

"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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### Prayer Concerns

**Serving a Prison Term:** Michelle Olivares and Travis Helms.  
**At Home:** Pastor Mark Plummer, Dorothy Agathon, Darwin Byrum, Betty Furr, Lydia Jennings, Pat Young, Virginia Middleton, and Nancy Hawfield.



**When you're confined and away from home and from your loved ones, a card or note from those who care means so much.**

Each week, we will select a member from our list of prayer concerns and shut-ins as a recipient for cards and notes from our Harrison family members. **This week, we encourage you to share your love by sending a card to:**

**Dorothy Agathon, c/o Regency Retirement Village  
9120 Willow Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210**

If you would like to reach out via card, note, or calls to someone not featured this week, please call the Church Office for contact information - 704-541-3463.

### Highlights This Week: Dec. 11-18



**SUNDAY** ALL WEEK—Angel Tree Min. Gift Drop Off (Coffee House—Room 100)  
9:15am ALIVE Café for Young Adults (302) ~Join Us!  
9:15am Youth Groups (Multipurpose Rm)  
11:00am Disciple I (116)  
12:30pm Audio Visual Ministry (115)  
3:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (100)  
3:00pm Youth Band Practice (Multipurpose Rm)  
4:00pm Financial Peace University (115)  
5:00pm Youth Group (7-12th grade) (MP Rm)  
6:00pm Live Nativity (starting in the Sanctuary)  
7:30pm Men's Basketball—CANCELLED for DECEMBER

**MONDAY** 9:00am Harrison Preschool Christmas Shopping (111)  
10:00am Friendship Circle (102)  
10:00am Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Prayer & Healing Service (Sanctuary)  
12:30pm Faith Partners (113)  
6:00pm Nominations (Conference Room)  
7:00pm Disciple II (301)  
7:00pm Disciple IV (Library)  
7:00pm Stephen Ministry (100)

**TUESDAY** 9:00am Harrison Preschool Christmas Shopping (111)  
9:30am English As A 2nd Language (ESL) (100,102-106)  
9:30am Harrison Staff Mtg (Private)  
10:00am Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  
10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)  
11:00am Preschool Christmas Play (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm Disciple III (111)  
7:00pm ESL Eve. (100-106)

**WEDNESDAY** 9:00am Harrison Preschool Event (101)  
9:30am ESL (100,102-106, and 115)  
1:30pm Room in the Inn Set Up (101 & Kitchen 101)  
3:00pm Room in the Inn (101 & Kitchen 101)  
7:00pm Disciple I (118)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY** 9:30am Preschool PJ Day (101)  
10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)  
7:00pm Disciple IV (115)  
7:00pm ESL Eve. (100-106)  
7:30pm Praise Team Practice (Hammill Hall)

**FRIDAY** 9:30am Preschool PJ Day (101)  
6:00pm Spanish Band Practice (101)

**SATURDAY** NO HARRISON UMC EVENTS PLANNED

**SUNDAY** 8:00am Harrison UMC Men's Breakfast Program (101)  
9:15am ALIVE Café for Young Adults (302) ~Join Us!  
9:15am Youth Groups (Multipurpose Rm)  
11:00am Advent Conspiracy Group (115)

For a current and complete listing of this calendar, please visit Harrison Events at [www.harrisonumc.org](http://www.harrisonumc.org) at the top of the home page. For Youth, Children, and Adult Sunday classes and other activities, please see the gray box in the upper left corner of this page.

### Today's Counters: Chip Walton & Tom/Lee Condit

December 18: Pete Imhof & Bruce Ainslie

### 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.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m.

For more information, contact [wsutterlin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:wsutterlin@carolina.rr.com).

## Harrison UMC



3rd Sunday of Advent

### Today Handel's Messiah

By George Frederic Handel  
at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Part I: The Prophecy and realization of God's plan to redeem mankind by the coming of the Messiah.

#### Overture

*Comfort Ye* (Isaiah 40:1-3)

*Every Valley* (Isaiah 40:4)

(Norrese Ball, Soloist)

*And the Glory of the Lord* (Isaiah 40:5)

*Thus Saith the Lord*

(Haggai 2:6-7 & Malachi 3:1)

*But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming* (Malachi 3:2)

(Wesley Pinchback, Soloist)

*And He Shall Purify* (Malachi 3:3)

*Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive*

(Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)

*O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion* (Isaiah 40:9, 60:1)

(Quintessa Harper, Soloist, & Choir)

*For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth* (Isaiah 60:2-3)

*The People That Walked In Darkness* (Isaiah 9:2)

(Wesley Pinchback, Soloist)

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born* (Isaiah 9:6)

*Pastoral Symphony - Morning Offering*

*There Were Shepherds*

*Abiding in the Fields* (Luke 2:8)

*And Lo, The Angel of the Lord* (Luke 2:9)

*And the Angel Said Unto Them*

(Luke 2:10-11)

*And Suddenly There Was With The Angel*

(Luke 2:13)

(Lillian Futch, Soloist)

*Glory to God* (Luke 2:14)

*Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter Of Zion*

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

(Lori Clifford, Soloist)

*Then Shall The Eyes of the Blind*

*Be Opened* (Isaiah 35:5-6)

(Quintessa Harper, Soloist)

*He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd*

(Isaiah 40:11 and Matthew 11:28-29)

(Quintessa Harper and Lori Clifford, Soloists)

*His Yoke Is Easy* (Matthew 11:30)

*Hallelujah Chorus* (Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16)

December 11, 2011



Celebrating 226 years of worship!



## Harrison Church

Angel Tree Gifts are due today in the Hammill Hall parking lot.

Give joy to a prisoner's kid this Christmas, volunteer to help with or make a donation to *The Angel Tree 2011*. We are assisting Prison Fellowship ministries' outreach to the children of incarcerated parents by providing toys and clothes to children in South Charlotte and the Fort Mill area of York County (SC). **You can help...** by calling the custodial families to confirm children's needs, sorting the gifts for delivery, and delivering the gifts to the children. **Your gift selections (\$25-\$35 value) need to be returned TODAY to the parking area outside of Hammill Hall.** For more information, contact Stephanie Hatley at 704-614-3997 or syhatley65@yahoo.com or Betsy Woog at 704-541-0738 or bdwoog@gmail.com.



### Join us for Christmas at Harrison UMC!

**TODAY! Handel's Messiah ~ 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Bi-Lingual**  
in the Sanctuary. ~ There will not be a 9:15 a.m. service.

**TONIGHT! Live Nativity from 6-8 p.m.**  
~ starting in the Sanctuary.

**Friday & Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>: Labyrinth - Prayer Path**  
sponsored by Harrison UMC Student Ministry.  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ~ in the Multipurpose Room.

**Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve**  
Christmas Candlelight Communion: 4, 7, 9, & 11 p.m. ~ in the Sanctuary.  
Children's Christmas Musical ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Hammill Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day ~ 11 a.m. Family Service**  
Only one service this day. Childcare is available for ages 3 and under upon request  
~ Please contact Sally Ainslie at 704-541-3463, ext. 208,  
or sally.ainslie@harrisonumc.org.

**Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>:**  
The Church Offices will be closed for the holidays. The Pre-school will be closed  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers will have a work day on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day Family Bi-Lingual Service ~ 11 a.m.**  
Only one service this day. No Sunday School or InkWELL.  
Childcare is available for ages 3 and under upon request ~ Please contact  
Sally Ainslie at 704-541-3463, ext. 208 or sally.ainslie@harrisonumc.org.



Harrison United Methodist Church, 15008 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC 28134  
704-541-3463 (Main Reception) ~ [www.harrisonumc.org](http://www.harrisonumc.org)

Worship

"Harrison United Methodist Church is a family that invites everyone into a relationship with Christ to Worship, Discover, and Serve God."



### 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### Advent Readers - Today

8:30 a.m.: The Odenbeck Family  
(Russ, Liz, Casey & Jared)

11 a.m.: Derek & Tabitha Frost

#### Christmas Traditions:

##### A Crèche



A **crèche** is a model of the stable in which Jesus was born, complete with figures. The scene always includes Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus. Traditionally, there are also angels, shepherds, sheep, wise men, camels, donkeys, and other animals. St. Francis of Assisi created the first crèche in Italy in 1223. He used real animals and people to depict the birth of the Savior. Crèches, also called **manger scenes** or **Nativity scenes**, have become an important part of Christmas in America and around the world. The crèche reminds us to focus our Christmas celebration on the birth of Jesus, the Savior. His birth is the real cause for joy at Christmas.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HARRISON

## FROM MISSIONS

"When God's Children are in need be ready to help them."  
(Romans 12:13 NLT)

### Harrison Student Ministry Labyrinth - Prayer Path:

Take the journey this Christmas ~ Dec. 16-17<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

The Labyrinth or Prayer Path is a spiritual journey. A Biblical and God centered worship experience of prayer and reflection that will draw you into the presence of God like no other. It is a mixture of Biblical readings and meditation, confession, music, art, images, video, and Sacrament. *Come and experience it.* To reserve your walk, contact Rob Morris at radrob6500@hotmail.com.



### I.N.K. Children's Ministry

Infants — 5th Grade



#### "Santa's Favorite Story" ~

Rehearsal Today 3-4 p.m. in Rm. 100

All children, ages 3 through 5th grade, are welcome to join us Sundays from 3-4 p.m. in Room 100, Bldg. 100, as we prepare for our annual Children's Christmas Eve Program. Three Year Olds will rehearse in Room 104 at this time. This year, the children sing old-fashioned Christmas Songs like "Away in a Manger" and "What Child is This?" Questions? Please call Sally Ainslie at 704-541-3463, ext. 208.

#### Sunday School Teachers Still Needed

Don't we all love to be needed? Well, the children of Harrison UMC, and the community around it, need YOU! We are still looking for a few teachers for our Sunday classes (both Sunday school and InkWell). Teachers lead on a rotational basis. Call Sally Ainslie at 704-541-3463, ext. 208, to see what rotation is open for you!

### The Gifts & Giving Event at Firethorne Country Club to Aid Harrison UMC Back Pack Ministry

~ TODAY from 2-5 p.m.

at 1108 Firethorne Country Club Dr., Marvin, NC

Come visit us for this event to raise money for The Backpack Ministry at Harrison UMC. This great organization helps feed needy children from Pineville Elementary School. The Backpack Ministry will be supplying meals to these kids while they are on their holiday break from school.

We encourage you to come shop with the vendors listed below as 15% of all sales will go towards feeding these kids!

#### Our Vendors:

Thirty-One Gifts~ ~ Rue Cler Boutique ~ Mainstream Boutique ~ Rodan + Fields Dermatologists ~ Murphy Jewelry ~ The Urban Cottage at the Black Lion ~ Trade Secrets ~ Mary Kay Cosmetics

We will also be accepting donations of Pop Tarts, boxed Macaroni and Cheese and breakfast bars (no peanut butter, please).

### Foundations Class Starts Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:15 a.m.

(Newcomers/ Pre-Membership Class)

Join us for five Sunday morning classes from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. to learn about Harrison UMC, the ministries that happen here, our beliefs and history. You will have the chance to meet the pastors and different ministry leaders each week, as well as discover your Spiritual Gifts and learn next steps to getting connected at Harrison. 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 iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com or Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or anita.king@harrisonumc.org.

Join the Men's Monthly Breakfast Program at 8 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, in Room 101, Plummer Education Bldg. 100. All men are welcome.



### Alive Café Winter Schedule

Hey Younger Adults of Harrison UMC, come join us as we wrap up this year by joining the "Conspiracy" that Christmas can (still) change the world! Here is our schedule for the remainder of the year. You can always keep up with us on FaceBook or at [www.harrisonumc.org/ministries/alive-young-adults](http://www.harrisonumc.org/ministries/alive-young-adults).

#### Upcoming Schedule for ALIVE Café

##### Sundays:

TODAY! Dec. 11th - No Café ~ Join us at The Messiah Service at 8:30 & 11 a.m. The Sanctuary.

Dec. 18th - Advent Conspiracy, Week 4: Love All

Dec. 25th - No Café ~ Join us at our Family Christmas Day Service at 11 a.m.

### Harrison Coffee House Wants You!

If you have the gift of hospitality or simply love coffee, we are looking for new volunteers. The coffee house has operated on many of the same volunteers forever, and some are looking to step down. **The greatest need** is for a break-down crew. This is a great opportunity for an 11 a.m. Sunday School Class to offer service or for anyone who attends the 11 a.m. worship service to join in. This ministry provides fellowship before and after services, a time when we can hear what is going on in the lives of others. It only takes a few fun hours a month to help make this happen. Please, prayerfully consider joining this team of servants, so our fellowship over coffee and treats may continue. For more information contact Priscilla Brown: 803-614-0219 or pbbrown@carolina.rr.com.

### Stephen Ministers ~ Available Today by the Altar.

Has this morning's service awakened a desire for someone to pray with you? After this morning's service, there will be prayer partners available at the front by the altar to listen to your requests and bring them before the Lord in prayer. **Please see below for the Stephen Ministers who are available to pray with you today at the altar:**  
8:30 a.m.: Patrick Arney ~ 11:00 a.m.: Laura Clark

**Want to share your news?** Please email the Harrison Weekly Newsletter and E-news articles to [vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org](mailto:vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org) by 5 p.m. on Mondays.

#### Special Holiday Deadlines:

For the Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Day, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> issues, please send articles to Vicki Lawson by 5 p.m., ~ MONDAY, DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>.

### Serving at Harrison UMC

#### Room In The Inn Volunteers Still Needed. Sign Up Today!

Room In The Inn dates are filling up fast. There are only a few dates left, but don't worry, **we still have room for you!** You can help by being drivers for our guests, preparing/serving dinner, making lunches for the following day, serving breakfast, helping clean-up, etc. Hurry...we'd hate for you to miss such a great experience. We still need volunteers for the following dates: **January 4, February 29, and March 7 and 28.** For more information, contact Jamie Davis at 704-724-4214 or Beth Davis at 704-277-6383. To help, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/riti1>.



The flowers on the altar today in the Sanctuary are in memory of **Helen Currie**

From Tracie, Doris, and Dawn and Jason.

Harrison Church extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of:

Walter Lee Furr

August 18, 1926 ~ December 3, 2011



### Fresh Cut North Carolina Christmas Trees For Sale Now Through Christmas Eve

sponsored by

The Adam Faulk Tanksley Foundation at New Town and Marvin School Roads

(in front of Providence Downs South Neighborhood).

Hours: Monday thru Friday - 5-9 pm.

Saturday- 9 a.m. to 9 pm. and Sunday- noon to 9 p.m.

Come buy your freshly cut, North Carolina Christmas tree and know that your money is helping kids fight cancer!!

**We hope to see you there!!**

The Adam Faulk Tanksley Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)3 foundation that raises money for pediatric cancer research at Levine Children's Hospital. All funds for our foundation will go directly to help kids "fight cancer."

[www.chompchildhoodcancer.org](http://www.chompchildhoodcancer.org)