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

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## Prayer Requests

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

### 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

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.

## Boomer & Beyond Pizza and a Movie

Let's kick off 2022 by going back to the 1970's. Go through your closets and pull out your favorite leisure suit and platform shoes and get ready to disco the night away as we watch SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER on the big screens in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 14, starting at 6:00 pm. We will provide pizza, drinks, popcorn, a trivia contest with prizes, and old Drive In commercials. The cost is \$5. Please contact Jim Frazier (jfrazier@vhumc.org / 769-0126) to make your reservations.

## 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).

## Save the Date for Tablesapes

The Women's Ministries of VHUMC is excited to host Tablesapes again this year. Mark your calendars for March 7 to make sure you don't miss it.

What is Tablesapes? 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).

## 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.

## 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 / 769-0108).

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for the December donations of food and funds. We appreciate all of your continued generosity for this ministry. We will be collecting cans of soup at our Soup & Stories event on January 30. Get your tickets soon. This is another great way to support the Food Pantry. We do need breakfast items, pancake mix & syrup, cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal, etc. Also needed are plastic grocery bags, preferably doubled.

### 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 Laura, Mike, Megan, Morgan, Madison, Bishop & Lloyd Escue in the death of Laura's father, Gene Bishop of Mobile, AL, on December 8th.

To Judy & Rafe Cloe in the death of Judy's brother, William Cyrus Fincher of Ellenton, FL, on December 10th.

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 Kay Scharrer in the birth of her grandson, Ambrose Anthony May, on December 8th. Ben and Rhianna May of Tuscaloosa, AL, are the proud parents.

To Jenilee & Douglas Merrell on the Baptism of Nolan Patrick Merrell on December 12th.

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.