



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING
AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



MAY 11 LAST NIGHT
Chicken salad or wild rice soup with salad (kids: pizza)

MAY
MOTHERS / FAMILY

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 18: Become a Board Member for one of our mission partners or one of your favorite organizations

GENESIS 24:28
The young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

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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Celebrating Baptisms

We celebrate the baptism of Thomas Clyde Williams who was baptized on Sunday, May 1, at the Word & Table service. Proud parents are Sanders and Jacob Williams. Proud maternal grandparents are Mark and Joyce Ammons. Welcome to the family, Thomas!

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Jacob Williams, who transferred from Riverchase UMC. He is pictured above with his family for the baptism of his son, Thomas.

Please also extend a warm welcome to Emily and Matt Erwood, who transferred their membership from Trinity UMC.

We are stronger now as a VHUMC church family with them in our midst.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, May 1, were arranged to the glory of God and were in memory of Cortez Harden given by her daughters, Janet Harden and Shirley Harden.

Rising 6th Grade Transition

We find it hard to believe that it is close to the time that our 5th graders will transition to Thrive Student Ministries! We have enjoyed having them in Elementary Ministries, and look forward to seeing how they continue to use the gifts God has given them as they grow.

This Sunday, May 8, Jeremiah Stone, Pastor of Student Ministries, and Kenzie Butler, Assistant Director of Student Ministries, will visit our 5th grade Sunday School class to tell the children more about Thrive Student Ministries. They will also take the children downstairs to tour the student ministries hall and meet some of the students on the Student Leadership Team. Your child won't want to miss this!

Please email Jeremiah Stone (jstone@vhumc.org) if you have any questions.

Behind the Scenes Tour

We met for our first behind the scenes tour of the church on April 27 and toured the tower, organ, tunnel, bride's room, choir loft, and more! Join us May 11, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm for our second of this two-part series, as our church staff shows you more the secret places, from the food pantry and boiler room to the river and lake!

Birmingham Winds Ensemble Concert

The Birmingham Winds Ensemble will hold their spring concert on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

This ensemble is part of the Birmingham Community Concert Band Association that was founded in 1980. Its purpose is to promote the listening enjoyment of concert band music for the Greater Birmingham Area while providing local musicians an opportunity to get together to do what they love -play their instruments. It currently sponsors two groups: the Birmingham Community Concert Band and the Birmingham Winds Ensemble. Both groups rehearse weekly and perform several concerts at various times and locations throughout the year. The membership boasts a very diverse group of instrumentalists of all ages, backgrounds, professions, and ability levels.

The Birmingham Wind Ensemble meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Fair Haven Chapel on Montclair Road. This group is conducted by Deanna Bell.

Elementary Awards Assembly

The end of the year awards assembly for our 1st-5th graders will be Sunday, May 22, from 9:45-10:45 am in Dick Kelly Park. We will recognize our Sunday School

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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	John Watkins
Dennis Flowers	Julie Carroll
Joan Rasberry	Jean Morton
Oren Babb	Jay Wells
Becky Hagler	Brenda Correll
Diane Sausen	Dan Peace
Ruth Bartow	Dan Wise
Elizabeth Hamby	Jamie DeMarco
Sandra Sims	Emily Phillips
Judy Bates	Larry Edwards
Frances Hardwick	Marion Phillips
Peter Smith	
Lodema Bean	
Mike Harper	
Julia Stowe	
Judy Billmeier	
Mary Anne Hooper	
John Taylor	
Jean Burford	
Joy Langley	
Betty Thompson	
Patti Braswell	
Sue Malone	
Jim Thompson	
Sunny Campbell	
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	\$36,695	-\$26,964
July 2021 - Mar. 2022		
Donations	\$3,337,452	+\$267,350
Other Income	\$105,900	-\$4,539
Total Income	\$3,443,352	+\$262,811

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

high attendance winners and we choose our memory verse winners. (You must be present to win the memory verse grand prize.) We will also have games, activities, and more prizes. We hope you can join us for the fun!

Chosen 2 This Summer

Please join us for Season 2 of The Chosen beginning June 5, in the Fellowship Hall, for a church-wide Sunday School program. We will cover all 8 episodes of this world class series, which now has 405 Million viewers and has been translated in 90 languages. It's a phenomenon that will make you read the Bible like never before. Step into the culture, politics, religion, and socioeconomic challenges of Jesus' day and understand Him like never before. Please contact Suzanne with any questions (769-0136/ sstrammell@vhumc.org).

Pentecost Party: Ice Cream & Sidewalk Chalk

Let's celebrate the birthday of the church together with ice cream and a friendly contest! Family Ministries invites you to join us this Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at 4:00 pm, in Dick Kelly Park and side parking lot for ice cream and a "Pentecost themed" sidewalk chalk contest. Work individually or in a group of family, friends, small group, etc. Come up with a design that represents Pentecost that you can draw with sidewalk chalk in the parking lot. We will provide the chalk! Bring chairs, blankets, snacks, or anything to make you comfortable.

For more information contact Emily Boles, Director of Family Ministries (eboles@vhumc.org).

Hilltoppers Meeting Date Change

Come and enjoy being with your friends on May 10 at our next Hilltoppers meeting. Jim Frazier and the day school graduates will lead a sing along and we will play bingo, then enjoy one of Charlie Gagne's famous lunches. 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, May 2.

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.

Rise Against Hunger - A Big Thank You!

What an amazing event we had packing 300,024 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Our meals were shipped to Honduras. This event could not be possible without the generous support of our congregation and others. A special thank you to our Rise Against Hunger team. This team works so hard to make this event so successful.

A special thank you to all the churches that participated in the event: Bluff Park UMC, Saint Mark UMC, Mountain Chapel UMC, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Horizon Church, Birmingham Chinese Christian Church, First Church, Holy Apostles, Riverchase Community Church, and our own VHUMC.

A special thank you to all of the groups, schools, and businesses

that participated: Indian Princess, The Foundry, Jack & Jill, Key Club, Girl Scouts/Brownies #33290, VHHS Rebelettes, VHEE 3rd & 5th Graders, VHECH-4th & 5th Graders, Unless U, VDS, VHUMC Sunday School Classes, Thrive Student Ministry, West Alabama Bank, Realty South, and Guild Mortgage.

And a very special thank you to our hospitality team who kept us nourished and hydrated through the three day event. We could not do it without the support of these wonderful ladies and establishments of our city. A special thanks to: Coca-Cola, Honey Baked Ham, Crumbl Cookie, Jimmy John's, Donato's, Dunkin Donuts, Newk's, Taco Mama, Taziki's, and Tecate.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the event. We look forward to seeing all of you again in 2023!

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's theme is focused around mothers and family. Who better to highlight this month as our volunteer than Lee Mathews. Lee and her family joined VHUMC on Mother's Day twenty-five years ago. After her first son, Will, was born, the Lord called her to begin praying for children, so she reached out to Lynn Beckham, Anne Strozier, and Mary Watson. They started meeting to pray and called themselves the Children's Prayer Partners. The group had no structure and they were praying out of emotion. By God's providence, Lee ran into the leader of a Moms in Prayer group in the breezeway who shared what they did and gave Lee a booklet. Lee knew immediately that God was calling her to this ministry. Children's Prayer Partners adopted the four steps and scripture prayers of Moms in Prayer and prayed by name for each of the children in our Sunday School classes. When Will began kindergarten, Lee began praying with a Moms in Prayer group for our schools and she and these groups are still praying to this day.

Lee plans her schedule around their morning prayer groups on Mondays and Wednesdays. She says, "Praying for my children is the most hopeful and important thing I do as a mother. I do not regret a single minute and the women I pray with are truly my sisters." Currently, Lee is blessed to be the MIP Alabama State Coordinator.

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry received some cute notes from Cahaba Heights students in with their Food Drive cans. Thank you to Leadership Vestavia who brought us about 500 items this week that were given for admission to one of their events. Items requested by our families are paper products, which cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as toilet tissue, paper towels, tissues, and trash bags. Maybe pick up a few at the store next time you go. Thank you!

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions needs women's spring and summer clothing, size 10 and up, and women's shoes, size 8 1/2 and up. Boys tennis shoes, size 1 to 7, are needed. Men's shoes, size 10 and up, and casual shorts, size 28 and up, are also needed. They can use new underwear in all sizes for men, women, boys, and girls. There are three collection bins around the church. Thank you!

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Dedo Anthony, Lee McKinnon, Leigh Smith

SYMPATHY

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.

To the family of Louella L. (Sue) Stinson of Vestavia Hills in her death on April 17th.

To Judy & Steve Smith and to Travis Smith in the death of Steve's son and Travis' brother, Winston Smith, on April 24th.

To Gordon Walden and to Rebecca & Rett Walden, in the death of Gordon's wife and Rett's mother, Eleanor Walden, on April 29th.

To Anna & Rod Pollard in the death of Rod's brother, Brian Pollard of Boston, on May 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lauren Ferguson & Kyle Alligood in their marriage on April 23rd in Charleston, SC. Elizabeth & Lee Ferguson are the parents of the bride.

To Julia Ann & Blake Young in the birth of their daughter, Collier Neely Young, on April 26th. Wendy & Pat Henry are the maternal grandparents, and Julia Henry is the maternal great grandmother.

To Jordan & Alex Milazzo in the birth of their son, Easton Michael Milazzo, on April 25th. Terri & Mike Milazzo are the paternal grandparents.

To Candler Yeilding & Shields Goodman in their marriage in our Sanctuary on April 30th. Leigh Ann & Foster Yeilding are the parents of the bride.