



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING

AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



**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)

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

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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# The Notes

## Better Together

Please join us this 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.

## Celebrating Baptisms

We celebrate the baptisms of Casey Lee Henry Porter and her daughter, Hazel Fay Porter, who were baptized on January 28th in the Chapel. Sam Porter, who passed away on November 22, 2021, was the loving husband and father. Proud grandparents are Claudia and Irvine Porter. Welcome to the family, Casey and Hazel!

## Soup & Stories Recap

Our 14th Annual Soup & Stories event was another great success with 120 in attendance. The always humorous and talented Dolores Hydock gave three more of her delightful stories and we enjoyed Charlie's delicious soup. Thanks to all who came and also filled a cart full of canned soups for our Food Pantry.

## Grand Camp Registration Now Open

Join us for one of our two camps at Camp McDowell. This camp is for grandparents with grandchildren ages 4-9. Both camps are identical and space is limited. Camp 1 is July 10 – 12 and Camp 2 is July 13 - 15.

The cost is \$300 per room with a maximum of four people per room. The meal cost is \$60/person. We begin camp at 5:00 pm on the first day and end at 1:00 pm on the third day. Please register one adult ONLY, then type in names of the additional campers in the

field provided. If you have a gluten allergy, please let us know. There are only 10 rooms available per camp, so register today to reserve your spot! Contact Jim Frazier with any questions (769-0126/ [jfrazier@vhumc.org](mailto:jfrazier@vhumc.org)).

## 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](mailto:coa@vhumc.org)).

## Men's Basketball Spring League

Don't forget to register your team for the Men's Basketball Spring League. The season runs February 14 through April 18 and the deadline to register is tomorrow, February 4. 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.

## This Week in Elementary Sunday School

This Sunday we will start with a crucial moment from Jesus' life, found in Luke 4:14-24, 28-30. When Jesus started teaching in the Synagogue, he stood in front of the crowd, and read an important passage from Isaiah about the promised Messiah. Jesus says that He is the One sent to fulfill those things written in Isaiah: bringing freedom, healing, and hope to ALL people. Jesus let everyone know His purpose in life. The main thing that we want to learn is that following Jesus

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

### 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 - Dec. 2021</b>		
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

means caring about others.

## February 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!

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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.

## Pancake Dinner to benefit Rise Against Hunger is Back!

To kick off the Lenten Season, VHUMC Missions is bringing the pancake dinner back. 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.

## 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).

## Year to Serve

Our theme this month 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" & "Love your neighbor as Yourself." As we enter our 2nd month of the Year to Serve, pray about the different opportunities where you can show Love this month. Weekly opportunities will be posted each Monday.

## Meals for Missions

Five times a year, five different foods for five different mission partners. Your contribution can help by purchasing a meal and supporting one of our mission partners at the same time. This Meals for Missions will be soup again. The soups were a huge hit! So don't miss your chance to order one of Charlie's famous soups. 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. Visit [vhumc.org](http://vhumc.org) to register.

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to Cahaba Heights and Vestavia East elementary schools for the wonderful food drives that came to us this week! Thanks also to those who attended Soup & Stories and brought cans of soup for the pantry. We received a cart full of the Birthday Bags with cake, icing, candles, etc. Our families will be thrilled to receive these. We currently need Ziploc sandwich and quart-size bags and un-used plastic grocery bags. We use all these for treats from Panera Bread. We also need your used plastic

bags to hold all the items that we distribute to each family. Thank you.

### OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Mission is still only open Monday, Wednesday and 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.

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

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.

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

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.

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.