



### 70th Anniversary of the Church

We hope you will join us this Sunday as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church with two special events! We will begin with an outdoor family worship service. You won't want to miss this special throw-back to charter Sunday, when the choir and the pastor led the service from the back of a flatbed truck! 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 50's themed photo booth, which celebrates the era in which our church was founded! There will be additional parking available at East, with golf carts transporting attendees both Sunday morning and night.

Additionally, 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 history of the church before heading off to regular Wednesday night programming. There is no need to register for this special Wednesday night meal!

### Thank You Discernment Team

For each of the 12 members of our Discernment Team, the past six months have required a tremendous amount of time, reading, research, reporting, listening, collaboration, and prayer. We want to thank you for wrestling with so many

important and weighty issues and making a recommendation to our Church Council. You have served the church well.

If you see any of the team members, please thank them for their service to the church: Becky Crum, Coker Barton, Stephen Christie, Harry Dinken, Anna Gualano, Jim Harper, William Hocutt, Kristen Honeycutt, Brad Kimbrough, Kym Prewitt, Roger Steur, and Mary Beth Templin.

With the Church Council decision to move to a Church Conference vote on the issue becoming an independent Methodist church, the work of the Discernment Team is complete.

### A Very Important Church Vote

In the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, there are very few items that merit a church-wide vote, also called a "Church Conference." One action that requires a Church Conference is when a decision is being made whether or not to leave the United Methodist Church. We will be gathering to vote on this issue on Sunday night, November 13, at 6:30 pm. Our Discernment Team voted 10-2 to become an independent Methodist Church. Our Church Council voted 16-4 to support that decision. Now, the members of the church have the opportunity to vote on the future of our church.

This meeting has been scheduled by and will be conducted by our District Superintendent of the North Alabama UMC Conference. According to their rules, you are eligible to cast a vote if you are listed on our roles as a "Member" or an "Inactive Member." Also, you must be present that night to vote. Look for more information in the weeks ahead on nursery care. If anyone needs a ride that evening, please contact Margaret Flowers (769-0112 / mflowers@vhumc.org).

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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## Prayer Requests

Dedo Anthony      Dan Wise  
Jean Cox            Brenda Correll  
Joan Rasberry     Jean Morton  
Oren Babb          Marvin Young  
Elizabeth Hamby  
Sandra Sims  
Ruth Bartow  
Frances Hardwick  
Julia Stowe  
Lodema Bean  
Mike Harper  
Betty Thompson  
Judy Billmeier  
Mary Anne Hooper  
John Watkins  
Sally Browne  
Anne Jacobsen  
Jay Wells  
April Butler  
Sue Malone  
Debbie Wiggins  
Julie Carroll  
Pat Miller

### 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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Donations last week	\$105,016	+\$40,711
<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

## Clergy Sharing About Our Future

Throughout the work of the Discernment Team, our Clergy made a conscious decision to not insert themselves into the work to decide whether or not to become an independent Methodist church. Now that our Discernment Team's job is complete and the Church Council has voted to have a Church Conference vote, our Clergy would like the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings on the matter. Please make plans to attend one or all of the information sessions listed below.

Wednesday, October 19 – In the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm - Thrive staff, Clergy, and lay leaders will share about our future with parents of students.

Sunday, October 23 – Pastors will discuss the future of our church as part of worship.

- Bill Brunson at 8:30 & 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

- Kipp McClurg at 11:00 am in Tyson

- Butch Williams at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 23 – In the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm - Clergy and lay leaders will share about the future of our church.

Sunday, November 6 – In the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm - Thrive staff, Clergy, and lay leaders will share about our future with parents of students. This meeting will be similar to the October 19 meeting.

Wednesday, November 9 – In the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm - Clergy and lay leaders will share about the future of our church. This meeting will be similar to the October 23 meeting.

If you have comments or questions about our future, contact ourfuture@vhumc.org.

## Welcome New Members

Please join in welcoming Christina Ellis and Henry Ware into the VHUMC church community. They have been attending and involved for a couple of years, and decided to make it official. Welcome Christina & Henry.

## 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 30, 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!

## 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).

## Hilltoppers Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be led by Keith Elder. He is a singer, songwriter, and retreat leader and has spoken and performed for thirty-plus years in a wide variety of church, conference, and community settings.

For information or to make a lunch reservation (\$6.00) contact Margaret Flowers (769-0112/ mflowers@vhumc.org) no later than 11:00 am on Friday, October 14. Please note the price and, if possible, have correct change or an extra dollar bill.

Hilltoppers is a VHUMC 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.

## Boomer & Beyond Songs around the Campfire

If you are 55 and better, you are invited to join us on Friday, October 28, at 6:00 pm on the Lighthouse Patio. We will have hot dogs, hot cider, and s'mores. This will be a fun time to visit and sing some of your favorite songs around the campfire. This is a FREE event so invite your friends. Please RSVP no later than October 26 to Jim Frazier (769-0126/ jfrazier@vhumc.org).

## 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

### SYMPATHY

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.

To Jerry Jackson and family in the death of his wife, Carolyn Jackson, on October 8th.

To Mary A'lice, Wally, Carson & Reese Purdy in the death of Mary A'lice's mother, Laura Hawkins Powell of Vestavia Hills, on October 10th.

### CONGRATULATIONS

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.

To Alan Kaufman, Men's Golf Coach, in his induction into the UAB Department of Athletics Hall of Fame on October 7th.

To Lisa & Bailey Cates in the birth of their son, John Andrew Cates, on October 7th. Livi & Reid are the proud siblings! Anne & Happy Cates are the paternal grandparents, and Lisa & Jimm Medley are the maternal grandparents.