



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING

AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



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

FEBRUARY 9
BBQ baked potato bar with Cole slaw & baked beans (kids: pizza)

FEBRUARY 16
Swedish meatballs or baked chicken with macaroni & cheese and green beans (kids: chicken nuggets)

JANUARY

PRAYER/GUIDANCE

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 4: Sign up to take a meal to First Light and/or donate hygiene products to First Light

ROMANS 14:8
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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. 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 to register to be a part of this Church-wide event!

Lighthouse Hours

Our Lighthouse hours have changed. The Lighthouse gym, fitness center, and walking track are now open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Summer Days Registration

This summer, Vestavia Day School's Summer Days will offer some awesome weekly themes! Students will participate in a variety of activities that go along with their camp theme, including games, crafts, challenges, and play!

Summer Days camps begin at 9:00 am and end at 1:00 pm daily. There is also an option to purchase extended care from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The extended care additional times will be spent playing games, making crafts, and having fun outdoors. The mission of Summer Days is to create a Christ-centered environment where children feel confident to participate, discover, and grow. Summer Days and VHUMC are excited to offer a safe place for your elementary age child during the summer. Our camps will be focused on keeping each child protected and safe, all while having a great time. Visit vhumc.org/summerdays to register.

Men's Basketball Spring League

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

January Elementary Memory Verse

Our 1st - 5th graders have the opportunity to learn a different Bible verse each month. Children can recite 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 provide scholarships for students to attend events and retreats in times of financial difficulty.

Visit 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!

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	Brian Cooke
Melissa Holt	Emily Phillips
Reagan Smith	Chuck Williams
Ruth Bartow	Brenda Correll
Mary Anne Hooper	Marion Phillips
Gary Spearman	Nancy Wilson
Judy Bates	Jamie DeMarco
Evelyn Johnson	Norman Putman
Julia Stowe	Dan Wise
Judy Billmeier	Larry Edwards
Terris Johnson	Courtenay Renneker
John Taylor	Liz Woodring
Patti Braswell	Lane Fields
Dani Lorsen	Cliff Saxon
Betty Thompson	Steve Yates
Jean Burford	Mary Ann Goodson
Leigh McLain	Sandra Sims
Jim Thompson	Frances Hardwick
Sunny Campbell	Jennifer Skipper
Ed McTyre	
Jack Traffanstedt	
Julie Carroll	
Jean Morton	
Annette Veazey	
Brenda Cash	
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
July 2021 - Dec. 2021		
Donations	\$2,127,153	+\$150,763
Other Income	\$71,339	-\$2,420
Total Income	\$2,198,492	+\$148,343

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

February Hilltoppers Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 15, at 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Ray Reach, jazz pianist extraordinaire, will present a program for our pleasure. For information or to make a lunch reservation (\$6.00) call Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ mflowers@vhumc.org) no later than 11:00 am on Friday, February 11. Please note the price and, if possible, have correct change or an extra dollar bill.

Vestavia Hilltoppers is a VHUMC-sponsored organization for persons of retirement age, which meets each month for lunch and a program. They also sponsor trips and other activities that are publicized at meetings. Guests and new members are welcome.

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/ 979-1837 or 919-0559).

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 6:00 pm. This is a one show performance that you don't want to miss! Look for more details in the weeks ahead!

Designated Giving Policy

Because of our Designated Funds, we publish the following statement twice a year to comply with IRS guidelines:

VHUMC welcomes designated donations for pre-approved items such as benevolence, building, missions, and mission trips. In approving such causes, VHUMC is committed to using the collected funds for the intended cause. In the unusual event of the closure of a designated fund or project for which donations have been accepted, any remaining funds may be transferred to the General Fund or used for a similar purpose. Checks should be made payable to VHUMC, with the suggested designation listed on the memo line or on attached correspondence. Thank you for giving to VHUMC.

Year to Serve

As we close out January, let's continue our focus of prayer throughout

the Year to Serve. Use your prayer beads as prayer reminders to continue to pray and ask God for guidance, wisdom, and discernment of where He wants you to serve.

Our theme for February is Love. Two of the greatest commandments in the Bible are "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." As we enter our 2nd month of the Year to Serve, pray about the different opportunities that you can show Love this month. Weekly opportunities will continue to be posted each Monday and are available on our website at the link below.

Trips for Kids

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, February 1.

A Great Service Opportunity

The Farmers Market Committee needs to add adult volunteers to its ranks to help manage the Farmers Market in 2022. Several current committee/manager members are having to "retire" from the effort due to health or other issues. Funds from the farmers market are used to provide \$600-\$700 worth of fresh fruit and vegetables to the Food Pantry every month during the market season.

Volunteers are paired with 1-2 other experienced market managers to "learn the ropes" at the beginning of the market season, which starts in mid-May and ends in late August. You will be given the list of market days (every Wednesday) and you would pick the days you are willing to help out – hopefully for 3-4 of the Wednesdays. The time commitment each day you are signed up to help manage the market is approximately 5 hours (8:30-1:30). If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to participate in this important mission of VHUMC, or to volunteer, please send an email to Jarry Taylor (jarry@bhmtaylors.com) or Janet Taylor (janet@bhmtaylors.com).

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 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.