



**CARELINE: 205-822-9336**  
**WEEKEND OR AFTER-HOUR HEALTH**  
**EMERGENCIES: 205-914-3121**

*VHUMC will not publish the names and/or concerns of persons known by VHUMC to be minors (18 years of age or younger) without the permission of said minor's legal guardian.*

## Prayer Requests

Cammie Atkins	Brenda Cash
Frances Hardwick	Emily Phillips
Julia Stowe	Jim White
Ruth Barkhurst	Brian Cooke
Blake Harwell	Marion Phillips
Charlie Thwaite	Mike Whittier
Ruth Bartow	Brenda Correll
Melissa Holt	Norman Putman
Jarry Taylor	Chuck Williams
Judy Bates	Fred Daniels
Mary Anne Hooper	Courtenay Renneker
John Taylor	Nancy Wilson
Judy Billmeier	Jamie DeMarco
Evelyn Johnson	Cliff Saxon
Betty Thompson	Dan Wise
Patti Braswell	Larry Edwards
Dani Lorsen	Sandra Sims
Jim Thompson	Liz Woodring
Jean Burford	Lane Fields
Ed McTyre	Jennifer Skipper
Jack Traffanstedt	Steve Yates
Sunny Campbell	Mary Ann Goodson
Jean Morton	Reagan Smith
Annette Veazey	Bob Gower
Julie Carroll	Gary Spearman
Dan Peace	
John Watkins	

### GLOBAL PRAYER REQUEST

- All of the Health Industry Workers
- All of our First Responders
- All who are struggling in these challenging times

We also continue to offer prayers of healing and comfort for all of the families impacted with the coronavirus. *In an effort to keep the prayer request list current, names will be listed for two weeks unless we are otherwise notified. Thank you. Please let us know of your immediate family members serving in the military. Contact VHUMC (769.0109) with prayer request information.*

## Resources

	Actual	Targeted
<b>July 2021 - Nov. 2021</b>		
Donations	\$1,376,246	+\$48,079
Other Income	\$56683	-\$4,449
Total Income	\$1,432,929	+\$43,630

(+) Better or (-) worse for the church than our target  
 \* Includes COA, Summer Days, VDS, and Vestavia Dance

continue to update ways that we can help with relief. If you would like to help support in the search effort, please give to VHUMC with disaster relief/tornado marked in the memo line. All donations will be sent to UMCOR.

Please continue to pray for all those whose lives were affected by the recent storms. If you would like to help in a more hands on way to offer relief, please prayerfully consider assembling an UMCOR Hygiene Kit. For details of what is needed, please contact Rachael Hayes at rhayes@vhumc.org. All assembled kits can be brought to the VHUMC missions office by January 14.

## January Hilltoppers Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 18, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Phillips, Alabama historian, will present a program on the lost treasures of antebellum Alabama and old Birmingham. For information or to make a lunch reservation (\$6.00) call Margaret Flowers (769-0112 or mflowers@vhumc.org) no later than 11:00 am on Friday, January 14. Please note the price and, if possible, have correct change or an extra dollar bill.

## Soup & Stories

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 30, as we welcome Delores Hydock back to speak at our Soup and Stories event. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and the doors will open at 12:30 pm. Reservations are required and can be purchased in January by clicking the link below or at the front desk for \$15 each. Please be sure and bring cans of soup for our Food Pantry. For more information, contact Emily Boles (769-0130/ eboles@vhumc.org).

## Fidget Mat Sewing Bee Postponed

Out of an abundance of caution, we are postponing the January 25 Fidget Mat Sewing Bee, and we'll reconvene on February 22 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. In the meantime, please drop off any placemats or related items by the Church Office. If you know of anybody or group who could benefit from these Fidget Mats, please contact Peggy Patton (335-5097 / p\_patton@bellsouth.net). We'll see you in February!

## Volunteer Spotlight

As we kick off the Year to Serve, throughout the year we would like to highlight some of our long time volunteers. These volunteers are ones that have served in their various roles for over a decade. Please join me during each highlight to thank them for their time serving others at VHUMC.

Our first volunteer spotlight is Cynthia McGough. Cynthia has been a VHUMC member for 38 years. She enjoys hiking and baking. Her favorite color is green, and she loves to eat just about any cookie as her favorite food. Over the last sixteen years she has served as our team leader of the VHHS Habitat Club. She has led students and some adults every Saturday morning since its inception. What you might

not know is part of her leadership was driving our vans to and from the house sites each Saturday morning. The vans would be full of high school kids who learned to hammer nails, sheetrock, build frames and so much more from Cynthia. Her leadership has impacted hundreds of kids over the last sixteen years. Cynthia, thank you for your time, your passion to serve and build, and for the many lives you have touched and impacted over the years. You truly have a servant's heart.

## SOZO Choir

Mark your calendars and save the date, SOZO CHOIR will be back in the states and performing at VHUMC on Sunday, March 20, at 6 pm. This is a one show performance that you don't want to miss! Look for more details in the weeks ahead!

## Mission Monday at Taco Mama

Mission Mondays just got better! Join us four times this year at Vestavia Hills Taco Mama for a fun night out with food and fellowship with your church family. Starting on January 24 and continuing once a quarter, we will meet and have dinner and fellowship all while supporting VHUMC Missions. Part of the proceeds on these nights will support our ongoing missions. All ages are welcome! So grab your friends and family! Look for future dates for Mission Mondays at Taco Mama in June, September, and November.

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Want to share some joy? Make a birthday kit for the food pantry with cake mix, icing, and candles, wrapped in a disposable pan!

### OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions needs winter clothing including coats, sizes infant through adult 4X. Blankets and bedding are also needed. Bins are around the church for your donations.

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

To Lori, C.J., Izzy, and Sophie Mae Talbert in the death of Lori's mother, Emily Harrelson of Colorado Springs, CO, on December 15th.

To Rodney Gilbert in the death of his wife, Karen, on December 16th.

To Ruth Farris and to Gloria & Jim Woods in the death of Ruth and Jim's brother, Charles R. Woods, of Bonaire, GA, on December 27th.

To Mary, Dave, Jack & Abby Kate Mason in the death of Mary's father, Parker Hill of Kingsport, Tennessee, on January 5th.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Emily & Vince Perez in their joining VHUMC on December 19th.

To Rasie & Jim Miller on the birth of their grandson, James Tao Miller, on December 20th. Ann Jo and Gregory Miller of Seattle, WA, are the proud parents and Grant is proud big brother.

To Alex & Alexander Johnson on the baptism of their son, Doss Alexander, on December 22nd.

To Amy & Justin Ware on the baptism of their daughter, Ann Ridley, on December 22nd. Jameson is the proud big brother.

To Carol & Dan Carmichael in the birth of their grandson, Baker Hale Carmichael, on December 29th. Kelly & Ben Carmichael are the proud parents, and Martha Morgan is the paternal great-grandmother.

To Simone & Shaun Huysamen in the birth of their daughter, Isla Claire Huysamen, on January 11th.

To Will Murray in his joining as a member of our congregation on January 12th in the Rutland-Memorial Chapel.