

PRAYER SERVICE
on August 10 in the Chapel at 5:00 pm

VESTAVIA HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1952 2022
THE YEAR TO SERVE
70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC

From Jesus to Jimmy Buffett
Boomers & Beyond
3 Days of Peace, Love and Jesus
September 12-14 | 9am-12pm in Tyson Hall | Register at vhumc.org

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AUGUST
SCHOOL/TEACHERS

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 31: Write a letter for a student at Discovery weekend

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11
So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already.

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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Worship this Weekend

Please join us this Sunday morning, August 7, for one of the following services:

- 8:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary with Butch Williams
- 9:45 Word and Table Service in Rutland-Memorial Chapel with Butch Williams
- 9:45 Discovery Weekend Service in the Sanctuary with Jeremiah Stone
- 11:00 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary with Butch Williams
- 11:00 Contemporary Service in Tyson Hall with Kipp McClurg

An Update from Our Discernment Team

The Discernment Team has been working through the summer and you should have received an email outlining their progress, along with ways every member of the congregation can be involved in the process. Please visit the discernment webpage at vhumc.org/discernment which provides more details.

Fall Kickoff Worship Service

Let's start the fall season by joining together to praise God and thank Him for all He is doing in and through VHUMC! Please join us Wednesday, August 10, at 6:00 pm, in the Chapel. We will be led in music by Nash and the contemporary worship team. There will be a lesson on prayer and fasting in the church, followed by a time of prayer as we lift up all the Fall activities: small groups, new Sunday school classes for all of our children and students, outreach events, service opportunities, and more.

"Oh come, let us sing to the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!...For he is our

God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." Psalm 95:1-2, 7

Urgent Need for Blood Donors

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Tyson Hall on Thursday, August 11, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please register to donate by visiting our website. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

The Bible Joint Sunday School Lesson

Please join Dr. Bill Brunson as he shares with us how the Bible was assembled, discussing the Apocrypha, the Councils, the Canon, and other topics related to the compilation of the Bible. This will take place two consecutive Sundays at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall on August 14 and 21. We would love for you to attend and help spread the word on this interesting topic. For questions, please contact Suzanne Scott-Trammell (ssstrammell@vhumc.org).

Small Groups this Fall

Small groups begin on August 24 and we would love for you to join us. Small groups provide a place to learn about God, find encouragement, form friendships, and have fun! It's the right time; it's the right place; it's the right habit.

- Matchless: A study about the life and love of Jesus - His nature, His miracles, and His personal relationship with you.
- Experiencing God: A study on knowing and doing the will of God.
- Unshakeable Hope: Understanding the Biblical Promises for every situation you face today.
- Enneagram*: Maybe our differences aren't deficiencies, maybe they are by design. (*Beginning October 12th)
- Prayer Groups: Praying for our school age children.

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

Oren Babb
Frances Hardwick
Sandra Sims
Ruth Bartow
Mike Harper
Mary Beth Smith
Lodema Bean
Nina Henderson
Sally Stanley
Judy Billmeier
Mary Anne Hooper
Julia Stowe
Julie Carroll
Sue Malone
Betty Thompson
Brenda Correll
Jean Morton
Jim Thompson
Jean Cox
Joan Rasberry
John Watkins
Jamie DeMarco
Bob Ramsbacher
Jay Wells
Jeri Gray

Courtenay
Renneker
Dan Wise
Bill Griffin
Helen Ryland
Marvin Young
Elizabeth Hamby
Dottie Schoel

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	\$52,551	+\$2,069
July 2021 - June 2022		
Donations	\$4,082,058	+\$182,059
Other Income	\$155,428	+\$8,309
Total Income	\$4,237,486	+\$190,368

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

Please register on our website at vhumc.org/smallgroups.

Crimes Against the Elderly Seminar

VHUMC is hosting a "Crimes Against the Elderly" seminar to provide information on issues affecting senior citizens - particularly financial crimes and elder abuse. Representatives from various agencies will be available to discretely discuss sensitive matters and provide direction and assistance for our senior residents and their caregivers. The event will take place Tuesday, August 23, from 1:30 – 4:00 pm in Tyson Hall. Participating agencies include: Vestavia Hills Police Department, FBI, Alabama Department of Senior Services, Jefferson County Senior Services Division, and the Jefferson County District Attorney Office. Registration is not necessary, just show up and spread the word!

2023 VHUMC Alaska Cruise Information Meeting

Join Jim Frazier and Vestavia Hills UMC for a journey to Alaska June 10 - 23, 2023. Board your luxurious Holland America cruise ship for three nights before adventuring through Alaska by land. Visit sites such as Vancouver, Skagway, Fairbanks, and more!

We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, August 28, at 5:00 pm in room 316. This trip is for anyone, members and non-members. If you have questions about the trip or the meeting, please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

From Jesus to Jimmy Buffett

VHUMC Boomers & Beyond will be offering a very special three day event for those 55 and better. This is a free event on September 12 - 14, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, in Tyson Hall. We will provide drinks and snacks but no meals. Everything is handicap accessible. There will be two sessions per day led by Jim Frazier. The theme is from John 10:10 - Living the Abundant Life. The six sessions will be: It's a Wonderful Life, Finding God in Laughter, Finding God in the Movies, Finding God in the Music, Finding God in Nature, and The Great Adventure. For more information please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

Holy Smokes Save the Date

We had so much fun at our Holy Smokes event last year, we are bringing the "Smokes" back!! Come join us for a night of action packed fun! On Sunday, September 18, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, we will have whole hogs cooked by Rodney Scott's BBQ, a professional golf simulator, shuffleboard, competitions, and prizes (LOTS of prizes!) We will also have speakers you will not want to miss. Rodney Scott's Pit Master will share expert grilling tips and Stephen Bunn, Chaplain to the PGA, will share his faith journey.

Stories from Grand Camp 2022

Grand Camp was held at Camp McDowell for the second time. We had two camps, July 10 - 12 and July 13 - 15. This was a great time for grandparents to spend time with their grandchildren. They were able to swim, hike, dance, do arts & crafts, and make s'mores around the campfire. Rhonda and I had a special treat this year because our grandson Reese was old enough to attend. Here are a couple of comments from some grandparents:

"We had a blast and so did our girls. I thought Camp taught them a number of things that they might not have been exposed to very much, such as responsibilities at meal times and cabin cleanup. Also, they experienced decision-making in the Camp Store! Kudos to you and Rhonda for such a great time! Lyl Parker, Montgomery, AL."

"The camp was well planned. The shuttle buses were really essential. Our grandchild that had been to grand camp before said that was his favorite thing about camp. I thought the dancing with Jim was really fun for everyone. All the music was really an asset to the camp. The kids also enjoyed the animal farm and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. The house was great to have everyone close together. Thank you for a wonderful camp. Rachel Julian, Vestavia Hills, AL."

Grand Camp 2023 will be July 9 - 11 and July 12 - 14 at Camp McDowell. Please check the VHUMC website in January to register. For more information you can contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

School Year Hours for the Lighthouse

The Lighthouse will resume its school year hours on Monday, August 22. Monday through Thursday, the Lighthouse will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Fridays the Lighthouse will be open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Lighthouse will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Kentucky Floods - How You Can Help

After last week's floods in Kentucky, I know many are asking, how can we help? There are two tangible ways that you can help at this time. First, please pray. Pray for those that are still looking for loved ones, pray for towns that were hit by this disaster, and pray for relief efforts. Next, if you feel lead to give financially, please give by either writing a check to our church earmarked Kentucky floods or mail a check to: The Kentucky Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

Disaster Response Ministry Fund

Attn: Treasurer

7400 Floydsburg Road

Crestwood, KY 40014.

Please note "Disaster Response: Advance 200902" on your check.

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to these awesome girls for having a lemonade stand with all proceeds going to the Food Pantry. They shopped for carts full of cereal, breakfast items, and toilet tissue. We really appreciate your thinking of our families. Thank you!

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Mission needs boys shoes, sizes 1 to 6, shorts and pants sizes 5 to 14, and pajamas, size 6 and up. Girls shorts and pajamas are needed size 6 and up. Men's tall pants in small sizes are needed. For women, they need all size leggings and large size bras.

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE
Dedo Anthony

SYMPATHY

To Ashley, Robert, Griffin, Graham & Bennett Thompson in the death of Robert's mother, Joyce Thompson of Vestavia Hills, on July 4th.

To Joan McLendon in the death of her husband, Mac McLendon, on July 4th.

To Benje Burford in the death of his wife, Jean of Vestavia Hills, on July 2nd.

To Chrissi & Emerson Cook in the death of Emerson's father, Bill Cook, III of Vestavia Hills, on July 9th.

To Cindy Cloyd, Becky & Bill Phillips, and family in the death of Cindy and Bill's mother, Marion Phillips, on July 18th.

To Mary & Hank Patterson in the death of Mary's aunt, Lynn Gourley McGuire of Olathe, KS, on July 20th.

To Ben, Angella, Jed, & Troy Carlisle in the death of Ben's father, Hoyt Carlisle of Alexander City, AL on July 25th.

To Carolyn, Bubba, Frank, & Ceile Jordan in the death of Carolyn's father, John Oliver Ross, Sr. of Guntersville, AL, on July 30th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Kelly & Neil Campbell in the birth of their son, Walter McNeil Campbell V, on July 7th. McNeil's proud big sisters are Maeve and Maury, and Joyce Coady is the maternal grandmother.

To Emily & Vince Perez in the birth of their son, John Hager (Jack) Perez on July 11th.

To Helen & Don Holley in the birth of their granddaughter, Genevieve Ann Holley, on July 20th. Sarah & Steele Holley of Alexandria, VA are the proud parents.