

**70 YEARS AND GROWING STRONGER**

**Sunday, October 16th**  
 MORNING: BREAKFAST AT 9:00 AM, FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM  
 NIGHT: BRODY CROYLE SPEAKS AT 5:00 PM, DINNER IS SERVED AT 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 19th**  
 5:00 PM CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PIZZA, CAKE AND ICE CREAM!

**THE YEAR TO SERVE**  
 70 YEARS OF SERVING OTHERS AT VHUMC

**8TH ANNUAL Mae Mae's Hugs NEW COAT DRIVE**

Go to the link to make donations OR drop off new coats at VHUMC main office.  
**Visit [vhumc.org](http://vhumc.org)**

\*In Memory of Maegan Moore\*  
 Through this ministry, the children in Jefferson County and across the state, can receive winter coats to keep them warm, as if receiving a warm, loving hug from Mae Mae.

**SEPTEMBER DISASTER RELIEF**

**SERVE OPPORTUNITY**  
 Week 39: Donate an item to VHUMC's Fall Festival

**PSALM 62:2**  
 He alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress: I shall never be shaken.

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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VESTAVIA HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Notes

## World Communion Special Offering

This Sunday, October 2, we will worship and celebrate around the world with our brothers and sisters in Christ by participating in World Communion Sunday. On this special day, VHUMC will have an offering for our neighbors and friends in Costa Rica. Our offering will help support Costa Rica Mission Projects.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members Maci and Wade Norwood. They have been attending the 9:45 am service, and are looking to get more involved. Pictured also is Scotty and Annie Stratton, who we'll welcome into this world in November.

## 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](mailto:jfrazier@vhumc.org)).

## Mae Mae's Hugs

VHUMC has partnered with the family and friends of Maegan Moore for eight years to provide new coats in her memory. We are thankful that over 4,000 coats have been distributed to children and adults across Alabama receiving a warm hug from Mae Mae and VHUMC! We will be accepting NEW COATS ONLY during the month of October and November. Many of these coats will be Christmas gifts for children in group and foster homes across the state. The new coats can be dropped off at the church main office. Monetary donations are needed to purchase new coats. Donations can be made online at the link or in the offering plate by placing "Mae Mae's Hugs" on the memo line. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

## Trunk or Treat

VHUMC Family Ministries invites all children to dress up and join us for Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Stop by the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:00 pm for dinner before heading out to the parking lot to trick or treat from trunk to trunk. And you can't leave without a visit to the Photo Booth to commemorate this fun evening! All children must be supervised by an adult.

Interested in hosting a "trunk"? Contact Emily Boles, Director of Family Ministries, ([eboles@vhumc.org](mailto:eboles@vhumc.org)/ 769-0130).

## From Jesus to Jimmy Buffett

Recently, VHUMC Boomers & Beyond held a very unique event for those fifty-five and better called "From Jesus to Jimmy Buffett." It was all about John 10:10 and living the abundant life. We had forty faithful passengers on our three day cruise into the

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**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 Anthony Dan Wise  
Elizabeth Hamby Brenda Correll  
Bob Ramsbacher Joan Rasberry  
Oren Babb Marvin Young  
Frances Hardwick  
Sandra Sims  
Ruth Bartow  
Mike Harper  
Julia Stowe  
Lodema Bean  
Mary Anne Hooper  
Betty Thompson  
Judy Billmeier  
Anne Jacobsen  
John Watkins  
Sally Browne  
Sue Malone  
Jay Wells  
April Butler  
Pat Miller  
Debbie Wiggins  
Julie Carroll  
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	\$65,007	-\$131
<b>July -August 2022</b>		
Donations	\$542,219	+\$40,779
Other Income	\$23,525	+\$514
Total Income	\$565,744	+\$41,293

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

scriptures. The topics were: It's A Wonderful Life, Finding God in the Laughter, Finding God in the Music, Finding God in the Movies, Finding God in Nature, and The Great Adventure. We sang, laughed, cried, and shared. The plan is to make this a yearly event. If you would like to watch the videos, we will have all six on the VHUMC YouTube page. If you would like more information about the Boomer & Beyond Ministry at VHUMC, please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

### 2023 VHUMC Alaska Cruise Information Meeting

VHUMC will be going to Alaska June 10 - 23, 2023. The trip is fourteen days with a three day cruise included. We will have an information meeting on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 pm in room 316. Space is very limited. If you have any questions please contact Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

### Gospel Jubilee Singers

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 next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5, at 6:15 pm, in the Chapel. Contact Harold Hagler (381-8366/ hoh@memoryhagler.com) with any questions.

### Community Grief Support Offerings

Community Grief Support is a Birmingham-area organization devoted to those who have lost loved ones. They are offering two Grief Support Groups for specifically designated participants, and VHUMC is offering space for them to be held:

Evening Widowed Support Groups (Below Age 70): Held every Tuesday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Room 208 at VHUMC. This Group is offered from now until November 22.

Daytime Widowed Support Groups (Age 70+): Held the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am in Room 207A at VHUMC. This Group is offered beginning on October 4.

For more information, please contact Community Grief Support at (870-8667/ www.communitygriefsupport.org).

### 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

### 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).

### Bundles of Hope Stuff the Bus

Get ready for the 8th Annual Stuff the Bus, Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive! It kicks off this week through October 2. Plan to donate and stuff their bus with thousands of diapers. Visit the links to learn more and get involved or venmo directly @bundlesdiapers.

### Hope Lodge Team Needs New Members

Our Hope Lodge Team is now allowed back into the building to serve in person. How great is that? As we start back this ministry, we are in need of more team members to serve twice a month or when your schedule allows. This opportunity is very family friendly and all you need to do is show up, serve a meal with a smile and fellowship with others that are currently staying at Hope Lodge. All ages are welcome. For more information or if you would like to be part of this team, please contact Lee Mathews (scottandlee3@aol.com).

## Ongoing Outreach

### FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry needs jelly, dried beans, rice, and spaghetti sauce. It is time to plan upcoming fall food drives. Not only schools, but scouts, offices, and any group that would like to help us can participate. Thanks to the Trinity Class for their monthly donation of \$250 for toilet tissue! Thanks also to the ones who are bringing bags of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce every week!

### OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Mission thanks the WOAS ladies for all of their donations after their sale. We filled eight large bins of children's clothes, shoes, books, and toys for our Food Pantry families.

## Congregational Care

### HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Dedo Anthony

### SYMPATHY

To the family of Rodney Gilbert in his death on September 16th.

To Borden and Guy, III Burns in the death of their father, Guy Louis Burns, Jr., on September 21st.

To Ashley, Jonathan & Smith Burson in the death of Jonathan's grandmother, Eloise Smith of Homewood, on September 25th.

To Jeri, Anthony, and Ford Finchum in the death of Anthony's mother, Sarah Finchum of Birmingham, on September 26th.

### 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.

To Janet & Jarry Taylor in the birth of their twin grandsons, Aiden Moore & Miles Carlson Taylor, on September 27th. Claire & Jarred Taylor of Seattle are the proud parents.