


WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING
AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



MARCH 30
Spring Break! No Dinner

APRIL 6
Breakfast for dinner

APRIL 13
Holy Week - No Dinner

MARCH
HOME/HOMELESSNESS

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 12: Bring plastic eggs for Food Pantry Lenten Activity

EPHESIANS 2:10
For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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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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 Isla Claire Huysamen who was baptized on March 20 at the Word & Table service. Proud parents are Simone and Shaun Huysamen. Welcome to the family, Isla!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, March 20, were arranged to the glory of God and were given in memory of Imogene Amberson Hicks by the Joe Hicks family.

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 Egg Hunt

Neighbors and friends, mark your calendars to come join us for the VHUMC Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 pm. All toddlers thru 3rd grade are invited to bring a basket and camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and of course have fun with each other as we hunt eggs together!

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.

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 to reserve your spot for lunch.

Calling all Vases

So, what happens to the Sunday morning altar

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	Betty Thompson
Elizabeth Hamby	Brenda Correll
Joan Rasberry	Jean Morton
Ruth Bartow	Jim Thompson
Frances Hardwick	Jamie DeMarco
Courtenay Renneker	Dan Peace
Judy Bates	John Watkins
Phyllis Haynes	Larry Edwards
Diane Sausen	Emily Phillips
Lodema Bean	Beverly Williams
Guy Harrison	Dennis Flowers
Sandra Sims	Marion Phillips
Judy Billmeier	Dan Wise
Mary Anne Hooper	
Alice Spearman	
Jean Burford	
Earl Hortberg	
Gary Spearman	
Patti Braswell	
Evelyn Johnson	
Julia Stowe	
Sunny Campbell	
Sue Malone	
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

	Actual	Variance
Donations last week	\$55,295	-\$29,426
July 2021 - Feb. 2022		
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

flowers? We have a wonderful ministry team of volunteers that break down the large altar arrangement and rearrange them in smaller vases to deliver to various people recovering from surgery, in retirement facilities, at home and unable to attend church, or with some other need. Often our members bring vases by the church to be used for this ministry. The vases go out and very few come back. Currently, we are very low on vases! If you have some vases (larger than bud vases, please!) at home that you no longer need, please bring them up to the church office, and we'll put them to very good use!

If you would like to become involved in this amazing ministry (rearranging and delivering flowers), please contact Allison West (240-0460/ Mallisonwest@gmail.com) or Nancy Remke (769-0107/ Nremke@vhumc.org).

Small Group for Parents of 2022 High School Graduates

The end of the school year is approaching quickly and before you know it your senior will be headed off to college. Join us Sunday, April 3, for a time to discuss how you as a parent can help to make this transition as smooth as possible for your student, as well as yourself.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, with snacks provided. Some topics to be covered will be spiritual development, life management, social activity, goal setting, and more. In order to have enough curriculum and food, we would love to know how many are coming, so please contact Emily Boles (769-0130/ eboles@vhumc.org) if you plan to come or have any questions.

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) with any questions.

Boomer & Beyond Events

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

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 upcoming dates are April 29 (Singing in the Rain) and May 27 (The Thrill of it All).

Hilltoppers We meet once a month for a program and lunch. The next meeting is April 19 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$6 for lunch.

Boomer & Beyond Bible Study We meet on Thursdays at 6:00 pm

in room 203 or on Webex online. We will be starting a new study, The Chosen, Season 2, on April 21.

Fuel Classes We offer two options to stretch your body on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday every week. The first is taught by Barbara Lee at 8:30 am for those less active and the second is at 11:00 am for those more active, taught by Jim Frazier. There is no charge and equipment is provided.

Boomer & Beyond Trips

- June 11-24, 2022: Oberammergau/Switzerland with Rhonda and Jim Frazier
- July 28-August 10, 2022: Oberammergau / Danube River Cruise with Dr. Bill Brunson
- August 30-September 8, 2022: Classic Holy Land trip with Dr. Bill Brunson
- September 29-October 9, 2022: Hike the Camino De Santiago with Jim Frazier
- February 4-11, 2023: Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountain Show Trip with Margaret Flowers and Jim Frazier

To make reservations for any of the above, please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org) or Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ 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. We will host our annual community-wide meal packing event April 24-26. This year's event will be held in the Lighthouse and registration is open now. Sign up today by visiting vhumc.org.

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry needs another refrigerator or upright freezer to replace one that we have. If anyone has one they are willing to donate, please contact Barbara Porter (bobarb@bellsouth.net). Thanks.

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Mission needs children's clothing. It is time for spring clothing instead of coats. Linens are always needed as well. Thank you!

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Mike Harper, Stan Sims, Leigh Smith

SYMPATHY

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 Allison, Lee, Henry & Isaac McKinnon in the death of Lee's mother, Cherry Findlay 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.

To Clare, Bo, John Parker & Libby Johnson and to Jill Loftin (Bill Beaird), Stella & Will Wesnor in the death of Clare and Jill's father, George Loftin of Mobile, AL, on March 18th.

To Allison, Joseph, Jay & Lizzy West in the death of Allison's mother, Mary Payne of Nashville, TN, on March 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Melissa & Randy Hardy in the birth of their granddaughter, Lola Mae Bass, on March 17th. Stephen & Ashlyn Bass of Opelika, AL are the proud parents. Pat Hardy and Chuck Beck are the maternal great grandparents.

To Jami & Grant Jones in the birth of their son, Griffin Wyatt Jones, on March 17th. Addie Kyle & Willow Grace are the proud big sisters, and Sara Parker is the maternal grandmother.

To Leigh Ann & Foster Yeilding in the birth of their grandson, Fletcher Gaines Yeilding, on March 21st. Maddie & Gaines Yeilding of Fort Mill, SC are the proud parents.

To Jean & Benje Burford on the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Lee Burford, on March 21st. Wendy & Frank Burford of Vestavia Hills are the proud parents.