



**Event Highlights This Week:  
December 25 - January 2**

**SUNDAY CHRISTMAS DAY**  
11:00am Family Bi-Lingual Service (Hammill Hall)  
No Sunday School, InkWELL or Café Alive will be held.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY CHURCH OFFICES & PRESCHOOL ARE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p, Bldg.300)**

**WEDNESDAY 3:00pm Room in the Inn (101 and Kitchen 101)**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY NO HARRISON EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**SUNDAY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
11:00am Family Bi-Lingual Service (Hammill Hall)  
No Sunday School, InkWELL or Café Alive will be held.  
Child care for ages 3 and under available upon request.

**MONDAY CHURCH OFFICES & PRESCHOOL ARE CLOSED**

**Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

*Located in Building #300, behind Hammill Hall*

**Operating Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Again, many thanks, to each of you for your wonderful donations of time, talent, food and monetary donations. Without each of you our Loaves & Fishes pantry wouldn't be able to serve those in need. Any non-perishable donations are greatly appreciated! However continue to know that we are still overstocked and **do not need peanut butter, ravioli or soup.** To volunteer at the pantry, e-mail Dawn Bruner at HUMCL.F@gmail.com.

**From the Pantry and Backpack Ministry Programs** ~ Many "thanks" for all the contributions you have assisted in making to provide food for our children and clients in need.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**AA Ballantyne Alliance Acceptance Group Meets Here**

at Harrison UMC in Room 302, Bldg. 300

Sundays: 2:30 p.m. // Mondays: 7 a.m., Noon, and 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7 a.m. only

Wednesdays: 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. // Fridays: 7 a.m. & 8 p.m.

***May We Pray for You?***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for \_\_\_\_\_

*"Harrison at Ballantyne: Where the broken can become whole and wholly devoted to Christ."*

**\*Regular Sunday Worship Times**  
*\*except Christmas, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter*

5:00 a.m. - Korean Prayer Service (Daily)  
8:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion Service  
9:15 a.m. - Contemporary // 11:00 a.m. - Traditional  
11:00 a.m. - Children's Worship (*inkWELL*)  
11:00 a.m. - Servicio en Español  
1:00 p.m. - Korean Prayer Service & Lunch  
7:00 p.m. - Brazilian Worship Service

**Sunday School Times: 9:15 & 11 a.m.**

Newborn-Kindergarten: Children's Wing next to Sanctuary  
1st - 5th grades: 9:15 a.m. - Bldg. 100 - 1st floor  
1st - 5th grades: 11 a.m. - Hammill Hall - *inkWELL* Worship  
6th - 12th grades: Rooms 107-108, Building 100 - 2nd floor  
Adults: 9:15 a.m. - Rooms 116, 118, Bldg. 100, & Chapel  
11 a.m. - Room 118, Bldg. 100

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***Merry Christmas!***

*Dawn Mike Anita*  
*Julie Tom*  
May your holiday season  
be blessed with peace, love,  
and joy!

*From your Harrison Church Staff*

*Gayle John Rob*  
*Sally Vicki*



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## Welcome to Harrison Church

Dear family, friends, and guests,

**“Be Not Afraid!”**

To a distressed and reluctant bridegroom whose fiancée was found to be pregnant and the child was not his (Matthew 1:20)...to an old priest and his wife grieving infertility (Luke 1:13)...to a young girl perplexed and overwhelmed with the knowledge of being chosen to bear God's child while still being a virgin and unmarried (Luke 1:30)...to lowly men of sheep dung and shepherds crook gasping at an unexpected heavenly encounter (Luke 2:10)...the message of the angels was the same:

**“Be Not Afraid!”** Even the Christ Child's own words some thirty odd years later echoed their strains to his disciples in a storm-tossed boat on the Gennesaret Sea as he approached them on foot (Mark 6:50), and again as he counseled them not to worry about their lives but in their hearts they would find life's treasure (Luke 12:32). Even after the seeming defeat of Christ on the cross the angels are quick to deliver God's resounding words of triumph yet again to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:7) and the other grieving women (Matthew 28:10). And finally, Jesus greeted the women as they ran to tell their bewildering news to the disciples, that Jesus would meet them in Galilee (28:10) and that there they would see him... **“Be Not Afraid!”**

Some might say that these words were only a heavenly-disclaimer issued by God's messengers to alleviate the sheer shock of such sudden visitations, or merely words of simple reassurance offered by Jesus. But I believe that the phrase **“Be Not Afraid”** is at the very heart of the proclamation of Good News! Perhaps these are the most timely, soul-saving words that we broken, hurting, dying, hoping human beings need to hear most of all from our God when life is all too real and we are faced with the experience of this world with all its unknowns and are found wanting. To the one who hears from their doctor that dreaded six-letter word which threatens to undo us and life as we know it, and conjures images in our minds to a fate worse than death...or the one stricken with grief at the death of a loved one when it seems so unfair...to those who experience the loss of relationship and broken dreams when a marriage ends, and the children who experience the loss most profoundly...to those parents and children who experience the wonders and trials of the teenage years and find themselves at wits end with one another...to those facing drug and alcohol addiction and their families who suffer from its symptoms...or to those who simply experience life's petty-pace and find themselves asking, “is this all there is?”...to those who experience the loss of mobility, the loss of hair, or gray hair, or even bad hair...the birth of a child and the wonderful new world which it brings even with its worries...to those reaching life-long goals and experiencing the sometimes painful opportunity of setting new ones....or to all of us who live with mistakes and failures....and the list goes on... **“Be Not Afraid!”**

These words are God's declaration of solidarity to us...I love you! I am with you! **You don't have to be afraid** because I am beside you!!! What other words bring such comfort? Like a loving parent cradling a frightened child who has just awoken from a nightmare...and upon hearing these words from the one who loves them most...looking deeply into their eyes...lost in a loving-embrace...drifts back to sleep wrapped in assuring arms...the message of the angels and of Jesus Christ whose advent they declared remains the greeting and invitation which changes hearts and brings salvation! **“Be Not Afraid!”**

For he will save his people from their sins...and of his Kingdom there will be no end!!

**Peace be with you . . . Be Not Afraid!**  
**Merry Christmas from The Pastors, Staff,**  
**and Members of Harrison UMC**



**December 24, 2011**

**Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles:**

**4:00 p.m. ~ Clint & Jennifer Anderson**

**7:00 p.m. ~ Doug & Cathie Wrona**

**9:00 p.m. ~ The Massey Family**

**11:00 p.m. ~ Susan & Keegan Yarber**

***Are you spending less this Christmas?***

***Are you giving more this Christmas?***

As a part of the **Advent Conspiracy**, you are encouraged to spend less and use that money to give more. We are encouraging the Harrison UMC congregation to contribute to **Living Water International**, a Christian organization dedicated to addressing the global water crisis. To know more, visit: **www.livingwater.cc**. **To make a contribution:** you may contribute directly to **Living Water** via their website or make a check out to **Harrison UMC** and write **“Living Water”** on the memo line and we will send a donation to **Living Water** on your behalf. ~ *Thank you!*

**2012 Life Groups at Harrison UMC**

***What are they? How do I join one?***

We are planning to start several new Life Groups in 2012. Join us for an informal Life Group open house on **Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m.** in Room 101, Plummer Education Building (#100). You will have the opportunity to discover what Life Groups are all about, ask questions, and sign up to join a Life Group, if you so desire! Light refreshments will be available – no need to register, just drop in at any time between 6 and 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! **If you are interested in facilitating or hosting a Life Group, join us on Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Life Group training.** No obligation – just come and find out what it means to facilitate / lead or host a Life Group. To know more or to register for this training, please contact Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or [anita.king@harrisonumc.org](mailto:anita.king@harrisonumc.org) or Jan Zenner at [bzenner1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:bzenner1@carolina.rr.com).



*Join us tomorrow, for our special  
Christmas Day Family, Bi-lingual Service  
at 11 a.m. in Hammill Hall.*

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Sunday School, Café ALIVE, inkWELL,  
will not be held. Childcare will not be  
available. Have a wonderful holiday!*

**The Faith Circle has been blessed this year doing God's work. We would like to bestow on you this blessing ~ Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless You each and every one! May you feel the love of God and Harrison Church always! ~ HUMC Faith Circle**

**Don't Throw Away ~ Share!!** Go green! Recycle all those Christmas and birthday cards ~ any card will do. Gather up cards from this year and years past. The Faith Circle would love the opportunity to bring them back to life in many creative ways from ornaments, tags, as well as new cards. Feel free to cut or mark out any personal messages. Any unused cards will be donated to other card recycling programs. Donate your card in the Faith Circle boxes at the entrances of Hammill Hall, the Sanctuary, and also the Plummer Educational Building (#100) from now thru January 31<sup>st</sup>. Cards that are donated after January may be placed in the Faith Circle in-box in the Bldg. 100 mail room. **Please join us! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6 p.m. in Room 118 (Bldg. 100).** Help us help others. To know more, please contact Sonya Cooper at [sjcooper@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sjcooper@carolina.rr.com) or 704-619-8762.

**Let's celebrate the New Year  
by Going Out to Lunch Together!!**

**January Open Door Luncheon ~  
Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

*Park Place Restaurant ~ 10517 Park Road,  
Charlotte, at Noon. Drive directly there  
or join our carpool in the church parking lot departing  
at 11:30 a.m.*

To reserve your place, please contact  
Kathi Linet at [Kathi@comporium.net](mailto:Kathi@comporium.net) or by phone at  
803-548-8498 (home) or 386-316-5656 (cell)  
**by Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. ~ Happy Holidays!**



**Newcomers/Pre-Membership Foundation Class Starts Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m.**

**Five Sunday morning classes ~ 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.** ~ *Learn about Harrison UMC, our ministries, our beliefs, and our history. Meet the pastors and different ministry leaders each week. Discover your Spiritual Gifts and learn the next steps to getting connected at Harrison UMC. The membership celebration for those who want to join the church will be on February 19<sup>th</sup> during Sunday morning services.* This class is a pre-requisite to membership at Harrison UMC. To register for Foundations Class, please contact Jennifer Hupko at 704-219-1899 or [iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com](mailto:iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com) or Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or [anita.king@harrisonumc.org](mailto:anita.king@harrisonumc.org).

***We hope that you will join us on January 8<sup>th</sup>!***

***Visitors ~ We are delighted that you are here today!***

Please tear off and place this form in the offering plate. We look forward to seeing you again.  I am a first-time guest. (Remember to pick up your Information Packet from a greeter.  I am a regular attendee. Age Group:  Under 18

18-22  23-27  28-35  36-40  41-50  Over 50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you? (Y) (N)

How did you hear about Harrison UMC? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Turn over for Prayer and Praise Requests**