



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING**  
AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



**MARCH 9**  
Chicken salad or wild rice soup (kids: pizza)

**MARCH 16**  
Meat or veggie lasagna with garlic bread and salad.

**MARCH 23**  
Taco night with salad and fruit.

**1952 2022**  
**FEBRUARY**  
LOVE

**SERVE OPPORTUNITY**  
Week 9: Donate gas cards to VHUMC Car Ministry

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8**  
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

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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**Lenten Sermon Series: Building Blocks of Faith**

Almost every year as the clergy are teaching lessons for Sixth Grade Confirmation, adult sponsors ask if we could find a way for adults to have a refresher study. Historically, the period of Lent was a time to prepare new disciples for Baptism at Easter. So, our Lenten Preaching series this year is called "Building Blocks of Faith." We will use the topics that are taught each year to our confirmands: The Trinity, The Wesleys and Methodism, Sin and Salvation, the Sacraments, and owning faith as one's own - not of one's parents or friends. There is a video series available with study questions for small groups and Sunday School classes that want to study the topics together available at our website. Join us this Sunday as we start this new series!

**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.

We offer the opportunity to give over and beyond our pledge during special times of the year. One of those times during the Easter season is our Lenten Offering. This year, our 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.

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.

**Welcome New Members**

Please welcome two new families who joined our VHUMC family on Sunday, February 27. Oren and Pat Babb have visited for a few years, while living in Anniston, and now that they've relocated, they have officially joined our church.

Lee, Allison, Henry, and Isaac McKinnon have also visited for a couple of years, and have joined our VHUMC church family as well, attending the 11:00 contemporary worship service regularly. Please join in welcoming these new families into VHUMC.

**Celebrating Baptisms**

We celebrate the baptism of Audrey Laine Stevens who was baptized February 27 in the 9:45 worship service. Proud parents are Angela and Will Stevens and awesome big brothers are J.D and William Stevens. Welcome to the family Audrey!

We celebrate the baptism of Ivy Mello, who was baptized February 27 at the 11:00 traditional worship service. Proud parents are Stephanie and Wayne Mello and awesome big sister is Leighton Mello. Welcome to the family, Ivy!

**Better Together**

Our first Better Together fellowship lunch was so well received, that we have decided to host again on Sunday, March 13, with two lunch seatings at 11:00 and 12:15. This is an invitation to come to the table for a fellowship lunch with your church family. In

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

### 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	\$47,921	-\$37,380
<b>July 2021 - Jan. 2022</b>		
Donations	\$2,489,680	+\$99,662
Other Income	\$81,920	-\$4,065
Total Income	\$2,571,600	+\$95,597

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

In addition to the fellowship hall seating, we will have tables set up in the Genesis room, which opens to the playground, to extend the table for families with young children. We will be serving a delicious lunch of breaded chicken or pork chops, scalloped potatoes, green beans, chicken fingers & tots for the kids. We are excited to offer a potluck style dessert table this month, led by some of our congregation's best bakers! Please visit our website to register and be a part of this Church-wide event.

## 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).

- 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

## 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. 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Upcoming Boomer & Beyond Events

Singles Lunches: If you are over 50 and single, please consider joining us for lunch once a month. We will meet at 1:00 pm on March 27 (Moe's BBQ), April 24 (Samford Cafeteria), and May 22 (Backyard Market).

NCAA Basketball Guys Night Out: We are resuming our annual NCAA Basketball Guys Night Out on Friday, March 25, at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving pizza, wings, chips and salsa,

popcorn, and Mrs. Rhonda's homemade desserts. The cost is \$10 per person. Be sure and invite a friend. To make a reservation please contact Jim Frazier by Monday, March 21.

Grandreaders: We are looking for those who are willing to come to Vestavia Day School once per month at 10:00 am and read a book to the children. Our next reading is April 8.

Boomer & Beyond Campfire: Join us on Friday, March 4, at 6:00 pm, in the patio area between the Lighthouse and the Youth Entrance. We will have s'mores, sing a longs, and Perry Stowe's famous spiced tea.

Hoover Library movies: Join us once a month on Fridays at 2:00 pm. If you need a ride, you can meet us in the Lighthouse Lobby at 1:30 pm. Free movie, popcorn, drink, and candy. The dates are: March 11 – The Quiet Man, April 29 – Singing in the Rain, May 27 – The Thrill of it All.

Grand Camps: There are two camps this year on July 10 – 12 and July 13 -15. Jim and Rhonda Frazier are leading these intergenerational camps at Camp McDowell. This is for anyone with grandchildren 4 - 9 years old. The camps are almost full, so reserve your spot today!

For more information about any of these events, contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ [jfrazier@vhumc.org](mailto:jfrazier@vhumc.org)), or Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ [mflowers@vhumc.org](mailto:mflowers@vhumc.org)).

## Rise Against Hunger

Since 2015, VHUMC and Rise Against Hunger have been working hand-in-hand to end world hunger by 2030. This year is no different. Our organizations are partnering once again this April. On April 24 through 26, we will host our annual community-wide meal packing event. This year's event will be held in the Lighthouse and registration is open.

## Gas Cards for VHUMC Car Ministry

This serve opportunity is for everyone who loves brightening someone's day. When we place a car with a recipient, they receive several things from the car ministry in addition to the car. One of the things included in their packet is a gift card. A gas gift card is a great little bonus with their new car. Please drop off gift cards marked "VHUMC Car Ministry" at the Missions office or main church office.

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry families are enjoying the birthday cake items. Thanks to all who purchased pans, cake mix, icing, sprinkles, candles, and even napkins. We currently need breakfast items, spaghetti sauce, and jelly. Thank you for supporting our food pantry.

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 Thursday if you would like to take a load to them. Winter clothing,

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

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.

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Sanders & Jake Williams in the birth of their son, Thomas Clyde Williams, on January 24th. Joyce & Mark Ammons are the maternal 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 Worship Service.

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.