



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PROGRAMMING AT VESTAVIA METHODIST



MAY 4
Bacon cheeseburgers and hot dogs with french fries, baked beans, and salad

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

1952 2022 APRIL FEEDING/NOURISHMENT

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 17: Prepare a meal and take to your neighbor or a family at YWCA

GENESIS 6:21
You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.

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

VHUMC Guest Lunches

Please join us after church this Sunday, May 1, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in room 202. We want to enjoy informal conversations with you about VHUMC and our ministries so you can join in the excitement of growing in your discipleship. We look forward to getting to know you better.

New Life Singers Car Wash

The New Life Singers student choir will wash your car this 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!

COA 10th Anniversary Party!

Come join us for food, music, and a party as the Conservatory of the Arts celebrates its tenth year! All are welcome to join us in the Parlor at 3:00 pm this Sunday, May 1.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar Sunday, April 24, were arranged to the glory of God and were in loving memory of Karen Gilbert, given by her husband, Rodney Gilbert, and family.

Farmers Market

The weekly Farmers Market begins next Wednesday, May 4, and will take place every Wednesday through August 31, 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.

Family Photos

We are continuing to update pictures of individuals and families for our online directory and database. There will be a beautiful backdrop set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays where you can snap a pic. Please send your pictures to us (768-1244/ info@vhumc.org). We have grown since the last directory so this helps us get to know each other better! Thanks for your participation!

Children's Musical

Do you ever wonder what God looks like? Join the Children's Choir in a humorous, earnest musical exploring what it means to be creative, faithful, and made in the image of God. The musical will take place on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 pm, in Tyson Hall and admission is free.

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 this week packing over 300,024 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Our meals were shipped to Honduras. This event could not be possible without the generous support

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

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	\$61,686	-\$11,915
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

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.

Prepare a Meal

What better way to provide nourishment than making and preparing a meal for a friend or family member? If you would like to get the whole family involved, then plan on taking a meal to a family that is staying at the YWCA and make a night out of it by eating and playing games.

Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive

In honor or in memory of all mothers, VHUMC will host its annual Mother's Day drive for Bundles of Hope. During the month of May, you can bring diapers and wipes to the missions office, Vestavia Day School, or the main church office. These diapers will be distributed to Bundles of Hope.

The drive will start this Sunday, May 1, and it will continue through May 15. Bundles of Hope seeks to provide an adequate and reliable supply of diapers to families experiencing financial hardship while engaging the community and raising awareness of diaper needs. Please bring all donations to the bins. How many diapers and wipes will you contribute?

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. They are long-time members of the Genesis class. 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.

Rising 6th Grade Information

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.

On 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!

On Wednesday, May 18, Jeremiah and Kenzie will be hosting a meeting for parents of rising 6th graders in the Student Ministries Assembly Hall at 6:00 pm. They will provide information about Thrive Student Ministries and summer activities and answer any questions you may have about this transition. Please email Jeremiah Stone (jstone@vhumc.org) if you have any questions.

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 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!

This Month in Elementary Sunday School

This month we will be learning about resilience. God is strong and faithful, always working in our lives. We might get knocked down from time to time but, when we put our trust in God, we find the strength we need to get back up again. Jesus showed us how to face life with resilience. No matter what happened, Jesus relied on God to help Him accomplish the mission set before Him. Because of Jesus, we can trust God no matter what. We can bounce back from whatever knocks us down and complete the mission God has for us.

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 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

Dedo Anthony, Becky Hagler, Leigh Smith, Eleanor Walden

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

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.

To Erin Lassiter & Jack Prewitt in their marriage on April 2nd in Pawley's Island, SC. Kym & Johnny Prewitt are the parents of the groom.

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.