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A VHUMC SERMON SERIES

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



### MARCH 23

Taco night with salad and fruit.

### MARCH 30

Spring Break! No Dinner

### APRIL 6

Breakfast for dinner



1952 2022

## THE YEAR TO SERVE

70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC



## MARCH HOME/HOMELESSNESS

### SERVE OPPORTUNITY

Week 11: Serve lunch or volunteer at Pathways

### PROVERBS 24:3-4

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

VESTAVIA HILLS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Notes

## Hike to the Cross

Join the VHUMC clergy at McCallum Park (on Rosemary Lane) this Saturday, March 19, at 9:00 am, as we take a leisurely hike together. We will stop periodically to remember each of the 14 stations of the cross (the events that happened to Jesus from the Last Supper until His resurrection on Easter Sunday). Invite your friends as we enjoy a beautiful spring morning. For more information please contact Jim Frazier (jffrazier@vhumc.org / 769-0126).

## Two Special Ways to Give

There are two special ways that you can give this Lenten season, which will both make a lasting impact. One is to our Lenten Offering and another is to The Right Sound piano campaign which will have long term effects on the worship experience of our church. These offerings will be available through Easter Sunday, April 17.

This year, our Lenten offering will benefit Rise Against Hunger and disaster relief through the mission partners that we work with all year. This offering will help them continue to do God's work. To give, visit our website, our VHUMC app, text LENT to (205) 822-9631, or write "Lent" in the memo line of your check.

As a church, we realize that we have been blessed with a Steinway piano by the faithfulness of the generations that came before us. Now, through our faithfulness, we have the opportunity to pass on that same excellence to the next generation through a larger piano for our Sanctuary. If you can't give now, you can make a pledge of what you plan to give by the end of the year. To give, visit our website, our VHUMC app, text PIANO to (205) 822-9631, or write "Piano" in the memo line of your check.

## Celebrating Baptisms

We celebrate the baptism of Liza Frances Echols

who was baptized on March 13, 2022 at the Word & Table service. Proud parents are Suzanne and Patrick Echols. Proud paternal grandparents are Patti and Keith Echols. Welcome to the family, Liza!

## Please Welcome New Members

Please join in welcoming two new members to our church family. They both regularly attend the 9:45 worship service. We are delighted to welcome them into the VHUMC family.

- Lindsay Kelmenson joined us, and is shown with Dan her husband and their 2 boys, Noah & Dylan.
- Suzanne Echols joined, while infant Liza was baptized. (Patrick is already a member).

## Lighthouse Hours for Spring Break

The Lighthouse will have special hours the week of March 28 through April 1 for Spring Break. It will be open from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm that week, Monday through Friday. It will resume regular hours on Monday, April 4 through Thursday (7:00 am - 8:00 pm) and Friday (7:00 am - 5:00 pm).

## Easter Flowers

In celebration of Easter, the Flower and Altar Guilds will be adorning the worship services with both fresh cut and potted flowers. You can participate by donating flowers in memory or honor of a loved one for \$20. There will be a few potted plants available to be picked up after the 11:00 am services on Easter. The Gardening Committee will place any unclaimed potted plants in the church gardens as a living tribute. If you wish to donate flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, you must contact Margaret Flowers (mflowers@vhumc.org / 769-0112) before Monday, April 4, at 11:00 am. Order forms will also be available in binders in the church office.

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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*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	Betty Thompson
Phyllis Haynes	Brenda Correll
Courtenay Renneker	Jean Morton
Ruth Bartow	Jim Thompson
Guy Harrison	Jamie DeMarco
Sandra Sims	Dan Peace
Judy Bates	John Watkins
Melissa Holt	Larry Edwards
Jennifer Skipper	Hank Patterson
Lodema Bean	Dot Walker
Mary Anne Hooper	Dennis Flowers
Reagan Smith	Emily Phillips
Judy Billmeier	Beverly Williams
Earl Hortberg	Elizabeth Hamby
Alice Spearman	Marion Phillips
Jean Burford	Dan Wise
Evelyn Johnson	Frances Hardwick
Gary Spearman	Norman Putman
Patti Braswell	
Sue Malone	
Julia Stowe	
Sunny Campbell	
Steve Marmurek	
John Taylor	
Julie Carroll	
Ed McTyre	

### 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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Donations last week	\$67,887	-\$16,833
<b>July 2021 - Feb. 2022</b>		
Donations	\$2,995,775	+\$264,553
Other Income	\$93,856	-\$4,356
Total Income	\$3,089,631	+\$260,197

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

## Prayer & Fasting

Join in this weekly Lenten discipline to pray and fast for 24 hours starting on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm and ending on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Each week, we gather in the Chapel on Wednesday at 5:00 pm for a brief service to break our fast by celebrating communion together. Afterward, we hope you will join the church family in the Fellowship Hall for dinner before Bible studies at 6:00 pm.

## Easter Season Save the Dates

As we begin the Lenten season together, mark your calendars for all the upcoming events in the life of our church. You can find all the details on our Easter Season webpage at [vhumc.org/easter](http://vhumc.org/easter).

- Prayer & Fasting | Wednesdays during Lent at 5pm
- Hike to the Cross | March 19 at 9:00 am
- Palm Sunday | April 10 in all services
- Easter Egg Hunt | April 10 at 3:00 pm
- Holy Week Lunches | April 11, 12 and 13 at noon
- Maundy Thursday Service | April 14 at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Service | April 15 at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday | April 17 at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am

## Holy Week Lunches

Please join us for our Holy Week Worship Services and lunches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, April 11, 12, and 13. We have three gifted lay speakers this year who will share a time in their life where God moved in a powerful way. The worship services will be in Tyson Hall at noon with lunch available immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. For those who cannot be present physically, the worship services will be live streamed. We hope you will join us as we move through this most holy week together. Please visit [vhumc.org/easter](http://vhumc.org/easter) to reserve your spot for lunch.

## New Life Singers Choir Tour

Our New Life Singers Student Choir will travel to Orlando, Florida as they represent our church and share the love of Christ through music on their annual Choir Tour, May 27-31. This is the first tour the choir has been able to take since before the pandemic. NLS will spend time singing for local churches and assisted living facilities. The choir will also get to enjoy two days at Universal Studios. If you or your 6th-12th grade student would like to go with us please register before April 1. Please contact Quint Harris (769-0114/ [qharris@vhumc.org](mailto:qharris@vhumc.org)) with any questions.

## Fidget Mats Sewing Bee - March 22nd!

These sensory/activity mats are special mats, indeed! The materials are donated for a purpose, designed with loving hands, sewn with abiding care, and blessed by the Church. We meet on the 4th Tuesday each month (March 22nd) from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us - all are welcome, and everyone (regardless of skills) can participate in preparing these wonderful Fidget Mats! Lots of giggles and fellowship, too! Snacks and drinks will be available. For more information, please contact

Peggy Patton (335-5097/ [p\\_patton@bellsouth.net](mailto:p_patton@bellsouth.net)).

## Support for Ukraine

UMCOR has a way to provide financial support and supplies for those in Ukraine with 100% of your donation going directly where it is needed most.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways: 1) Online at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org), 2) By phone call: (888) 252-6174, 3) Checks made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through VHUMC.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

## Books Needed

We have a need for gently used or new books for 1st – 8th grade children. These books will be given to the Rising Hope Academy, which is a school for children who have experienced difficult home circumstances. It serves children of some of the mothers who are currently in the Lovelady Center. Books can be brought to the missions office up the stairs from the chapel next to the VHUMC library. Books will be collected from now until April 8. Click the link to learn more about this organization.

## Bunny Aid This Easter Season

VHUMC is teaming up with Peter Cottontail and his friends at Hands-on Birmingham to collect goodies and Easter baskets for community organizations around Birmingham. Items needed are small books, individually wrapped candies, stuffed animals, and small toys. Pre-made Easter baskets are also welcome. If you would rather make a financial contribution for the baskets, please make your check payable to VHUMC with Bunny Aid in the memo line. Donations and baskets will be accepted through April 3. For more information or details, please email Buffie Whitt ([buffiewhitt@charter.net](mailto:buffiewhitt@charter.net)).

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry needs spaghetti sauce, bags of coffee, and jelly. These are items we usually cannot get from the Food Bank. Thanks to all who helped unload a huge order from the Food Bank last week. We are so fortunate to be able to purchase from them at such a discounted price. Thanks also to Panera Bread and Publix for all of their donations of bread and bakery items every week.

they no longer need. Please let us know. Thank you!

### OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions needs boys clothing sizes up to 20. Also needed are boys shoes size 1 to 6. There are 3 bins around the church for these items. Thank you.

In addition, we could use another upright freezer if anyone has one

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Mike Harper, Stan Sims, Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

To Sarah Corinne & David Glenn in the death of Sarah Corinne’s father, Butch Shotts of Valdosta, GA, on February 18th.

To the family of Andrew (Jack) Barnacastle in his death on February 19th.

To Ernie, Grant & Ellie Benson in the death of long-time Vestavia Day School staff member, Ellen Benson, on February 25th.

To Allison & Jeremiah Stone in the death of Jeremiah’s grandmother, Brenda Cash of Huffman, AL, on February 28th.

To Cheri & Tracy McCoy, Mary Katherine & Sarah Leos in the death of Tracy’s mother, Emma (Sally) McCoy Bates, on March 1st.

To Kim, Abbie, Bradley, and Lilly Stockard in the death of Kim’s mother, Martha Tucker of Vestavia Hills, on March 2nd.

To Sharon, Jim, Burch & Laura Grace Bullock, in the death of Sharon’s father, Lee Comer of Birmingham, on March 5th.

To Leslie & Kevin Cooke in the death of Kevin’s brother, Brian Cooke of Calera, AL, on March 6th.

To the family of Elizabeth Norton in her death on March 7th.

To Julie, Bruce, Lindsey, Anna & Paul Berthon in the death of Bruce’s mother, Lila Mae Berthon of Birmingham, on March 13th.

To Scottie, Steve, Will & Katie Vickery in the death of Steve’s father, Jim Vickery of Gulf Breeze, FL, on March 17th.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Carol & Charlie Reed in the birth of their grandson, Brice Harton Reed, on February 20th. Giselle & Stuart Reed, of Birmingham, are the proud parents.

To Julie & Steve Duffee in the birth of their grandson, Robert Taylor (Beau) Peterson, III, on February 27th. Mimi & Bobby Peterson are the proud parents.