



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING

AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



**JANUARY 19**  
Breakfast for dinner

**JANUARY 26**  
Roast pork or country fried steak with mashed potatoes, green beans & rolls (kids: pizza)

**FEBRUARY 2**  
Poppyseed chicken or beef and noodles with honey glazed carrots & rolls (kids: chicken nuggets & noodles)

REGISTER AT [VHUMC.ORG](http://VHUMC.ORG)

### JANUARY

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PRAYER/GUIDANCE

**PSALM 119:35**  
Direct me in the path of your commands for there, I find delight.

The Notes is a weekly publication highlighting the ministries of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. If you have information you would like to highlight, please contact Emily Forsythe at [eforsythe@vhumc.org](mailto:eforsythe@vhumc.org). Deadline for information is Monday at noon.



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### Better Together

Please join us Sunday, February 6, as we celebrate how being together through hardship makes us, our families, and our faith stronger. We will have a morning of worship followed by fellowship lunches at 11:00 am or 12:15 pm. We will be serving a delicious lunch of chicken parmesan or pork chops, macaroni and cheese, green beans, chicken fingers & tots for the kids, and an assorted dessert buffet. Please visit [vhumc.org](http://vhumc.org) to register to be a part of this Church-wide event!

### Celebrating Baptisms

We celebrate Hutton William Murray who was baptized in the Chapel, on January 16. The proud parents are William and Adrian Murray. Welcome to the family, Hutton!

### Men's Basketball Spring League

If you would like to put a team together for the Men's Basketball Spring League, registration starts this week. The season runs February 14 through April 18 and the deadline to register is Friday, February 4. Click the link to register your team. The team fee is \$400. Please contact Malcolm Prewitt, Director of Recreational Ministries, with any questions (769-0139 / [mprewitt@vhumc.org](mailto:mprewitt@vhumc.org)). Good luck.

### VHUMC to Host COVID-19 Testing Site

In partnership with UAB and the East Central Alabama Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Vestavia Methodist will host a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site next Thursday, January 24, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Lighthouse Portico. No registration is required. Testing is free, with or without symptoms, and a physician referral is not required.

- AHEC provides the test kits and UAB evaluates the samples.
- This testing does not require insurance, a driver's license, or social security information. All are welcome.
- It is a simple, painless test. In most cases, the participant can swab their own nose.
- Results are reported to the patients within approximately 48 hours.

If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING to help with registrations and traffic flow, please reach out to John Sweeney ([jsweeney@vhumc.org](mailto:jsweeney@vhumc.org) / 769-0101).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:p_patton@bellsouth.net)). We'll see you in February!

### January Memory Verse

Our 1st - 5th graders have the opportunity to learn a different Bible verse each month. Children can recite

**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

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

### 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

their verse in the elementary office before or after Sunday School. Kids who recite their verse successfully will get a sweet treat, and will have a chance to win a grand prize at the end of the school year!

January's Memory Verse is: "God's power has given us everything we need to live a godly life." ~2 Peter 1:3a

## Thrive Student Ministries Missions Fundraiser

Tickets are on sale now for the annual Thrive Student Ministries Missions Fundraiser! Each year this event raises money for the Bennie Watson Memorial Missions and Scholarship Funds which provides funds for missions opportunities for students in grades six through twelve to be the hands and feet of Christ locally and regionally. In addition, it helps provides scholarships for students to attend events and retreats in times of financial difficulty.

Visit [vhumc.org](http://vhumc.org) to get your tickets now for this amazing event on Sunday, March 6, at 6:30 pm. You will support the efforts of Thrive students sharing the love of Christ to our world. The evening will consist of a plated dinner, live and silent auction items and more! We hope to see you there!

## Camino De Santiago Trip Meeting

VHUMC will be taking a trip for adults to Spain to hike the Camino De Santiago September 29 through October 9, 2022. If you are interested, we invite you to join us this Sunday, January 23, at 5:00 pm in room 316. We have Lynn Barton joining us by Zoom to share with us his experiences on the Camino De Santiago. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact Jim Frazier ([jfrazier@vhumc.org](mailto:jfrazier@vhumc.org)/ 769-0126).

## Save the Date for Tablescapes

The Women's Ministries of VHUMC is excited to host Tablescapes again this year. Mark your calendars for March 8 to make sure you don't miss it.

What is Tablescapes? Beautifully decorated tables. Inspirational and humorous guest speaker Phyllis Hoffman. A delicious lunch. Great fellowship with women around the table.

Interested in hosting a table or getting more information about hosting? You can create a table of your own or with a friend or group. Tables can be simple, and may reflect our theme, "Missions of the Heart," or any theme of your choosing.

Registration for the event will be coming soon. For more information about decorating a table or help, contact Cheree Carlton ([erichere@bellsouth.net](mailto:erichere@bellsouth.net)/ 979-1837 or 919-0559).

## Columbarium Price Increase

Our Columbarium remains one of the best options for our members as they plan for their final resting place. We encourage members to pre-purchase niches before grieving the death of a family member. As we plan for some major improvements in the Columbarium and

to keep up with dramatically increasing metal prices, we will be raising our prices for a niche starting on March 1. Currently, the price is \$3,000 for placing one or two urns in the niche and \$500 for each additional urn up to the capacity of four urns. After March 1, those prices will be \$4,000 and \$1,500 respectively. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Gary Wyatt ([gwyatt@vhumc.org](mailto:gwyatt@vhumc.org) / 769-0108).

## MLK Serve Day & Trips for Kids

Thank you to everyone who participated in our MLK Serve Day. What a great day it was! If you were not able to participate but still wanted to serve in some way, then we have another opportunity for you this week.

We will be collecting dusty not rusty bikes for our community partner, Trips for Kids. Please bring any bikes or equipment to the Lighthouse now through next Tuesday, January 25.

## 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.

## 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

Guy Harrison, Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

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.

To Lynne Beckham in the death of her sister, Ann Nabors of Birmingham, on January 16th.

### CONGRATULATIONS

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.

Congratulations to Adrian & Will Murray in the baptism of their son, Hutton William Murray on January 16th in the Rutland-Memorial Chapel.