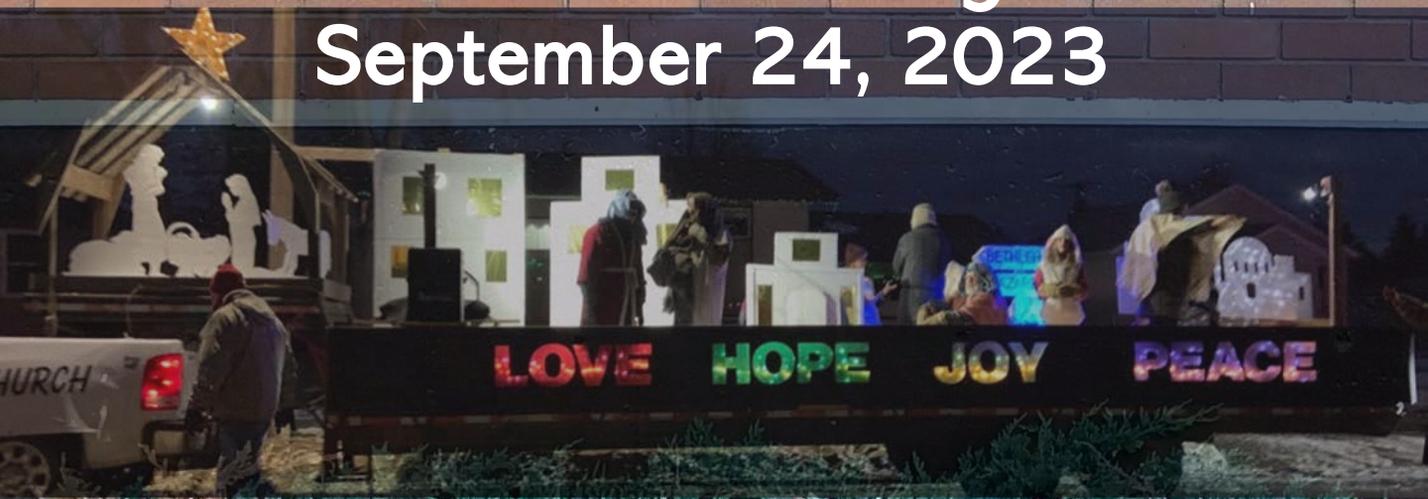




# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
*Everyone Welcome*  
Pastor: Rev. Loralyn Lind  
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PH 638-4809

Dauphin First Baptist Church  
Annual Meeting  
September 24, 2023



# DFBC Annual Meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Agenda

1. WELCOME - Prayer
2. ENCOURAGEMENT
3. 1:30 pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER – suggested time of adjournment: \_\_\_\_
4. AGENDA - **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS (June) MEETING - **MOTION TO APPROVE**
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - a. Congregational Meeting dates: Week of **February ?, 2024**, and **June ?, 2024**
  - b. **Other?**
7. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - Fiscal Year End Financial Report - **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
  - Proposed Budget – **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
8. AUDITORS' REPORT - Nominate auditors
9. CLERK Report (for Jan 2022 - Dec 2022)
10. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND DISCUSSION
  - LEADERSHIP TEAM (Verbal)
  - STEWARDSHIP TEAM
    - Treasurer/Bookkeeper
  - MISSION AND MERCY TEAM
    - Community Liasson
    - Community Meal Update
    - Hospitality
    - Griefshare
    - MOPS
    - Meals on Wheels (last)
  - SUNDAY MORNING TEAM
    - Music
    - Sound Booth
    - Art
    - Kid's Church
  - PASTOR REPORT



### **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS PRESENTED**

11. NOMINATIONS REPORT - **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
12. NEW and ONGOING BUSINESS
  - Fall programs, Float, Christmas Eve Services?
13. PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING
  - **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

## Dauphin First Baptist Church

### June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Spring Meeting Minutes

**Moderator:** Karin Fendick                      **Minutes:** Carla Strang

**Attendance:** Total of 19 (16 members and 3 adherents\*)

Len Bergen	Gloria McCallum	Angie Seale*
Mary Bergen	Lee Meidl	Carla Strang
Wendy DeLaMare	Ray Meidl	Mark Tiefenbach*
Karin Fendick	Marie Northrup	BJ Wowchuk
Rick Fendick	Mark Northrup*	Faye Wowchuk
Cordell Lind	Eva Purdey	
Loralyn Lind	Dave Rempel	

**1. Welcome and Prayer:** Karin Fendick

**2. Encouragement:** A time of encouragement from God’s Word. Karin read Hebrews 10: 23-25 and highlighted how we are to encourage one another.

**3. Call to Order:** Karin called the meeting to order at 7:11PM with suggested adjournment of 8:30

**4. Acceptance of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** to accept the Agenda as written. Moved by BJ– Seconded by Lee–**Carried**

**5. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup>,2023 meeting were distributed and reviewed by those in attendance.

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes as circulated.

Moved by Len- seconded by Cordell- **Carried**

**5. Business arising from the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting: None**

**6. Reports:**

a) **Treasurer’s Report:** Rick Fendick

- Draft Budget was presented for all to review

**Discussion:**

- Various items of the budget were discussed and clarified

**Motion:** To accept the Draft Budget 2023-2024 as presented.

Moved by Cordell- seconded by Carla-**carried**

b) **Nominating Team:** Loralyn

**Motion:** To table the Nominating Team Draft Report until September Meeting.

Moved by Len – seconded by Rick- **carried**

**7. Pastor Report:** Loralyn Lind

- Loralyn enjoyed her time as chair of CBWC but happy to be done
- Leadership will have a retreat in July
- Cleaning Day is June 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 with lunch after

**8. New Business:**

- a) Summer Service Time: Should we keep at 11 or move to 10AM during July and August?

**Motion:** was moved by Lee to keep it at 11AM during summer, seconded by Rick- **carried**

**b) Reports from Assembly-** Len and Mary Bergen, and Cordell

- There were good times of fellowship with others
- It was good to connect with old friends and make new acquaintances
- There were great times of worship through music and song
- There was some stress and tension around discussion of motions etc
- Voted to confirm CBWC will maintain no marriage of gay couples in the CBWC
- Voted to confirm CBWC will continue to have women Pastors in the CBWC

- c) **Prayers of Thanksgiving:** Various congregants shared and prayed thanksgiving prayers for many things. GOD IS GOOD!

**9. Annual Meeting Date:** Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00PM

**10. Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Cordell @ 8:16PM

12:01 PM  
12/09/23  
Accrual Basis

Dauphin First Baptist Church Inc.  
**Actual Year to Date**  
September 2022 through August 2023

	<u>Sep '22 - Aug 23</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Current	146,625.26
Open offering	474.50
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>147,099.76</u>
<b>Other revenue</b>	
The Community Meal	25,590.00
Nicola Kish	1,250.00
Events	1,075.00
Missions	1,162.00
Tim and Kallie Hutton	350.00
Eagles Wings Children's Village	100.00
Interest	100.68
<b>Total Other revenue</b>	<u>29,627.68</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>176,727.44</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	176,727.44
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>The Community Meal Expenses</b>	
Kitchen supplies	434.23
Groceries	1,979.89
Meal containers	2,574.88
Catering	5,350.00
Office supplies	274.41
Insurance	100.00
<b>Total The Community Meal Expe...</b>	<u>10,713.41</u>
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>	
Accountant & Lawyer Fees	1,354.00
Office Supplies & Equip	1,625.78
<b>Total Administration &amp; Finance</b>	2,979.78
<b>Salaries-Personnel</b>	
Pastor's Salary	62,000.00
Pastor's Sabbatical Leave	300.00
Books and computer	317.40
Telephone	900.00
Benevolent Fund	1,935.97
Pastor's Hospitality Fund	148.71
<b>CBWC Gatherings</b>	
Banff Pastors Conference	2,644.07
CBWC Assembly	474.72
Heartland Retreat	624.00
<b>Total CBWC Gatherings</b>	<u>3,742.79</u>
Car allowance mileage	1,388.36
Ministerial Functions	76.59
Administrator	7,217.78
Medical/Dental/LTD	4,743.36
EI	1,580.78
CPP	2,725.78
Honorariums	75.00
Bookkeeper honorarium	3,560.00
<b>Total Salaries-Personnel</b>	<u>90,712.52</u>

12:01 PM  
12/09/23  
Accrual Basis

Dauphin First Baptist Church Inc.  
**Actual Year to Date**  
September 2022 through August 2023

	<u>Sep '22 - Aug 23</u>
<b>CBWC Treasurers Remittance</b>	
<b>CBWC</b>	14,709.97
<b>Carey Theological College</b>	1,471.00
<b>Total CBWC Treasurers Remittan...</b>	<u>16,180.97</u>
<b>Mission &amp; Mercy</b>	
<b>Canadian Baptist Ministries</b>	5,150.00
<b>Global Missions</b>	2,150.00
<b>Food Grains Bank</b>	500.00
<b>Congregational Care</b>	78.34
<b>Daily Bread Books</b>	200.00
<b>Dauphin Bible Camp</b>	500.00
<b>Hospitality</b>	1,604.40
<b>Local (Monthly) Missions</b>	1,881.09
<b>Parkland Crossing</b>	600.00
<b>Eagles Wings</b>	100.00
<b>Total Mission &amp; Mercy</b>	<u>12,763.83</u>
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>	
<b>Library</b>	35.00
<b>Total Spiritual Growth</b>	<u>35.00</u>
<b>Spiritual Life</b>	
<b>Conferences and Retreats</b>	416.75
<b>Total Spiritual Life</b>	<u>416.75</u>
<b>Pension Remittance</b>	
<b>Pension Remittance (Loralyn)</b>	3,720.00
<b>Total Pension Remittance</b>	<u>3,720.00</u>
<b>Worship</b>	
<b>Music</b>	413.00
<b>Total Worship</b>	<u>413.00</u>
<b>Property</b>	
<b>Custodian/Yard Care</b>	3,930.00
<b>Decorations</b>	289.80
<b>Insurance-Sovereign</b>	4,959.23
<b>Property taxes</b>	33.84
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	9,313.44
<b>Sound system</b>	748.97
<b>Utilities</b>	
<b>Gas</b>	3,813.89
<b>hydro</b>	2,441.51
<b>Telephone &amp; Internet</b>	2,232.13
<b>Water</b>	328.69
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>8,816.22</u>
<b>Total Property</b>	<u>28,091.50</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>166,026.76</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>10,700.68</u></u>

## 2023/24 Proposed Budget

			2022-2023	2023-2024
<b>Total Disbursements</b>				
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>				
	<b>Accountant &amp; Lawyer Fees</b>		975.00	975.00
	<b>Advertising</b>		200.00	200.00
	<b>Office Supplies &amp; Equip</b>		2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		-	
<b>Total Administration &amp; Finance</b>			<b>3,175.00</b>	<b>3,175.00</b>
<b>Salaries-Personnel</b>				
	<b>Pastor's Salary</b>		62,000.00	63,000.00
	<b>Pastor`s Sabbatical Leave</b>		300.00	300.00
	<b>Books and computer</b>		1,800.00	1,800.00
	<b>Continuing education</b>		1,800.00	1,800.00
	<b>Telephone</b>		900.00	900.00
	<b>Benevolent Fund</b>		600.00	600.00
	<b>Pastor's Hospitality Fund</b>		200.00	200.00
	<b>CBWC Gatherings</b>			
		<b>Banff Pastors Conf.</b>	2,100.00	-
		<b>CBWC Assembly</b>	2,500.00	-
		<b>Heartland Retreat</b>	600.00	600.00
	<b>Total CBWC Gatherings</b>		<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
	<b>Car allowance mileage</b>		1,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>Ministerial Functions</b>		175.00	175.00
	<b>Administrator</b>		13,704.00	14,000.00
	<b>Medical/Dental/LTD</b>		4,500.00	4,900.00
	<b>EI</b>		1,800.00	1,600.00
	<b>CPP</b>		3,200.00	3,200.00
	<b>Honourariums (Pulpit Supply)</b>		450.00	450.00
	<b>Bookkeeper honorarium</b>		3,560.00	3,750.00
<b>Total Salaries-Personnel</b>			<b>101,189.00</b>	<b>98,275.00</b>
<b>CBWC Treasurers Remittance</b>				
	<b>CBWC</b>		14,697.00	14,440.00
	<b>Carey Theological College</b>		1,470.00	1,444.00
<b>Total CBWC Treasurers Remittance</b>			<b>16,167.00</b>	<b>15,884.00</b>
<b>Mission &amp; Mercy</b>				
	<b>Canadian Baptist Ministries</b>		4,800.00	4,800.00
	<b>Global Missions</b>		900.00	800.00
	<b>Food Grains Bank</b>		500.00	500.00
	<b>Congregational Care</b>		400.00	200.00

## 2023/24 Proposed Budget

	Daily Bread Books		200.00	200.00
	Dauphin Bible Camp		500.00	500.00
	Hospitality		1,500.00	1,500.00
	Local (Monthly) Missions		2,500.00	2,500.00
	MOPS		-	-
	Parkland Crossing		600.00	600.00
	Eagles Wings		100.00	-
	Welcome Team		-	400.00
<b>Total Mission &amp; Mercy</b>			<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Spiritual Growth</b>				
	Christian Education		1,500.00	1,500.00
	Library		200.00	100.00
	Women's Ministry		100.00	100.00
	Youth		500.00	500.00
<b>Total Spiritual Growth</b>			<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>Leadership Team</b>				
	Conferences and Retreats		500.00	500.00
<b>Total Spiritual Life</b>			<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Sunlife Premium Remittance</b>				
	Sunlife Pension Church Portion		3,800.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Sunlife Premium Remittance</b>			<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Morning</b>				
	Arts		200.00	200.00
	Music		400.00	450.00
<b>Total Worship</b>			<b>600.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>
<b>Property</b>				
	Custodian/Yard Care		5,810.00	5,000.00
	Decorations (Float)		500.00	500.00
	Insurance-Sovereign		5,050.00	5,050.00
	Property taxes		50.00	50.00
	Repairs & Maintenance		3,000.00	3,000.00
	Furniture and Appliances		500.00	500.00
	Sound system		1,000.00	1,000.00
	Utilities	Gas		
		Hydro		
		Telephone & Internet		
		Water		
	<b>Total Utilities</b>		<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<b>Total Property</b>			<b>23,410.00</b>	<b>23,600.00</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>163,141.00</b>	<b>160,284.00</b>

## Treasurer's Report - continued.

The bank account **year-end** balances are as follows:

DFBC Chequing: \$312.30

DFBC Savings: \$3,895.26

Community Meal: \$15,797.76

## Audit Confirmation

This is to confirm that the Audit of Dauphin First Baptist Church has now been completed and everything is found to be in order for the date range stated and by the auditors listed below.

The dates audited were from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

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The audit was completed by : (please print)

Carla Strang & Abbie Ash

Signatures of above named auditors:

Carla Strang & Abbie Ash

Date: Nov. 20 / 2022

Witness: P. M. Dethy

## 9. CLERK - Ed Froese

### Roll changes from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

New Members:	0
Baptisms:	1
Past Members removed from roll:	5
Members Deceased:	2
Members withdrawn:	3
<b>Totals at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022</b>	
Active Members:	54
Non-Active/non-resident Members:	6
Adherents:	<u>44</u>
Total Attending:	98



## 10. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS AND DISCUSSION

### LEADERSHIP TEAM – verbal report

### STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Some of what got done this year (no particular order):

- Library shelves are anchored
- Kitchen sink unclogged
- Outdoor stair wall repainted
- Fixed door weather striping
- Dylan did snow shoveling
- Removed broken snow guard and repaired down spout
- Snow fence put up by green space
- Fire department box installed above door
- Elevator contract approved
- Installed mailbox in wall
- Custodial closet built
- Administration office built
- New thermostat covers installed
- Pastor's office painted
- Research done on surveillance cameras
- Grass seed picked from city for old sidewalk
- Custodian sick so decided to seek volunteers for summer
- Toy room basement bulbs changed
- Working on plan for mailboxes
- Eddie hired to do yard care for the summer
- Purchased new weed snipper
- Lawn mower donated
- 4 log benches installed in green space



- 1 other bench donated and repaired for green space
- Painted sign in front of church

Len Bergen

### **Treasurer**

Thank you, Lord, for taking care of our finances this year!

Thank you to our members for faithfully and generously providing your tithes and donations to the church building.

This will be my last report as treasurer, and I am happy to stay on the stewardship team. May next year we have less to repair and amend and may God provide what we need to do what He asks of us.

Rick

### **Bookkeeper**

I love seeing firsthand how God blesses and provides for needs in our community and around the world through the financial generosity of His people! I, once again, invite you to participate in what our church is doing locally and globally through the sharing of your finances as God has taught us to do. May we continue to be a generous people, walking in faith and in obedience to what the Lord asks of us, giving Him all the praise and glory!



***Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;  
make known among the nations what He has done.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love endures forever!***

1 Chron. 16:8, 34

Angie

### **MISSION AND MERCY TEAM**

What a pure joy it has been to be a part of this team the last year. This group of people is fabulous and they have been so very patient and kind to me as I learn all about Mission and Mercy at DFBC.

We have been very vocal in the bulletin this last year with all that we have been up to each month so I won't repeat all of that here. Besides our monthly local mission "projects" we have also had fun singing at the PCH Birthday parties thanks to very

talented team members and friends, as well as hosting the “Meet Your Neighbour” (annual ??) BBQ in June. I’m Blessed to be a part of this team and can’t wait to see what this new year brings to Mission and Mercy at DFBC!  
Big Shout of THANKS to my wonderful and hard working team!!  
Carla

*Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them,  
And the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor.  
Proverbs 11:25 TPT*

## Community Liaison & Community Meal

Wow! What an incredible year God has led DFBC through with regards to both of these new things. As you’ve all heard by now, God has been hard at work way before the last year in preparing everyone’s heart for the start of the Community Liaison position and also in DFBC taking on The Community Meal.

I believe The Community Liaison position is still evolving into what God intends for it to be. It has been a great year of discovery and knowledge and hopefully it has at least in some ways brought some community needs to all of you and also brought all of you to help meet some of the community needs. I will gladly follow as God continues to lead me how and where He wants me to serve in this role over the coming year.

The Community Meal has now been “ours” for over a year, and what an incredible year it has been. God has most definitely showed up in great ways every second Thursday and has led us through the year. We have learned to trust in Him and His ability to provide and make things happen and He has most certainly never let us down (nor will He ever). He continues to provide money and sponsors and volunteers for each and every meal. We are so very Blessed and even more, we are humbled and thankful for all He has done in making this transition painless as well as fun and exciting. As you’ve heard me say before, God is making it all happen and I am just blessed to be along for the ride.



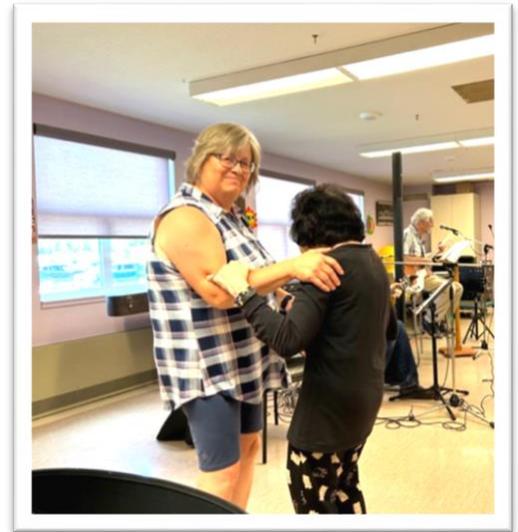
Thanks to Dave for being the best Co-worker in all of this and to all of you for your continued prayers and support!

Carla



## Hospitality

- We have had a number of potluck meals throughout the year at church.
- At the beginning of January, we served a meal of perogies and sausage at Under One Roof.
- January we also said farewell to the Korniks with a potluck one week before they moved to Gimli.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>, we had the privilege of celebrating Walter Church's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday as part of our morning service.
- On Good Friday, we shared our service with another congregation and served coffee and easter buns.
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, we did a Community Easter Meal for Food Intake Day. Blaire Delamare brought her volleyball team to serve.
- July 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a very successful hot dog BBQ for the Community meal serving around 180 hot dogs. Thank you to all those who contributed in some way.



*The Lord's faithfulness continues through all generations.*

*Psalm 119:90*

Mary B.

## Griefshare

This past year we have held two seasons of GriefShare, the last one concluding in June, which was extraordinarily successful, inasmuch as this is a group that bonded so well, that at the conclusion of the 13 weeks, they wanted to continue to meet in some way. As a result we had a "reunion" in August, which was quite meaningful, allowing all participants to share their stories, their pain, their deepest emotions. They want to continue with these meetings, and another session has been scheduled for Sept. There is interest in offering another 13-week session, and if numbers are sufficient we will commence on Oct. 12. If you know of someone who would benefit, please have them contact me. I believe this program is meeting a real need in our community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to facilitate these sessions. Fatigue and being stretched are inherent in these kinds of programs, but so worth it. Please pray for us. As one person commented at our reunion, "every Wednesday since the sessions ended in June, I wanted to come back." To God be the glory!!

Bill

## **MOPS**

**MOPS INTERNATIONAL MISSION:** MOPS International encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church.

Now more than ever we are grateful to be able to say we have had a successful year of MOPS. This year MOPS was rebuilt and we are proud to say “WE DID IT”. Our theme this past year was “We Go Together”. It was the year of friendship, courage and purpose. MOPS provided moms and their children with an environment of love and connection, something that of course is SO valuable (especially following a time of isolation and disconnect). We had a total of 13 Monday morning sessions. Our mornings were filled with laughter, fulfilling conversations, spiritual growth and so much more. We had a Christmas Party and also provided a Christmas hamper to a local family. We also had a cozy movie night and were able to meet twice this summer.

As we jump from our restart this past year we are full of excitement for what the upcoming MOPS year will hold. We are hopeful that with a few more volunteers we will now be able to invite more moms who will also benefit from the gift of MOPS. Shandi Ives and myself (Loni Todoruk) will be sharing the role of MOPS coordinator this year. Our theme for the year is “Say Yes”. We will be focusing on developing a spirit of adventure and memory making. This year will encourage moms to persevere and “say yes” to the small steps God asks us to take.

Thank-you to Dauphin First Baptist Church (and all the people that have helped keep MOPS alive) for offering MOPS for so many years. The benefits to moms, children, families and communities is far reaching.

Thank-you especially to Vanessa (MOPPETS Coordinator) and her team of volunteers. Vanessa’s reliable presence and consistency is monumental to the success of MOPS. We move forward with purpose and excitement.

Much Love.

Loni Todoruk, on behalf of the MOPS Steering team  
Nicole Schwartz (MOPS mentor)  
Shandi Ives (Coordinator)  
Rebecca Van Otterloo (Treasurer)  
Kylia Von Bargaen  
Colleen Sulatyski

## **Meals on Wheels**

Following Jesus example who served others, we serve our community.

Dauphin First Baptist has served the community of Dauphin for 126 years. Decades of that time we have been providing Meals on Wheels to individual homes. This year is going to be different. We usually deliver meals for two (2), 2-week periods. (2 weeks in

May and 2 in October.) This year we delivered in May but the program is being suspended. Thanks to Mark and Marie Northrup for so faithfully delivering meals.  
Ed

## **SUNDAY MORNING TEAM**

### **Music**

Last September we were returning to our regular Sunday meeting together, very hopeful this would not be interrupted by public health concerns. God has seen fit that we could continue this privilege of meeting together! What a good idea God had, to set aside a day for us to refocus our soul, mind and body and remember He is God.

As always, thank you!!... musicians, singers, sound guys, service leaders, church family. I am truly grateful and am glad to have a place among you.

This past year, some of our young ones have shown interest in the drums and are developing their skills. A few others have been approached to share their musical abilities as well. In God's time, hopefully they will join in the music preparation and presentation.

We look forward to introducing new songs as God puts them on our hearts and to rest in the familiar ones that are already written in our hearts. I am reminded when we celebrate the life of a loved one who passes on from this earth how there are always those melodies and lyrics that were special and meaningful.

We consistently pray that the ministry of music gives glory to God. We want to honour Him as we sing songs from His Word, songs of thanksgiving, songs of humility, songs of history, songs of confession, songs of love and so many more. He is worthy of our praise!

Vanessa

### **Sound Booth**

- Sound booth is running smoothly. Dylan Lind, Dave Rempel and myself are sharing

From Psalm 19 (NLT):

***The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.***

***The statutes of the Lord are  
trustworthy,***

***making wise the simple.***

***<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.***

***The commands of the Lord are  
radiant,***

***giving light to the eyes.***

***<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever.***

***The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.***

***<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;***

***they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the honeycomb.***

the duties. Would be happy to train 1 – 2 others if interested.

- Computer is working well. Still utilizing zoom, but usually only having 1 – 3 people logging into the service, often no-one logging in.
- Video and sound over zoom are working well, in general.
- Ongoing electrical feedback issues with the front projector. Seems to relate to the lighting and or power, no obvious solution at present.
- Will be looking at pricing a new sound board this autumn.
- Wireless headset works well, as long as batteries are strong. Handheld generally is working well.
- Music and microphone stands need to be upgraded. A few have been replaced. Will price these out this autumn as well.

Scott

## **Art**

Covid-19 and other snags have given the Arts Team a slow start - but then again, creativity cannot be rushed.

We look forward to a time when our sanctuary will be bursting with light and life and new things - drama, poetry, painting, dramatic readings and more.

"Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God."

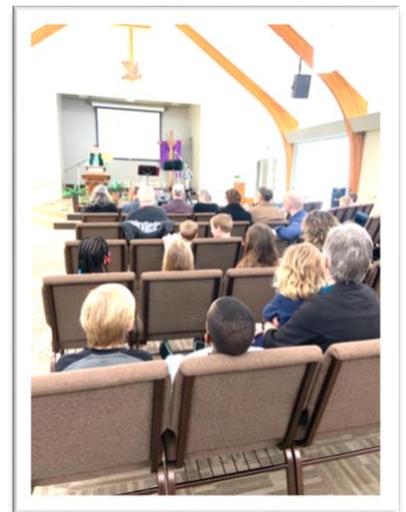
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## **Kids Church**

Kids' church took place during the service for approximately three Sundays a month, from January, 2023 to May, 2023. We usually had 10 to 15 children attending, ranging from age 4 to age 12. For five months, we worked on memorizing the names of the books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. At the beginning of our kids' church time, Mary Paziuk would start us off with the "shopping bag surprise", which the kids always looked forward to. Then we'd practice our books of the Bible and actions together. Each week we'd also explore a story from within the books we were memorizing that week. The story time was done in different ways - through flannel graphs, the kids acting it out themselves, puppets, Duplo figurines, drawings, or just good old story telling! Eva Purdey often planned a craft (that also happened to be edible!) related to our story. One Sunday a month, kids' church families were invited to share brunch together before the Sunday service. Our hope is that the children learned about and felt God's loving presence, and that a desire to follow Jesus was fostered in each of them.

Rebecca



## **PASTOR REPORT**

### **The Year God Rescued Me (again and again)**

(Dauphin – year 13 – Sept to Sept)

When I look back at that year – the word “whirlwind” comes to mind. It was my seventh and final year on our denominational board – which found itself in the middle of one of those messes that takes time and energy and complete reliance on God. Dauphin First Baptist was celebrated and thanked publicly at Assembly for their generosity – having given their pastor to serve in such a heavy capacity. The adventure ended abruptly as I placed the gavel into the next guy’s capable hands. Lots of work goes on behind the scenes to help our churches serve God together. I am forever changed.

In Dauphin, so many happy times. We turned 125 with some cake and a beautiful day. We baptized Kanon. We built a float. (You might not have heard we won first place ... in the religious category) Christmas eve and all the fixings – the songs and candlelight – with Jesus at the centre. We shared Good Friday with the new Alliance folks and delighted in sharing our mission stories. All through that we had our new Community Liaison and her helpers busily organizing the meals for those using the Food Bank – we started Kid’s Church and hosted the Words of Encouragement Youth Bible Study. Griefshare and MOPS – Leadership retreats – Team meetings – The Chosen study – shared meals and shared snacks – we met our neighbours almost every Thursday – and sang at the PCH – Norm and Gwyneth faithfully represented us there too.

It does sound full when I list it in such a scattered list. I should mention not all was happy. Our Administrator, BJ, and her family faced a continued season of affliction, not able to work in the office. We joined Dauphin in mourning the 16 killed in a bus crash. Our Custodian fell sick. And Ruth Faires went home to be with Jesus. Lament seemed a daily food.

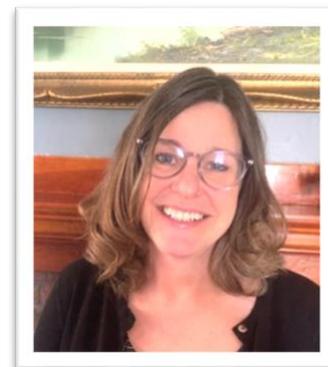
And this year God rescued me (again and again.) When it seemed I wasn’t going to make it, when all I wanted was a nap, when I looked around and saw need upon need and no end in sight... God was with me... in me. So gentle and patient.

My friends, God is with us. He is asking us to love Him and each other and He has given us everything we need to do that.

Let’s learn this “New Creation” stuff... Christ in us – that’s the new creation. He will minister in and through us as we trust Him.

I am so honored to walk this journey with you all.

Loralyn



**Dauphin First Baptist Church**  
**Ministry Teams for 2023 – 2024**  
(Nomination Report)

	2023-2024
<b>Officers</b>	
Chair	Cheryl Mitchell (2022)
Clerk	Ed Froese (2018)
Treasurer	Abbie Ash (2023)
<b>Leadership Team Chair</b>	Cheryl Mitchell (2022)
Sunday Morning	Karin Fendick (2022)
Mission and Mercy	Carla Strang (2023)
	Wendy DeLaMare(2023)
Ministry Assistant	Vanessa Kish
<b>Stewardship Team Chair</b>	
Treasurer	Abbie Ash (2023)
	Ray Meidl
	Gloria McCallum
	Rick Fendick
	Len Bergen
Admin	BJ Wowchuk
Bookkeeper	Angie Seale
<b>Mission and Mercy Team chair</b>	Carla Strang (Community Liasson)
Hospitality	Mary Bergen
Congregational Care	Marie Northrup
Welcome Team	Mark Northrup
Meet Your Neighbour	Mark Tiefenbach
Griefshare	Bill Hart
MOPS	Loni Todoruk
Parkland Crossing Connection	Dave Rempel
<b>Sunday Morning Team</b>	Karin Fendick
Kid's church	Rebecca Van Otterloo, Mary Paziuk
Music Coordinator	Vanessa Kish
Sound Coordinator	Scott Kish
Arts	Karin Fendick, Carolyn Lawrence
Communion Steward	Lee Meidl
<b>Special Teams</b>	
Creation Care	<i>Mark N, Rebecca V, Mary B</i>