Kitchen
MON & TUE	9:00 AM	Society of St. Stephen	E120
MONDAYS	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Dill Parlor
TUESDAYS	7:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast	McDavid Library
WEDNESDAYS	On Break	Youth Morning Devotion <i>(resumes in the fall)</i>	Off Site
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	Bishops’ & Family Life Rooms
	1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Dill Parlor
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:00 PM	Contemp. Worship Practice	Moore Hall

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS			
Tue, Jul 21		POSTPONED: <i>Dauphin Way Across the Bay Meeting</i>	
	5:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	McDavid Library
Wed, Jul 22	11:30 AM	Youth Galatians Summer Study	Off Site
Fri, Jul 24	1:30 PM	1st Light Member Reflections	Dill Parlor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS			
Sun, Jul 26	3:00 PM	Kingdom Covenant Prayer Meeting	McDavid Library
Wed, Jul 29	11:30 AM	Youth Galatians Summer Study	Off Site
	12:00 PM	Summer Sages Luncheon	McGowin Hall
Thu, Jul 30	7:00 AM	Grits and Grace	McGowin Hall
Mon, Aug 3	All Day	DEADLINE: <i>Drop off your school supply donations!</i>	
Tue, Aug 4	12:00 PM	Children’s Parent Council	McDavid Library
	5:30 PM	SPRC Meeting	McDavid Library
Thu, Aug 6	5:30 PM	Guided By Grace	Off Site; T Marie’s
Sun, Aug 9	All Morning	Blessing of the Backpacks	DWUMC
Sun, Aug 16	4:00 PM	Rise Against Hunger Event	Moore Hall & McGowin Hall
Wed, Aug 26	12:00 PM	DW’s Summer Reading Book Club Gathering	McDavid Library
Nov 13–15	All Day	SAVE THE DATE: <i>Family Camp</i>	Off Site; Blue Lake Camp

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESCHEDULED SUMMER SAGES LUNCHEON: If you're 50 or older, we warmly invite you to our upcoming Summer Sages Luncheon on Wednesday, **July 29**, at 12 PM. It will be a special time of fellowship, connection, and inspiration. Come hear the latest about what's happening in our congregation and enjoy a meaningful time with friends, both familiar and new. This time, we'll gather to enjoy music and sing some of our favorite hymns! Share a refreshing, delicious lunch with us as we beat the heat and celebrate summertime in Mobile together. Be sure to register early and take advantage of a special discounted rate. By registering in advance, you'll ensure your spot at the table and help us plan for the right amount of food so everyone can enjoy. To reserve your spot, visit dauphinwayumc.org/sages-luncheon or call the church at **251-471-1511**. If you register by Wednesday, **July 22**, you can take advantage of our Early Bird special and pay just **\$12!** See you there!

LEINKAUF SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 2026–2027: It’s hard to realize a new school year will be starting in just a few weeks! We are excited to partner with Leinkauf Elementary School again, and want to help ensure that students and teachers get off to a great start. You can help by donating school supplies from the list of requested items by using this link: dauphinwayumc.org/leinkauf-supplies. Donated items may be delivered to the bins in McGowin Hall or the Gathering Place by Monday, **August 3**. Thank you for your generosity and support of Leinkauf Elementary School!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On Sunday, **August 9**, our Children’s Ministry invites all children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade to bring their backpacks with them to church for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! During worship, our ministers and congregation will pray over these students as they enter into the new school year. What a joy it will be to help bless the very backpacks that our children will be carrying with them for the entire year—please join us for this Dauphin Way tradition!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER ON AUGUST 16: Hunger hurts, and we can help! Join your church family in Moore Hall on Sunday, **August 16**, at 4:00 PM to package 10,000 (yes, 10,000!) non-perishable meals to be distributed worldwide where there is food insecurity and/or a natural disaster crisis, such as the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. In 2025 alone, over 260,000 Rise Against Hunger volunteers from around the world packaged nearly 69 million meals for distribution in 41 countries. Amazing! The Dauphin Way UMC Foundation is proud to partner with Rise Against Hunger in sponsoring this event to help ease food insecurity both in the US and around the world. *Registration details will be shared soon!*

SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB: Our Summer Reading Book Club meets next month! Choose one or more books from the following list to read over the summer: *Responsible Grace* by Randy Maddox, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson, or *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. Then, on Wednesday, **August 26**, at 12 PM, join us for a gathering to celebrate and recap what we read! Sign up here: dauphinwayumc.org/summer-book-club.

SAVE THE DATE: Be sure to mark your calendars for Family Camp 2026, which will be held from Friday, **November 13** to Sunday, **November 15**, at Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia, AL. *More details will be announced closer to the date!*



Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD

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