

"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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Visit our website: [www.harrisonumc.org](http://www.harrisonumc.org)

### 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:**

**Darwin Byrum**

**5800 Old Providence Rd., Apt. 4117, Charlotte, NC 28226**

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. 18-25



- SUNDAY ~** 9:15am ALIVE Café for Young Adults (302) ~Join Us!  
9:15am Youth Groups (Multipurpose Rm)  
11:00am Disciple I (116)  
11:00am Advent Conspiracy Study Group (115)  
3:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (100 & Hammill Hall)  
3:00pm Youth Band Practice (Multipurpose Rm)  
5:00pm Youth Group (7-12th grade) (MP Rm)  
7:30pm Men's Basketball—CANCELLED for DECEMBER
- MONDAY** PRESCHOOL CLOSED THRU JAN. 3RD FOR CHRISTMAS  
7:00am Band of Brothers (Big View Diner on Ardrey Kell)  
12:00pm Prayer & Healing Service (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm Disciple II (301) // Disciple IV (Library)
- TUESDAY** 8:30am Harrison Staff Mtg (Private)  
10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)  
7:00pm Disciple III (111)  
7:00pm Career Transition Ministry (116)
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00am Harrison Preschool Event (101)  
10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)  
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** 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)  
10:00am Dress Rehearsal Children's Prog. (Hammill Hall)  
7:00pm Disciple IV (115)  
7:30pm Praise Team Practice (Cancelled)
- FRIDAY** 6:00pm Spanish Band Practice (101)
- SATURDAY** CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
4, 7, 9, 11 pm Candlelight Communion (Sanctuary)  
5:30pm Children's Musical (Hammill Hall)
- SUNDAY** CHRISTMAS DAY ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
11:00am Family, Bi-Lingual Worship Service (HH)  
7:30pm Men's Basketball—CANCELLED for DECEMBER

*The Church Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Dec. 27th, for the Christmas Holidays.*

*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: Pete Imhof & Bruce Ainslie

December 25: Chris Williams & Melinda Johnson  
January 1, 2012: Chip Walton & Amanda Collins



**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

### Weekly News



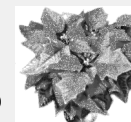
### Fourth Sunday of Advent The Advent Conspiracy Week 3: "Give More"

*1<sup>st</sup> The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!— came into being without him. (John 1:1-3)*

### Advent Readers - Today

8:30 a.m.: Richard & Linda Norcross  
9:15 a.m.: The Nailor Family  
(Edward, Susanne, Nathan,  
Elizabeth & Timothy)  
11:00 a.m.: Donnie & Sharon Hinson

### Christmas Traditions: Poinsettias



Poinsettias were attached to Christmas starting in 1828. Joel Roberts Poinsett, then the first U. S. ambassador to Mexico, imported the plant from Mexico. The plant had a Christmas "miracle" story about how the plants leaves became red. The Mexicans in the 18<sup>th</sup> century thought the plants were symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. Thus, the poinsettia became associated with the Christmas season.

Holly and ivy, along with pine and fir trees, are called **evergreens** because they are always green. They look alive even in the middle of winter when other trees and shrubs look dead. For Christians, evergreens symbolize the unchanging nature of our God and remind us of the everlasting life that is ours through Christ. Early Christians placed evergreens in their windows to indicate that Christ had entered the home. Holly became widely used in church celebrations, as the bush with its red berries is considered by some as representing the burning bush. The holly bush reminds others of Mary, aglow with the Holy Spirit. The red berries represent the drops of blood from the cruel thorns in the crown of Jesus.



### Stephen Ministers available to pray with you today at the altar are:

8:00 a.m.: Jan Zenner  
9:15 a.m.: Dave Friddle  
11:00 a.m.: Sue Luke  
*Please come to the altar for prayer.*

December 18, 2011



### Celebrating 226 years of worship!



### Join us for Christmas at Harrison UMC!

#### 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. No *InkWELL*, Sunday School, Café, or child care.

**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, Café ALIVE, 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](mailto:sally.ainslie@harrisonumc.org).

### 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>.

### Foundations Class Starts Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:15 a.m. (Newcomers/ Pre-Membership Class ~ 9:15 to 10: 45 a.m.)

Learn about Harrison UMC, our ministries, beliefs and history. Meet the pastors and different ministry leaders each week. Discover your Spiritual Gifts and learn the next steps to getting connected at Harrison Church. Our membership celebration to join the church will be on Feb. 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](mailto:iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com) or Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or [anita.king@harrisonumc.org](mailto:anita.king@harrisonumc.org).

### Final Hour Donations ~ Due Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

December 31 is almost upon us and I want to take this opportunity to remind you that all end of the year donations **must be received in the office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be counted as a 2011 gift for tax purposes.** Donations received in the offering on January 1<sup>st</sup> marked 2011 will not be counted as 2011 gifts. If you give a gift that you would like counted toward your 2012 giving, but want credit for tax purposes in 2011 please be sure to mark your memo line with "tithed towards 2012 estimate of giving". Thank you for all your support in 2011 towards God's work here at Harrison UMC and beyond. God bless you all for the sacrifices you have made to better His kingdom.  
~ Julie Curtis, Church Administrator



Harrison Church  
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

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

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

Worship



**Serving at  
Harrison UMC**

**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.

**Join Us This Morning  
at the Harrison Coffee House  
Rm.100, Bldg. 100.  
Open from 9-11 a.m.**



**Alive Café  
for Young Adults  
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. Stay in touch by keeping up with us on Facebook or at [www.harrisonumc.org/ministries/alive-young-adults](http://www.harrisonumc.org/ministries/alive-young-adults).

**Sundays:  
TODAY!:**

**Advent Conspiracy, Week 4: "Love All"**

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - No ALIVE Café  
Join us at our Family Christmas Day  
Service at 11 a.m. ~ Merry Christmas!

**In Case of Inclement Weather :**

Please check WSOC-TV Channel 9 or New Life Radio Station 91.9 for announcements regarding worship services on Sundays or if small groups and committees will meet.



**"BE"~ING AT HARRISON UMC**

**I.N.K. Children's Ministry : Infants — 5th Grade**



**You and Your Family are Invited!**

Please join the children of Harrison UMC on **Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. in Hammill Hall for our annual Children's Program.** This year, the children will present, *Santa's Favorite Story*, a program adapted from a popular children's story. The children and parents are the authors of the program! Enjoy great Christmas Carols such as "Away in a Manger" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Every person attending will receive a gift from the children! You don't want to miss this great way to remember that the birth of a baby is what Christmas is all about!

**Christmas Morning Family Service at 11 a.m.**

We would like to invite all families to our Christmas morning service at 11 a.m. in Hammill Hall. This will be an interactive service for adults, youth and children of all ages. Children...there is a job for you to do to help our pastors during the service. Come in comfortable clothes ready to share your favorite gift and help the pastors. Can't wait to see you all Sunday, Dec. 25th. There will be **no childcare or Sunday School** that day!.



Sally Ainslie

**Thank you so very much...**

Words cannot express my thanks to the wonderful Senior Adult group at Harrison UMC! I have enjoyed the past nine and a half years as I have worked along side some of the best people I have ever met! We have had some wonderful adventures, some terrific programs, and some sad times as we have said good bye to too many of our dear friends.

But, we have done it together! I have learned so much about the love of Christ from each of you and I will forever be grateful. Thank you for your generous and delightful gift...and thank you for not "occupying" Harrison! I would have wanted to join you and I am too old to camp as well! You have certainly not seen the last of me! I am now one of you and will continue to enjoy your fellowship and lessons on life. I love you all!

~ Sally Ainslie

**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 Deadline: Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

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., tomorrow.

**Coming in 2012: 'Lands of the Bible' 13-Day Faith-Based Cruise Departing Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

led by Bishop Larry Goodpaster~ Departing Nov. 9, 2012 ~ Prices begin at \$3,596 ~ Brochures are available through Pastors David Beam or Gayle Montgomery by calling our Church Reception at 704-541-3463. An Information Session is planned for January 2012. Both Pastors David and Gayle will serve as hosts. With only a year left before our departure, this is the perfect time to begin making plans and inviting your friends and family to take part in this wonderful adventure of a lifetime!

**A Special Christmas Thank You From Your Harrison Church Staff**

to all of our volunteers who help Harrison in a variety of ways. From greeting everyone on Sunday mornings, teaching our children and youth on Sundays, blessing the staff with your administrative gifts during the week, or bringing a casserole or two for a Harrison event. Words barely express how appreciative we are.

**Thank you and Merry Christmas!**

**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).

**Caring for your spiritual needs . . .**

Since 1785, God has blessed Harrison Church as a place where the *broken become whole and wholly devoted to Christ!* Within the family of God, times of crisis or challenge can become opportunities for growth and healing. If you are going through a time of personal difficulty or uncertainty, we want to be a vessel for healing.



**If you are in need of spiritual direction . . .**

**Please call us to schedule an appointment at 704-541-3463.**

Please understand that while the pastors seek to be always available, they are not always *accessible for drop-in visits.* If you are in need of spiritual direction, **please schedule an appointment** with one of the pastors by calling 704-541-3463. If you desire more regular and frequent care, consider **requesting a Stephen Minister** by calling Pastor Gayle Montgomery (ext. 209).

**Prayer requests may be emailed to:**

**Teresa McKenzie at [teresamckenzie@carolina.rr.com](mailto:teresamckenzie@carolina.rr.com).**

**January Open Door Luncheon**

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Let's celebrate the New Year by going out to lunch together! Our **January Open Door** will be lunch together at Park Place Restaurant 10517 Park Road. We will plan to meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**, to carpool as much as possible. To reserve your place, please contact Kathi Linet by e-mail 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!**

**FROM MISSIONS**

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

**Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

**BLDG #300, behind Hammill Hall ~ Open Tues. & Thurs. 10am-1pm**

To tell witness to our client increase ~ September (119), October (149) and November (254) individuals (78 families) were seen and served by our pantry volunteers. We logged 251.75 volunteer hours and collected 3,376.5 lbs. of food, thanks to each one of you! Donations are greatly appreciated! However, continue to know that we are still overstocked and **do not need peanut butter, ravioli or soup.** To know more about volunteering at the pantry, e-mail [HUMCL.F@gmail.com](mailto:HUMCL.F@gmail.com).

**Backpack Ministry Program** – The Harrison UMC Backpack Mission, together with Pineville United Methodist and South Charlotte Baptist churches, purchased, packaged, and delivered food for 32 families for the five-day Thanksgiving school holiday. The families included 52 of the 87 children we serve each weekend during the school year. The food included fresh fruit, milk, and orange juice plus other items, enough for 15 meals plus treats and snacks for each child. All of the families were grateful for the extra food. Many were relieved ~ they had had no idea, they said, how they were going to get food for their kids while they were away from school. We are now preparing to provide food for the 16-day school vacation over Christmas. If you'd like to help with the Christmas vacation food, please write a check to the church with *Backpack Mission* in the memo line. **To know more, e-mail [rudy\\_chittenden@yahoo.com](mailto:rudy_chittenden@yahoo.com).**

*All donations may be left in the L&F bins in the Plummer Education Center (Bldg.100) Reception area, in the entry of Hammill Hall, and the Sanctuary Narthex.*

**Winter Coats for Pineville Elementary**

Thanks to all of you who have contributed coats for these children. So far, we have delivered over 71 coats with more coming in. The staff at Pineville Elementary are amazed at the generosity and support provided by Harrison UM Church.

**Fresh Cut North Carolina Christmas Trees For Sale**

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.chompchilhoodcancer.org](http://www.chompchilhoodcancer.org)



**To Harrison UMC**

**in Memory of Walter L. Furr**

from *Dakeita Vanderburg & Stephen Johnson, Douglas Robinson, Hazel R. Robinson, Robert D. Ross, AVCorp International, Inc., and B&C Enterprises of Clover*

**To Harrison UMC Cemetery Fund**

from *Frank & Inge Falacara, and Kevin & Lara Hall.*