Staff Snapshot

Lenae Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Many of DUMC's dedicated staff work hard behind the scenes and may not be seen or known by many. We thought you might enjoy getting to know them better, and not just their job responsibilities, but who they really are. We will be featuring different staff members over the coming months, giving you a little glimpse into what makes them tick, smile, and sometimes laugh and cry.

Let's get to know a little more about Lenae:

I am the Director of Student Ministries at Doylestown UMC. My role is to help young people grow in their relationships and knowledge of Christ. This includes planning events, weekly programming, retreats, and co-teaching Confirmation Classes. The hope is to help students grow in community with one another the way Jesus taught us to, and to help them be in community with Christ!

1. **Your favorite bible verse:** "God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. This is why he sent Christ to make us what we are." Ephesians 2:10

2. **Funny church story that happened to you:** My first time chaperoning a trip, the middle school girls in my room planned a whole play on the creation story and performed it using only things they found in the hotel room.

3. **What's your favorite way to spend a day off?** Going on a spontaneous adventure with my friends.

4. **Extrovert or introvert?** Extrovert

5. **What are your hobbies and how did you get into them?** My favorite hobby is paddle boarding. During an internship in the PNW (Pacific NorthWest), we would go paddle boarding every week after church and were often joined by seals! Lounging in a hammock, paddle boarding, skiing, golfing, and hiking.

6. **What's one thing that can instantly make your day better?** Playing with my cat.

7. **What is your favorite season and why?** I love fall because it is the perfect weather for a hoodie and bonfire. Plus, the colors are beautiful!

8. **What's the career highlight you're most proud of?** My senior year of college, I participated in Cornerstone University's Celebration of Scholarship. My best friend and I gave a presentation titled "Is Crossfit the New Church?", where we did research exploring what the future of the church could look like using vertical and horizontal transcendence (Connection with God and Connection with others).

9. **What's your favorite family tradition?** Eating grape salad every holiday at my Grandma's.

10. **If you could do anything, besides what you're doing now, what would you do?** Someday I would love to be a ministry consultant helping struggling churches out on how to use innovation to improve their ministries.

11. **Favorite destination:** Seattle, Washington

12. **Early bird or night owl:** Night Owl

13. **What's the craziest or scariest thing you've ever done?** Parasailing

14. **Favorite candy bar:** Kit Kat

15. **If you could meet any living person for dinner, who would you pick and why?** Taylor Swift! I have been a fan of Taylor since I was little and have had the chance to grow with her music. The amount of thought she puts into her writing to convey powerful messages in a beautiful way is incredible.

16. **Coffee or Tea?** Tea

17. **Pie or Cobbler?** Pie

18. **Pizza or Tacos?** Pizza

19. **Comedy or Thrillers?** Comedy

20. **Xbox, PS or Switch?** Switch

Thanks, Lenae, for sharing a bit about yourself. We wish you God's rich blessings as you settle into your new role as Director of Student Ministries!

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