



VESTAVIA HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Notes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



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

FEBRUARY 23
Fried chicken or BBQ sandwich with hash brown casserole & baked beans

MARCH 2
Bacon cheeseburgers, hot dogs, french fries, baked beans & salad

1952 2022
THE YEAR TO SERVE
70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC

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FEBRUARY
LOVE

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 6: Donate costume jewelry and/or hygiene products to Lovelady Center

PSALM 86:5
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Better Together

Days like this past Sunday speak to how our church is also a family. We were so blessed to worship and share a meal with all of you under the same roof. And to anyone who missed out on the fellowship, don't worry because we will be doing this again soon.

The Path Starts Here

Please join us this Sunday as we begin a new sermon series, The Path Starts Here. We will discuss how our church exists to provide community, where every person can experience a Christ-Centered life of purpose.

Why I Give

The generosity of Vestavia Methodist is a remarkable reflection of the faith found in this congregation. As we share in a Year of Service in 2022, we invite you to share a few sentences on your personal thoughts and reasoning behind why you, and your family, give of your time and resources to the church. We will compile these reflections to collectively celebrate the generosity of Vestavia Methodist. Please vhumc.org to share your thoughts with us.

Whale of a Sale Benefitting the Day School

The Whale of a Sale committee is working hard to prepare for their VIRTUAL spring/summer sale! The public online sale will be from February 17 to 19. Registration for volunteers and sellers is open now!

WOAS is a children's consignment sale held at the church. A portion of the proceeds benefit Vestavia Day School. The monies raised through this event help improve the school with additional resources,

equipment, upgrades, supplies, and much more! For more information, visit vhumc.org/woas and follow Whale of a Sale Children's Consignment Sale on Facebook and Instagram.

Meals for Missions

Your contribution not only purchases a meal, it also supports one of our mission partners. This Meals for Missions will be soup again since Charlie's famous soups were a huge hit! So don't miss your chance to order. Portion of the proceeds will benefit one of our mission partners, so please vote for your choice. Meals can be picked up in Tyson Lobby from 4:00-6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 23. Register at vhumc.org.

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.

Upcoming Grief Support Group

All of us experience grief differently, and we have a dedicated ministry at Vestavia Methodist focused on providing loving care and support to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. As part of that ministry, we periodically offer our Grief Support

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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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	John Taylor
Mary Ann Goodson	Brenda Cash
Norman Putman	Leigh McLain
Ruth Bartow	Betty Thompson
Frances Hardwick	Brian Cooke
Courtenay Renneker	Ed McTyre
Judy Bates	Jim Thompson
Guy Harrison	Brenda Correll
Cliff Saxon	Jean Morton
Judy Billmeier	John Watkins
Melissa Holt	Jamie DeMarco
Sandra Sims	Dan Peace
Patti Braswell	Dot Walker
Mary Anne Hooper	Larry Edwards
Jennifer Skipper	Emily Phillips
Lilla Brown	Dan Wise
Earl Hortberg	Lane Fields
Reagan Smith	Marion Phillips
Jean Burford	Steve Yates
Evelyn Johnson	
Gary Spearman	
Sunny Campbell	
Glenda Jones	
Julia Stowe	
Julie Carroll	
Dani Lorsen	

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
Donations last week	\$103,954	+\$18,653
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

Groups to help you during your grieving process. Our goal is to provide a loving environment with trained leaders who facilitate these grief support sessions. Participants learn valuable ways to cope with their grief, and they are able to share with others who have experienced the loss of spouses, children, parents, and siblings.

The group meets on Wednesday evenings to dine together at 5:30 pm and start our sessions around 6:00 pm. We meet for about one hour. There is no cost for our Grief Support Group, and part of the joy of our ministry is also in furnishing dinner for all participants. Our next Grief Support Group will meet for six sessions on Wednesdays from March 9 through April 20. To learn more about this upcoming Grief Support Group, or to register to participate, please contact either Cathie Amos (cathamos@bellsouth.net / 908-2731) or Butch Williams (bwilliams@vhumc.org / 769-0102).

Summer at the COA

Registration for our summer programs is OPEN! See the camps we are offering this year below

- Art Workshop - June 6-10, \$110
- Theatre Camp - June 20-24, \$135
- Creative Writing - June 20-24, \$90
- Piano Camp - July 11-15, \$165
- Life Skills Through Theatre - July 18-22, \$135

For more information or to register for private lessons in any specialty, contact Zoe Wirt (769-0141/ coa@vhumc.org).

Lighthouse Hours

Effective immediately, the Lighthouse will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Please join us for the many activities that are offered.

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!

Pancake Dinner is Back!

To kick off the Lenten Season, VHUMC Missions is bringing back the pancake dinner. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 1 for this fun event. We will have games, king cake, VHHS Jazz Band, and pancakes

galore. You will not want to miss it! After the dinner, the burning of the ashes will take place outside. Your \$7 contribution will feed you and another \$7 contribution will feed 20 children through our meal packing event Rise Against Hunger in April.

Tablescapes

Buy your tickets now for our annual Tablescapes event hosted by VHUMC Women's Ministry. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, March 8. Buy a single ticket for yourself, add an extra to bring a friend, or buy a whole table of 8 and invite others to sit with you. What a great way to welcome others to our church! The cost is \$20 per person.

The doors will open at 10:00 am for time to view all the tables that will display the love and creativity of those who decorated them. A delicious lunch will be served at 11:00 am followed by an inspirational and humorous talk from Phyllis Hoffman. It will be a wonderful time filled with great fun and fellowship!

Interested in hosting a table or getting more information about hosting? Contact Emily Boles (eboles@vhumc.org). 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.

Volunteer Spotlight

This month we are highlighting a longtime dedicated volunteer Helen Dennis. She has volunteered and coordinated First Light Meals for at least 15-20 years. She is not only involved with First Light, but also helps with our Bread Ministry, Circle 6, and volunteers as a Greeter. Her favorite foods are chicken casseroles and, of course, sweets. Her favorite colors are black and white, and in her spare time she loves to cook and read, but most of all she loves to be with her four grandchildren. Mrs. Helen for the last 15-20 years, you have been a "Light" to all the women and children you have helped at First Light, as well as all the other lives of people you have touched. Thank you for your continued service after all these years. We look forward to many more with you.

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to Dolly Ridge Elementary, we have now had three wonderful food drives in two weeks. Thank you also for all of the birthday bags of cake mix, frosting, candles, sprinkles, and some even with napkins. Our families love to receive a bag of coffee (they don't have Keurigs). Peanut butter and jelly is always appreciated. Thank you!

Thursday if you would like to take a load to them. Winter clothing, coats, blankets, and linens are needed. You may also put things in the three bins around the church. We deliver once a week.

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions is still only open Monday, Wednesday, and

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Leigh Smith

SYMPATHY

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

To Marianne & Robert Smith in the death of Robert's father, Charles Wiley Smith of Northport, AL, on January 28th.

To Martha Summey in the death of her sister, Susan Bradshaw of Rome, GA, on January 30th.

To Charlotte & Butch Williams in the death of his brother, Chuck Williams of Raleigh, NC, on February 4th.

To the family of Annette Veazey, long-time pianist for the Celebration Singers and Gospel Jubilee Singers, in her death on February 8th.

To Laurie & Charles Murrell, Rachel & David Gordon, Mandy & Charles Murrell in the death of Laurie's brother-in-law, Rachel & Charles' uncle, and Madison, Sarah, & Emma's great uncle, Whitney Stevens of Fayetteville, TN on February 9th.

CONGRATULATIONS

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.

To Casey Lee Henry Porter in her Baptism, and in the Baptism of her daughter, Hazel Fay Porter, on January 28th in the Rutland-Memorial Chapel. Hazel's paternal grandparents are Claudia & Irvine Porter.

To Ashley & Jonathan Burson in their joining as members of our congregation, January 30th at the 9:45 am service.

To Margaret & Wilson Yeilding in the birth of their son, Foster Fletcher Yeilding, II, on February 2nd. Robert Murphy is the maternal grandfather, and Leigh Ann & Foster Yeilding are the paternal grandparents.

To Karen Krekelberg in the birth of her granddaughter, Amelia Mae McSwain, on February 8th. Rebecca and Alex McSwain are the proud parents.