

SEPTEMBER 18TH | 5:30-7:30
AT TYSON, DICK KELLY PARK AND FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOL(EY) SMOKES
A VESTAVIA METHODIST
MEN'S EVENT

RODNEY SCOTT PIT MASTER | GOLF SIMULATOR
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1952 2022
THE YEAR TO SERVE
70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC

Boomers & Beyond

From Jesus to Jimmy Buffett

3 Days of Peace, Love and Jesus
September 12-14 | 9am-12pm in Tyson Hall | Register at vhumc.org

1952 2022
AUGUST
SCHOOL/TEACHERS

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 34: Host a book drive or sign up to be a tutor for Stair

PROVERBS 22:17
Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach.

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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The Notes

Discernment Information Sessions

The purpose of these sessions is for the Discernment Team to share information with the congregation related to the current legal option to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church before the end of 2022. The Discernment Team will present facts they have collected to this point. The team will present the same information in all three meetings in order for church members to have a variety of opportunities to attend when convenient.

Information Sessions will be held:

- Sunday, August 28, at 6:00 pm in Tyson Hall
- Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 in Tyson Hall
- Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 am in Tyson Hall

Welcome New Member

Please welcome Rusty Payne into the VHUMC church family. Rusty has been worshipping at the 11:00 traditional worship service, so please extend a warm greeting when you see him next.

Discovery - Prayer Pictures

We hosted nearly 200 students for Discovery Weekend, each of whom had a picture taken. A longstanding tradition is for members of our church to take a picture(s) to pray for the students throughout the year. If you want to contact the parents to learn more about the child, call the church office to learn more. It's such a blessing and means so much to parents and children to know they are being lifted up in prayer. Plus, it's a blessing for you! Please stop by the tables outside the Sanctuary and Tyson Hall after worship to pick up a picture of a student that you can pray for this school year.

Volunteer with Thrive

There is always something going on the Thrive Student Ministry Hall and it could not happen

without the faithful dedication of lay volunteers from our church family. Our middle and high school students "thrive" from being a part of a community that pours into them and shows them the love of Christ each and every day. With more events around the corner there are several ways for you to be able to get involved with Thrive. We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry that serves hundreds of students!

Some of the opportunities to serve this ministry include: Sunday school teacher, Thrive @ 5 worship volunteer, Tribes host home, small group leader, Wednesday prayer breakfast van driver, Wednesday night Bible study, and Confirmation mentor. Those are just the weekly and monthly programming events, but of course, there are special trips, retreats, and events as well. If you have any questions please contact Jeremiah Stone (jstone@vhumc.org) or Kenzie Butler (kbutler@vhumc.org).

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

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	Betsy Walraven
Elizabeth Hamby	Brenda Correll
Courtenay	Sue Malone
Renneker	John Watkins
Ruth Bartow	Jean Cox
Frances Hardwick	Jean Morton
Sandra Sims	Jay Wells
Hank Battle	Bill Ferguson
Mike Harper	Joan Raspberry
Mary Beth Smith	Dan Wise
Lodema Bean Ira	Jeri Gray
Harvey	Bob Ramsbacher
Sally Stanley	Marvin Young
Judy Billmeier	
Mary Anne Hooper	
Julia Stowe	
Julie Carroll	
Anne Jacobsen	
Betty Thompson	
Cheree Carlton	
Evelyn Langford	
Jim Thompson	
Anne Cates	
Marsha McCarty	

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	\$58,786	-\$5,962
July 2022		
Donations	\$298,740	N/A
Other Income	\$11,782	N/A
Total Income	\$310,522	N/A

(+) Better or (-) worse for the church than our budget
 Budgets for this period have not yet been set

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).

VHUMC Treasures of Ireland Trip

VHUMC will be going to Ireland in 2023. Dr. Bill Brunson will lead a group April 17 - 26. On this journey to Ireland, you will see the beauty of the land and its people. Dr. Brunson wants you to be a part of this walk in history and culture of the Emerald Isle. You will see Dublin, Glendalough, Rock of Cashel, Cobh, Kindle, Blarney, Kenmare, Ring of Kerry, Waterville, Muckcross House, Adare, Bunratty Castle, Cliffs of Moher, The Burren Galway, Connemare, Kylemore Abbey, and finally Clonmacnoise & Malahide Castle.

For more information please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org). We will have an informational meeting on Sunday September 18 at 5:00 pm in room 316. Please click on the link for more information.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness

Many of you know that several years ago my mother, Polly, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. The disease first changed her approach to living, then took her memories, then her life. She went from living independently, to living with us, to living in a memory care unit, and finally a skilled care unit.

When she was first diagnosed, our daughter, Andrea, started Polly's Pack and began raising money to end Alzheimer's. Each year, we invite you to join our family in raising money to end this awful disease. Almost all of us know someone who has had their life touched by Alzheimer's or Dementia, so please consider donating at the link below and help fund the research that will one day bring the cure.

Thank you,

Bill and Michelle

SOZO Choir Kick Off Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the SOZO Choir concert last week. It was a fantastic celebration of worship by some amazing children who love God. What a way to celebrate being back to school, with dinner and a show! If you missed the concert and would like to learn more about SOZO, then please visit their website. On the website, you can learn of ways you can donate to the organization, sponsor a child, take a trip, or be a monthly supporter.

There are many ways to be involved and connect with the children of SOZO. If you feel God leading you to a more personal relationship by experiencing life changing work he is doing in Uganda, then email Rachael Hayes (rhayes@vhumc.org) to sign up for an interest meeting to learn more about serving in Uganda in 2023.

Miracle Academy- Hear the Story

Join us Labor Day weekend to hear about one of the newest schools to open in Birmingham. This story is one of true faith and a story of following where God leads you. Bishop Greg Mullen and his wife Rosie started Miracle Academy named after their daughter, Miracle.

They will come share their story in a joint Sunday School class on September 4 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:45 am. For more information about this class or to learn more about Miracle Academy and ways you can help, email Rachael Hayes (rhayes@vhumc.org). This is truly one story you will not want to miss. Seeing God in action, following where He leads, and witnessing true faith is a powerful testimony!

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's theme is focused on back to school and teachers. Instead of one person to highlight this month, we are going to highlight all teachers, tutors, aids, and all of the wonderful people who have led our children for so many years. The Bible says "So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just like you are doing already." This is what teachers do. They build our children up and help shape them into the young adults they will become.

VHUMC has had a long history with volunteer tutors through Urban Ministry. Our program there lasted over 20 years with the leadership of Joan Rein. Before that, we had the St. Mark's tutor program. Now, most recently, we have partnered with STAIR of Birmingham. Volunteers go once a week to an elementary school to work on their reading skills. Did you know if you can improve a child's reading skills by third grade, they are more likely to not fall behind in school and graduate high school? What a difference that can make in a young child's life!

So, this month's spotlight is to all the teachers out there! If you have ever taught someone in your life, thank you for answering the call to serve others by teaching them and encouraging them each and every day. It takes a special person to teach, and we thank you!

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry needs another freezer. If you have one you could donate, please contact Barbara Porter (531-9832/ bobarb@bellsouth.net). The food pantry also needs spaghetti sauce, jelly, and toilet tissue.

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Mission needs school clothes of all sizes, especially jeans, and tennis shoes for the entire family. Linens and kitchen items are always needed. Just park at the lighthouse portico and put your items in the wooden bin inside the door.

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE
 Dedo Anthony, Jean Cox

SYMPATHY

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.

To Stephanie, Jason, Sophia & Claire Smith, in the death of Stephanie's grandmother, Emma Josephine Pool of Bossier City, LA, on July 31st.

To Pat Brandstadt in the death of her husband, Fred Brandstadt, on August 9th.

To Mary & Bill Friel in the death of Mary's son, Pelham Morris of Arab, AL, on August 10th.

To Ginger, Michael, Sarah, Maggie, Savannah & Olen Gann, and to Kennedy Gann Davis, in the death of Michael's mother, Jean Gann of Hamilton, AL, on August 13th.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Anne & Brad Osborne in the birth of their grandson, James Russell Osborne, on August 8th. Paige & Clark Osborne of Homewood are the proud parents, and Jack is the proud big brother.

To Patty & Bob Hanna in the birth of their granddaughter, Pippa Grace Hanna, on August 10th. Chelsie & Hayden Hanna are the proud parents, and Hattie Bea is the proud big sister.

To Abbey & Robert Ginter on the birth of their son, Griffin Kirby (Griff) Ginter, on August 11th. Jack is the proud big brother, and the maternal grandparents are Jenny & Jeff Kirby.

To Mary Anne & Bradley Phillips in the birth of their daughter Alyce Lee Phillips, on August 15th. Anne Russell and McCoy are her proud siblings, Anne & Brad Osborne are the maternal grandparents and Becky & Bill Phillips are the paternal grandparents.