

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

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

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THE YEAR TO SERVE
70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC

FALL FESTIVAL
Food. Family. Fun.
SEPTEMBER 25 • 4-6PM
Vestavia Methodist

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SEPTEMBER
DISASTER RELIEF

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
Week 37: Purchase a gift card to Walmart/Target and donate to missions office to give to those in need

JAMES 2:14-17
What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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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Prayerfully Discerning Our Way Forward

Our Discernment Team is seeking to hear from church members about current issues within the United Methodist Church. Two more listening sessions are scheduled to give church members 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.

If time allows, additional members may sign-up to speak at each meeting. Each speaker will be given three minutes at the microphone in order to allow as many speakers as possible over the two sessions.

Remaining Listening Sessions:

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

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

Please visit the discernment webpage which provides more details.

Church-Wide Assembly

Plan to attend this informative meeting this 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.

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, Connemara, 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 this Sunday September 18, at 5:00 pm, in room 316. Please click on the link for more information.

Welcome New Members

Please join in welcoming new members Gary & Janet Cobia. They have been active in small groups and the 11:00 traditional worship service for quite some time, so when you see them, please give them a warm welcome.

The Tower Bell Chimes are Back

Thanks to the generosity of three VHUMC families, we are once more enjoying the ringing of the bell tower chimes! Officially, we now have a Schulmerich Celebration Series Carillon. 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.

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

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

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	\$32,424	-\$32,714
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

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.

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.

Fall Festival

Join us on Sunday, September 25, from 4:00-6:00 pm for an evening filled with family entertainment, food, and fun with the entire community. There will be FREE hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy, water, and cokes! The parking lot will be filled with games, inflatables, pony rides, face painting, and music. Admission is totally free, but we hope you will bring paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates) that we will be collecting for the Miracle Academy, one of our newest mission partners.

Volunteers are needed to make this huge event a success! Please register to bring a cake for the cake walk or signup to work one of the inflatables or other stations at the links.

Please join this amazing event in the heart of this community and invite your friends and neighbors to join us as well!

Live2Lead

Please register to attend the annual Live2Lead leadership event, held at VHUMC, co-hosted by the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Vestavia Hills. This is a John Maxwell event and will feature the following speakers this year: Patrick Lencioni, Eric Thomas, Dr. Tim Elmore, and Doris Kearns Goodwin. They will share insights on improving your leadership effectiveness. The event is Thursday, November 10, from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm in Tyson Hall. Registration is \$25. For questions or information, please contact Suzanne Scott-Trammell (769-0136/ sstrammell@vhumc.org).

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Here are some recent notes from our food pantry recipient families:
Thank you so much for volunteering your precious time to organize your food pantry giveaways. God bless all of you.

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. Thank you for this ministry.

Just want to thank you and ask the Lord to shower you with His blessings. I want to thank you and all the volunteers that take the time each month to share a blessing to all of us in need. You all are so very kind and I look

forward to seeing your smiling faces each time I come to see you.

The Food Pantry team is very fortunate to be a part of the lives of these wonderful families that we serve.

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

Jean Cox, Betty Thompson

SYMPATHY

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

CONGRATULATIONS

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.