

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

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.

OCTOBER
 WORLD/COMMUNITY

SERVE OPPORTUNITY
 Week 40: Bake cookies for Kairos Ministry

PHILIPPIANS 2:4
 Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.

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.



2061 Kentucky Avenue
 Birmingham, Alabama 35216
 Phone: 205-822-9631
 Fax: 205-978-6811
www.vhumc.org



The Notes

70 Years & Growing Stronger Stewardship Campaign

In Romans 15:13 the Apostle Paul says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." For 70 years this amazing congregation has put our trust in God, and we have followed as God has led us. We have placed our hope in God, and we have worked with Him to make a difference in our community and around the world.

This Sunday begins our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. As we look ahead at the next 70 years, we know that God still has a plan for our church and our church still has a tremendous opportunity to share his hope and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming new members into our church family.

Mckenzie Nichols and Brett Garner have been attending the 11:00 Traditional Service and decided to make VHUMC their church home. They are getting married in March and we are excited to welcome them into our church family!

Julie Patton has been involved in the church for quite some time, as has her husband Bill. They will be relocating back to Vestavia Hills and look forward to becoming active members with us. They attend the 11:00 Traditional Service also. Please join in welcoming these wonderful new members into our fellowship.

Prayer and Holy Communion Service

Please join us for a time of worship and prayer as we receive Holy Communion together at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12. Consider also fasting, in any way you choose, from Tuesday at sundown until we break the fast with bread and cup. This spiritual

discipline has been used throughout the history of Covenant people in times of repentance and seeking the Lord's will and guidance. The service will last around 30 minutes.

Last month we had a prayer walk at 4:30 pm prior to the Chapel service. It was a very special time of praying for the church as we walked around the property. This month we will have a similar experience, but will call this a Prayer Cover. Come and pray at the church for the church. You may walk around or be stationary, inside or outside. Join us as we fill and surround the church with our prayers. Meet in the Chapel for instructions and prayer prompts at 4:30 pm.

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 one service of 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, Brodie Croyle. Brodie will speak to the importance of building on the past to pave the way for the future. His remarks will include his faith verse from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you hope and a future."

This event will be for the whole family, but we also have childcare available for those who want it. Be sure to stop by our 50s themed photo booth, which celebrates the era in which our church was founded!

Finally, join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19, at 5:00 pm for a big celebration of our church's "birthday." Pizza, ice cream, and cake will be served and we will have lots of fun reminiscing the

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 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	\$34,561	-\$29,744
July -August 2022		
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

history of the church before heading off to regular Wednesday night programming.

Bible Brew

Bible Brew is for men only and will be a guided discussion about theological principles and how they apply to current world events, questions concerning your faith, and a time to have FUN and enjoy each other's company.

We will meet at Mugshots, in Vestavia Hills, on October 23, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Burgers, the Bible, and Brew...mates, does it get any better than this! Mark your calendars and invite a friend!

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/ 769-0130).

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).

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.

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

New Ministry at VHUMC

It is so exciting when church members have an idea and a passion to help others. The staff loves these conversations. Missions was excited to have a meeting with one of our church members about a new ministry they had on their heart. VHUMC is excited to offer a helping hands handyman ministry for those that might need a little help around their house. This ministry is a general home maintenance type work for those little projects that you cannot tackle. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Vinnie Pappalardo (253-3699).

If you have a handyman project you need help with, please contact Rachael Hayes in the missions office (rhayes@vhumc.org/ 769-0143).

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).

Field Trip Sponsors Needed

Our friends at Miracle Academy are looking to take their school on a field trip to Moundville in November to observe first-hand what they are learning in school. We are looking for Field Trip Sponsors to help charter the bus for this trip. Their hope is that the entire school and faculty can go on this trip together. If you are interested in contributing financially, please email Rachael Hayes (rhayes@vhumc.org) or Anna Watts (awatts@vhumc.org). Any amount is appreciated and will go towards the cost of the charter bus.

Ongoing Outreach

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry needs coffee, creamer, peanut butter, and canned chicken. Two of the Vestavia schools are working on food drives for us right now. Thank you all for continuing your support of this wonderful ministry.

OAK MOUNTAIN MISSION

Oak Mountain Missions is beginning to collect winter school clothing and still needs tennis shoes in all sizes. Blankets and coats are needed as well.

Congregational Care

HOSPITALS, REHAB & EXTENDED CARE

Jean Cox

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.
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 Carol, James, Mary Cate & Matthew Saville in the death of Carol's father, Dana (Dan) Tunmire of Birmingham, on September 24th.

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.

To the family of Mark Ridings, former VHUMC Director of Music and resident of Atlanta, on September 30th.

To Marsha Yarbrough in the death of her mother, Pat Miller of Ft. Myers, FL, on September 30th.

To Bethany, Justin, Jameson & Ann Ridley Ware in the death of Bethany's grandmother, Barbara Baxter Castleberry of Vestavia Hills, on October 2nd.

To the family and friends of Anita Powell in her death on October 4th.