



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



**APRIL 13**  
Holy Week - No Dinner

**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)



**SERVE OPPORTUNITY**  
Week 14: Volunteer for Kairos Ministry & make placemats

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:3**  
If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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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## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches. As the crowd welcomed Jesus so long ago, they cried "hosanna," waved their palm branches and even put down their coats in his path. But by the end of the week, the crowd was crying "crucify him, crucify him!" As we enter into Holy Week, please take advantage of all the ways to experience this sacred time through worship.

On this Sunday morning of Palm Sunday, April 10, we invite all children to gather in the Narthex before our traditional worship services at 8:30 or 11:00, as well as the lobby of Tyson Hall before the 11:00 contemporary worship service, to participate in the palm parade. Children will each carry their own palm branch and process into the worship service. After we lay down our palms on the altar, the children can return to their seat to celebrate, praise, and worship with their families through the rest of the service.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Neighbors and friends, join us this Sunday for the VHUMC Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather at 3:00 pm, on the Sanctuary Lawn. All toddlers through 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!

## Holy Week

After Palm Sunday, we invite you to continue in the journey of Holy Week.

**Holy Week Lunches and Worship Services** (April 11-13) - Monday through Wednesday we have three gifted lay speakers 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 that 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.

**Maundy Thursday (April 14)** - Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper, and we will do the same. Our service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm and will focus on Holy Communion and end with the "New Command" that Jesus gave to his disciples and to each of us.

**Good Friday (April 15)** - We call Friday of Holy Week "good," because we live on the Easter side of that day. We know the outcome and what Christ went through for us, so it is a "good" day. Our Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will reflect on the suffering of Christ, building the contrast between Jesus' death and the resurrection. We cannot fully appreciate the resurrection until we have gone through the suffering. We hope you will join us!

## 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

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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Donations last week	\$39,109	-\$34,491
<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

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.

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers Sunday were arranged to the glory of God and were in memory of Chris Dibble, by her family.

## Celebrating Baptisms

We celebrate the baptism of Collier Evans Petro who was baptized on April 3, 2022 at the Word & Table service. Proud parents are Amanda and Matthew Petro. Awesome siblings are Parker and Mary Wallace Petro. Welcome to the family, Collier!

## Gospel Jubilee Singers

This Sunday our Gospel Jubilee Singers will gather in the Chapel at 4:00 pm, to sing some of the great songs of our faith. All are invited to join and no singing experience is necessary!

## 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.

## April Year to Serve Theme

This month's theme is about feeding and nourishment, not only physically but also spiritually. Our souls need to be fed often with the word of God and our activities. We also have to feed ourselves in the physical sense. This month, we have many opportunities for you to not only help nourish someone else in another country, but also right here at home.

## Rise Against Hunger

Our meals are going to Honduras this year. Have you signed up to pack meals? Our goal is 300,024. Grab your group and register on

our website at [vhumc.org](http://vhumc.org). 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.

## Kairos Prison Ministry

We need volunteers to decorate placemats for delivery to the prisons. For more details contact Butch Williams (769-0102/ bwilliams@vhumc.org).

## Volunteer Spotlight

This month's theme is about feeding and nourishment, so naturally we are highlighting our own Barbara Porter. Barbara has been serving as our leader in the Food Pantry for over fourteen years. She began by organizing a room downstairs as a small food pantry for Charlie Gagne, and now she has several rooms that she uses and feeds over 400 families twice a month.

Barbara not only serves in the food pantry, but has also pinned and designed over 1,100 fidget mats. She is also a dedicated volunteer for Oak Mountain Missions Ministry. When Barbara is not at the church (which is most days), she enjoys playing bridge, watching Hallmark movies, playing games on her iPad, and working jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She also loves spending time with her grandchildren who are 16 and 14 years old. Barbara and her husband Bo have been married for 52 years and they have one daughter, Betsy. Her favorite foods are popcorn and French fries and her favorite color is pink. Flying is one of her least favorite things to do.

Barbara, if it wasn't for you, there are so many things that would not get done at the church. Thank you for always being there, feeding those in need, and always helping someone asks for something. We appreciate all you do for missions, for the food pantry, for your groups, for others, and for VHUMC.

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry needs egg cartons, plastic grocery bags, and department store tote bags. We received 180 dozen eggs last week, all on trays of 30 eggs each and we need to break them into smaller egg cartons. Food items needed are bags of ground coffee and breakfast items like oatmeal, pop tarts, cereal bars, pancake mix, syrup, and cereal. Thank you!

### 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

Leigh Smith

### SYMPATHY

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.

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