

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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**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

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**SEPTEMBER**  
DISASTER RELIEF

**SERVE OPPORTUNITY**  
Week 36: Write thank you notes to our police force & firefighters

**HEBREWS 13:16**  
Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.



## They Made the Cut?

Often it is tempting to talk about the giants of faith by sharing just their most crucial victories. But learning from the moments of fear, failure, and doubt can often help us grow in faith the most. This sermon series, beginning Sunday, September 11, will look at four such people: Jacob, David, Thomas, and Moses. Their stories are filled with moments that make one ask, "Why did they make the cut?" Often, we feel that we could never be good enough to become a person of great faith, but this series reminds us that God takes broken people who are willing to be molded into someone with great value to God's Kingdom.

## Welcome New Member

Please welcome Rebecca Prisoc to our church family. Rebecca has been visiting for a while before deciding to make this her church home during the 9:45 am worship service. Please join us in making her feel right at home.

## Discernment Information Sessions

The purpose of these sessions is for the Discernment Team to share information with the congregation related to the current option to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. 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. The last information session will be held this Sunday, September 11, at 9:45 am in Tyson Hall.

After the information sessions are complete, listening sessions will begin. The purpose of these sessions is for church members to have an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions with the Discernment Team in person. Church members wishing to speak may sign-up using the link. Each speaker will be given 3 minutes at the microphone in order to allow as many speakers as possible over the three sessions.

Due to the overlapping events (Holy Smokes on September 18), an additional listening session has been added for this Sunday, September 11, to give everyone a chance to attend.

Listening Sessions will be held:

Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 pm in Tyson Hall

Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 pm in Tyson Hall

## The Tower Bell Chimes are Back

Thanks to the generosity of three VHUMC families, we'll soon again enjoy the ringing of the bell tower chimes! Officially, we now have a Schulmerich Celebration Series Carillon. Accordingly, we will reintroduce the chimes to our Vestavia Hills community during the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Worship Services this Sunday, September 11. After that, the bells will chime and play familiar hymns each day at 9:00 am, Noon, and 6:00 pm. For many years we have loved to hear the chimes played, but because of age and the elements, they fell into disrepair. What a joy it is to restore these beautiful sounds and to share that with our community!

## Beautiful Sanctuary Kneeler Cushion

When we baptize non-infant children and adults in the Sanctuary, we often do that by having them kneel at the Baptismal Font as they face the altar and cross. For several months, Sally Helms has lovingly and prayerfully been sewing a canvas to produce this amazing needlepoint cushion! It is now ready to be used in our Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the Sanctuary. We are grateful for Sally's gifts and talents in creating this beautiful addition to our Sanctuary.

## Upcoming Prayer Service

Prayer is integral to our Discernment Process and every church member is invited to join the Discernment Prayer Team. Next Wednesday,

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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*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                      Joan Rasberry  
Elizabeth Hamby          Marvin Young  
Bob Ramsbacher  
Ruth Bartow  
Frances Hardwick  
Sandra Sims  
Lodema Bean  
Mike Harper  
Julia Stowe  
Judy Billmeier  
Mary Anne Hooper  
John Watkins  
Julie Carroll  
Anne Jacobsen  
Jay Wells  
Brenda Correll  
Sue Malone  
Debbie Wiggins  
Anne Friend  
Jean Morton  
Dan Wise  
Bill Griffin

### 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	\$46,333	-\$18,805
<b>July 2022</b>		
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

September 14, there will be a Prayer Walk around the church prior to the prayer service, led by Julie Harper Pappalardo. We are meeting outside the church office at 4:30 pm. The Communion and Prayer service will begin at 5:00 and will be finished around 5:30 leaving time for dinner before the Wednesday night activities. We do encourage fasting from Tuesday night at sundown until Wednesday night at 5:00 pm when we will break the fast with Holy Communion.

### Church-Wide Assembly

Plan to attend this informative meeting on Sunday, September 18, in Tyson Hall, at 9:45 am. Church leaders will be sharing reports on our progress, upcoming events, property improvement updates, and our fiscal year-end finances. This will not include a discussion of the discernment process for the future of the church since that is being covered in separate meetings. Please come and hear how God is blessing our church.

### 70th Anniversary of the Church

We hope you will join us this October as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church, with three special events! We will begin with an outdoor family worship service on Sunday, October 16. You won't want to miss this special throw-back to charter Sunday! We will serve breakfast beginning at 9:00 am, and worship will begin at 10:00 am.

Later that evening, we will have dinner on the grounds at 5:00 pm, followed by a special speaker. This event will also be for the whole family.

Finally, join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19, at 5:00 pm for a big celebration with your church family. Pizza, ice cream, and cake will be served and we will have lots of fun reminiscing the history of the church before heading off to regular Wednesday night programming.

### 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, Muckross 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.

### Boomer & Beyond Hike

VHUMC Boomers & Beyond will be hiking this Fall. Eric Carlton has come up with a wonderful hike at Oak Mountain State Park on Thursday, October 6, starting at 9:00 am. We will be hiking the Slingshot trail. We should be finished before 12:00 pm. Be sure to invite a friend. Click the link to see the details about the hike. Please let us know if you are going by contacting Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

### September Hilltoppers Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 20, at 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Harold Hagler will present a wonderful program about his adventures at Oberammergau. For information or to make a lunch reservation (\$6.00) call Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ mflowers@vhumc.org) no later than 11:00 am on Friday, September 16. Please note the price and, if possible, have correct change or an extra dollar bill.

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.

### 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 to help fund the research that will one day bring the cure.

Thank you,

*Bill and Michelle*

### Gospel Jubilee Singers Meeting on a New Night

The Gospel Jubilee Singers are a group of people that love to sing the old and new gospel hymns and songs. There is no requirement to sing. If someone wishes to come and listen, tap their foot, hum along, all are welcome! Please join this lively group on the first and third Wednesday night of every month beginning in October. Our first meetings will be on Wednesday, September 14 and 28, at 6:15 pm, in the Chapel. Contact Harold Hagler (381-8266/ hoh@memoryhagler.com) with any questions.

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to a very generous family for donating a new freezer to our pantry! Ziploc sandwich bags and quart bags, used for bagging our Panera, Publix, and Crumbl cookies are needed now. If you would like to make up birthday kits again, that would be great. Remember to include cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, and napkins, all in a gallon bag. These were greatly appreciated but we are out of them.

### OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions still needs school clothes of all sizes, and tennis shoes for the entire family. Park at the lighthouse door and unload your bags into the bin inside the door. Receipts are in the bin back corner. Thank you.

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Dedo Anthony, Jean Cox, Betty Thompson

### SYMPATHY

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.

To the family of Louise Woodall in her death on August 28th.

### 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.

To Ashlyn Lovell & Jackson McCrary upon their marriage in our Sanctuary on Saturday, August 27th. Lisa & Dan Lovell are the parents of the bride, and Sharon Lovell is the paternal grandmother.