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

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Prayer Requests

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

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	Variance
Donations last week	\$70,866	-\$14,435
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

season of preparation Lent - a time for growing in our faith through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting, and giving. It is a time to search our souls by reflecting and taking stock. Some Christians mark the Lenten season by "giving up" a specific food or something to which they have a particular attachment. Others add a new spiritual discipline or practice to their lives. In whatever way you choose to observe Lent, the season is designed to help followers of Christ understand God's redemptive act through Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday (March 2) is the official beginning of Lent. On this day of penitence, ashes are placed on our forehead to represent our mortality. They are placed in the sign of the cross to remind us that as Christians we die in Christ and are saved by His amazing grace. We are providing three opportunities for you to embrace the sacred meaning of this holy day and receive the ashes on your forehead to begin your Lenten journey.

- 6:30-9:00 am - Parking Lot Prayers and Ashes
- 7:00-8:00 am - Drop in Ashes in the Rutland Memorial Chapel
- 6:00-7:00 pm - Traditional Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

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 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).

Vacation Bible Camp Food Truck Party

Ready to stir up some fun? Food Truck Party VBC invites children 4K (by September 1st, 2021) through 5th grade to get on a roll with God! We will learn to use daily prayer to turn to God for our needs – and we will learn to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met. VBC will be June 13-17 from 9-12 each day.

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.

Join the Fidget Mat Ministry

It takes many people to deliver a Fidget Mat to a person with Alzheimer's. We need people to donate valuable items like placemats or items to go on the mats, people to arrange and pin the items on the mat, people to sew the arranged items securely on the mat, and people to share the name of a person who would benefit from an activity/sensory mat.

Please join us as we assemble mats on Tuesday, February 22, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. No experience necessary - just a willing spirit to help others! For more information, please contact Peggy Patton (335-5097/ p_patton@bellsouth.net).

Family Promise is Back

We are back to hosting our friends at Family Promise. It has been over two years and we are so excited to host again. Our host times will look a little different this year as we will provide a nice hotel stay for our guests. Our first hosting week will begin February 20. Other host weeks for VHUMC will be June 5, September 18 and January 1, 2023. For more information or to get involved, please contact our Family Promise coordinator, Susan Sturdivant (sj4boys@aol.com).

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 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.

To Melinda & Jack DiBenedetto in the death of Melinda's mother, Mary Ann Goodson, on February 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS

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.

To Wendy & Pat Henry in the birth of their grandson, Truett Joseph Helms, on February 13th. Emma & Tucker Helms are the proud parents, and Julia Henry is the maternal great-grandmother.

To Sally & Jacob Garrison in the Baptism of their daughter, Frances Lynn Garrison, on February 13th at the 11:00am Worship Service.

To Andi & Joey Marquez in their joining our VHUMC church family, and upon the Baptisms of their daughter, Ellis Riley Marquez and son, Joseph Davis Marquez, who now join as Preparatory Members, all on February 13th at the 9:45am service.