

He is Risen EASTER

AT VESTAVIA METHODIST

SUNRISE SERVICE | 6:30 AM | MCGIMSEY GARDEN COLUMBARIUM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING

AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



APRIL 20

Roast pork or country fried steak with mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls (kids: pizza)

APRIL 27

Poppyseed chicken or beef tips with noodles, honey carrots and rolls (kids: chicken nuggets)

MAY 4

Bacon cheeseburgers and hot dogs with french fries, baked beans, and salad



SERVE OPPORTUNITY

Week 15: Donate food to Oak Mountain Missions and help stock shelves. Donate food items for pop up market in May for Birmingham community.

PROVERBS 3:8

This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

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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VESTAVIA HILLS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Notes

Holy Week Worship

If you missed one of the Holy Week lunch/ worship services this week, or if you want to hear one of the powerful messages again, please visit our website. Each day was filled with inspirational messages from Bill Flowers, Ginny Patton & Gracie Watson. So make sure to take a few minutes this week and enjoy!

Easter Cross Filled with Flowers

Every Easter at VHUMC a very special cross is placed on the front lawn facing Kentucky Avenue. It is special because it starts off barren and empty, but slowly as the day goes it is filled with flowers from family gardens. You are invited this Easter to help fill this cross! Please bring fresh flowers to place on the large outdoor wooden cross. Many families have an annual Easter picture in front of the beautiful, flowered cross. We invite your family to participate in this long-standing tradition that helps signify a promise made whole through life after death!

Easter Family Photos This Sunday

While you are wearing your best Easter outfits, be sure to stop by one of the family photo stations, at the Easter Cross or the Fellowship Hall, to snap a family photo this Sunday! We would love for you to text us your photo at (205) 678-1244 and we will upload it to the church database to update our records.

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's Lenten offering will support our

community-wide meal packing event, Rise Against Hunger and disaster relief. Remember, no amount is too small. One meal for RAH is only 35 cents! 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.

Church Closed

On Monday, April 18, the church and Lighthouse will be closed. We will reopen Tuesday for regular hours.

Office Hallway Closed for Construction

We are excited to start construction on a new restroom in the Chapel Narthex. Since 1979 we have needed a restroom on this level. Construction will start Monday and take four to six weeks. However, the most dirty and loud part will close the entire front office hallway all of next week as they install a new drain.

All of the staff on what hallway will be displaced for the week. Nancy will be working from the Library. If you need Suzanne, Jim, Margaret, or Kelly Bottcher, please call them and leave a message. Your message will be forwarded to them as an email and they will call you back. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we make this improvement.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, April 10, were

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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 Correll
Mike Harper	Dan Peace
Sandra Sims	Jay Wells
Ruth Bartow	Jamie DeMarco
Phyllis Haynes	Emily Phillips
Stan Sims	Beverly Williams
Judy Bates	Larry Edwards
Guy Harrison	Marion Phillips
Peter Smith	Dan Wise
Lodema Bean	Elizabeth Hamby
Mary Anne Hooper	Joan Rasberry
Gary Spearman	Frances Hardwick
Judy Billmeier	Diane Sausen
Earl Hortberg	
Julia Stowe	
Jean Burford	
Evelyn Johnson	
John Taylor	
Patti Braswell	
Sue Malone	
Betty Thompson	
Sunny Campbell	
Ed McTyre	
Jim Thompson	
Julie Carroll	
Jean Morton	
John Watkins	

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	\$94,510	+\$20,910
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

arranged to the glory of God and were in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Debbie and Gordon Huffman, given by their children and grandchildren.

Rise Against Hunger

It is that time again! Have you registered for a volunteer shift for our RAH meal packing event? We have not hosted our community wide event, where we pack over 300,000 meals, since 2019. It is going to be better than ever this year. If you have never participated or you are a veteran of the event and want to return, then please visit our website or click the link to register. We still need volunteers on the last shift Sunday afternoon, Monday afternoon and anytime on Tuesday. Our meals are going to Honduras! You can make a difference right here in Alabama.....a GLOBAL DIFFERENCE!

Or, if you would prefer another volunteer opportunity prior to the event, we need your help labeling the bags. If you have never helped in this way before, this is an easy opportunity to be involved. Simply pick up some bags from the Library, sign out the number of bags you have on the sheet, and follow the instructions inside. Once you have labeled your set of bags, return them back to the box and sign them back in. It is that simple! All bags and labels need to be returned by Wednesday, April 20.

Holy Land Trip Information Meeting

Join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, April 24, at 5:00 pm, in room 316. Dr. Bill Brunson will go on a 10-day Holy Land Journey, starting at \$4,796, departing on August 30, 2022. Visit places such as Jerusalem, Nazareth, Masada, Jordan River, Galilee, and much more! For more information please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

Behind the Scenes Tour

Did you know that Vestavia UMC has a river running through it? Sometimes a lake in it? A studio? An enormous food pantry? Kilns? Three floors of organ pipes and a sealed room for the organ valves? A Scout Room? A tunnel that was used by East Elementary as a fallout shelter? A Prayer chapel that is always open? A six story tower that can be climbed? Rooms filled with massive chillers and boilers?

If you would like to see these oddities and more, join us for two weeks of tours. Most can be accessed with a good pair of walking shoes, but some will require climbing less-than-harmless ladders. Register here for the two sessions, April 27 and May 4, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm as our church staff shows you all the secret places.

New Life Singers Car Wash

The New Life Singers student choir will wash your car on Sunday, May 1, while you sit in worship. Donations will be accepted and will help NLS fund their choir tour to Orlando, Florida. Car washing will occur during all Sunday services. Please come out and support our student choir so they in turn can go out and serve others. Thanks!

Farmers Market

The weekly Farmers Market begins on Wednesday, May 4, and will

take place every Wednesday through August 28, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Be sure to stop by Scout Square on Highway 31 in Vestavia and pick up some fresh produce, baked goods, and more. The market is a mission of VHUMC, with funds from the market used to supply our Food Pantry with fresh fruit and vegetables.

April Hilltoppers Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, at 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The ARK Trio will be our program. For information or to make a lunch reservation (\$6.00) contact Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ mflowers@vhumc.org) no later than 11:00 am on Friday, April 15. 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.

Boomers & Beyond Events

We have 20 events planned between Easter and Thanksgiving! Here are our April activities. Click the link for a full list.

- April 18 - Fuel 1 & 2 cancelled due to Church Closed
- April 19 - Tuesday 10 am Bible Study: The Chosen Season #1
- April 19 - Hilltoppers: The ARC Trio music group 10:30 am
- April 21 - Boomer Bible Study: The Chosen Season #2 6:00 pm
- April 24 - Holy Land Trip information meeting in room 316 at 5:00 pm
- April 29 - Hoover Library Free Movie - Singing In The Rain. 2:00 pm

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

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to VHHS for bringing us over 2,300 cans from their RISE project. We so appreciate their thinking of us by filling their luminary bags with cans of food instead of using sand in the bags. Great idea!

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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUNNY AID!

Thank you to all our bunny aid helpers who contributed Easter goodies for our Easter baskets! We provided 99 baskets to four different organizations this year. Isn't that amazing? Our baskets through Hands On United were given to the Ronald McDonald House, Aids Alabama, Aletheia House and the Boys and Girls Club of Warrior. A special thank you to Buffie Whitt for her leadership and creative ideas for bunny aid each and every year! Thank you Buffie!

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Dennis Flowers, Leigh Smith

SYMPATHY

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.

To Scottie & Steve Vickery, to Morgan & Will Vickery, and to Katie & Dave McKinney in the death of Scottie's sister, Darby Forrester of Montgomery, AL, on April 10th.

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.

To Debi & David Strevy in the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Ray Strevy, on March 22nd. Julie & Christian Strevy are the proud parents.