

*"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*

- 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: Sundays ~ 9:15 a.m. - Rooms 116, 118, Bldg. 100;  
 Wednesdays ~ 9:15 a.m. - Room 116  
 Chapel & Room 301, Bldg. 300 & 11 a.m. - Room 118, Bldg. 100  
 Adults: Wednesdays ~ 9:15 a.m. Rm 116, Bldg. 100

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**Prayer Concerns**

**Serving a Prison Term:** Michelle Olivares and Travis Helms.

**At Home:** Pastor Mark Plummer, Darwin Byrum, Virginia Luckey, Leitner Hall, Lydia Jennings, Lorene Withers, Julia Adams, Anne Kolbe, Pauline Wilson, Pat Young, 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:**

**Pastor Mark Plummer**

1619 Crestgate Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173-6727

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.

**This Week: Dec. 19-26, 2010**



- DAILY 5:00am Korean Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
- SUNDAY 9:00am Confirmation Class (109)
- 9:15am Methodist Doctrine & Beliefs (113)
- 11:00am Going Deeper (301)
- 3:30pm Youth Praise Band (Multipurpose Rm)
- 3:30pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal (Hammill H)
- 4:00pm 3-Yr-Old Christmas Rehearsal (106)
- 5:00pm Youth Group (Multipurpose Room)
- MONDAY Harrison Preschool Closed Dec. 20-Jan. 3 for Christmas Observance & Teacher's Workshop Day
- 7:00am Band of Brothers (Big View Diner—Lancaster Hwy and Ardrey-Kell Road)
- 12:00pm Prayer & Healing Service (Sanctuary)
- No Prayer & Healing service on Monday, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3
- 6:30pm Alpha Steering Com. (114)
- TUESDAY 9:30am Harrison Staff Meeting (Private)
- 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Building 300)
- 7:30pm Brazilian Leadership Trng. (Library)
- WEDNESDAY 10:00am Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal & Celebration (10a-1p) (Hammill Hall, 106)
- 6:30pm Mid-Week Worship (Hammill Hall)
- 7:30pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- THURSDAY 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Bldg. 300)
- 5:00pm Room in the Inn (101)
- FRIDAY 4:00pm Christmas Candlelight Communion Service "Room for Him" Presentation (Sanctuary)
- 5:30pm Children's Christmas Program (Hammill Hall)
- 7:00pm Christmas Candlelight Communion Service "Room for Him" Presentation (Sanctuary)
- 9:00pm Christmas Candlelight Communion Service "Room for Him" Presentation (Sanctuary)
- 11:00pm Christmas Candlelight Communion Service "Room for Him" Presentation (Sanctuary)
- SATURDAY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
- SUNDAY No 8 am service today. No Sunday School or InkWELL. Childcare will be available for infants thru age 3.
- 9:15am Worship (Hammill Hall)
- 11am Worship (Sanctuary)

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



**Today's Counters: Cathy Borst & Bruce Ainslie**  
 Dec. 26: Peter Imhof and Jim Rochester



**Today's Stephen Ministry Prayer Assistants:**  
 8 a.m.: DeeDee McMahan and Dana Poulton  
 9:15 a.m.: Kyle McCain nad Roberta Keener  
 11 a.m.: Bruce Ainslie and Ruth Siegel

**Harrison UMC**

**Weekly News**



4th Sunday of Advent

**Lessons & Carols**

*2<sup>nd</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows— light! sunbursts of light! You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy. Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy! The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.*

(Isaiah 9:2)

**Advent Readers - Today**

- 8:00 a.m.: Wendy & Ron Horton
- 9:15 a.m.: Renée Moses
- 11:00 a.m.: The Zehrungs



**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 eighteenth 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.



**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.



**Harrison Church**



**Merry Christmas!!**

**Today ~ The 'One & Only Original Christmas Factory' Rehearsals**  
 3:30-5 p.m. in Hammill Hall // 3-year olds ~ 4-5 p.m. in Room 106, Bldg 100.  
*Questions? Call Sally at 704-541-3463, ext. 208.*



**Christmas at Harrison: Please join us!**

**Today - Sunday, December 19: Lessons & Carols - 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.**

**This Wednesday, December 22: Smells of Christmas - 6:30 p.m.**  
*in Hammill Hall - PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH*

**This Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Candlelight Communion Services:**  
 A special presentation ~ "Room for Him" at 4, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.  
 Children's Musical ~ 5:30 p.m. in Hammill Hall  
 Childcare will be available for the 4 p.m. service.

**Next Sunday, December 26, First Sunday After Christmas**

9:15 - Bilingual (Hammill Hall) & 11 a.m. (The Sanctuary)  
 THERE WILL BE NO 8 A.M. SERVICE. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR *inkWELL*. CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS - AGE 3.

*Monday, Dec. 27; Tues., Dec. 28; & Monday, Jan. 3 - Church Office Will Be Closed*  
**Come Celebrate The Season At Harrison Church!**

**Great Worship Opportunity Tomorrow ~ Prayer & Healing Service!**  
 with Holy Communion ~ at Noon in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.  
 There will not be a Prayer & Healing Service on Monday, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3

**Harrison Singles (over 30):** Let's take a short break from holiday shopping for fellowship and dinner at **Harper's Restaurant in Carolina Place Mall at 7 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 16.** To reserve your place, email Panther8863@aol.com.

**New to Harrison? Come and join us!**

**Newcomer / Pre-Membership Class ~ January 2011**

Our next **Foundations Class** for newcomers and potential members begins on **Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011** and will run for 5 consecutive Sundays from 9:15-10:45 a.m. in Room 115. Childcare / Sunday School for children and youth is available during this time. During this class, you will learn about our church, our beliefs, and ministries. You will also discover your spiritual gifts. This is a great opportunity for you to ask the pastors any questions you may have and to meet other newcomers. We have fun too, so don't miss out!

Our next **Membership and Baptism Ceremony** will be on **Sunday, Feb. 20**, during the Sunday morning services. If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized at this ceremony, please let us know. Remember that one of the parents should be a member at Harrison UMC to have a child baptized.

For more information or to register for the **Foundations Class** and / or for the **Membership / Baptism ceremony**, please contact Jennifer Hupko at [iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com](mailto:iluvgodtoo@yahoo.com) or 704-219-1899.

*Stephen Ministers are Available This Morning For You by the Altar.*  
 Please see page 4 for a list of Stephen Ministers who are available to pray with you today.

## Serving at Harrison

**Harrison Christmas Invite Cards:** Are you going to be attending any of our Advent activities? This is an excellent time to invite your friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors! To help you do so, we have some invite cards available at the Welcome Desks in the Narthex and at the Hammill Hall entrance. Please help yourself to some and hand them out to folks you would like to invite to share the joy of this Christmas season at Harrison.

### Christmas Eve Ushers/Greeters

**Needed . . .** for the following Christmas Eve services: 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. (Children's Service); 7 p.m., 9 p.m., and 11 p.m. **If you would like to serve** at one of these services, please contact Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or anita.king@harrisonumc.org.

### In Our Children's Ministry Area . . .

If you feel God nudging you to serve with our children, we have a few openings ~ **During our 9:15 a.m. Sunday School:** a teacher is needed for the following classes ~ the 4-year-old and the 4th & 5th grade combination; **at 11 a.m.:** the toddler, 2-year-old, and 3-year-old classes and for the 2nd & 5th grade groups during *InkWELL*. If you would like to learn more about joining our team, please call Sally Ainslie 704-541-3486, ext. 208. *Thank you!*

### To Honor or Remember A Loved One With a Beautiful Bouquet on the Altar on Sundays

~ email your newsletter announcement and flower arrangement type you desire to vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org. The cost of each bouquet is \$60. Checks may be made payable to Harrison UMC with "altar flowers" written on the memo line.



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



### Harrison UMC Financial Update

Year to Date as of 12/12/2010

General Budget Giving \$ 1,155,935.00

General Budget Expenses \$ 1,228,000.00

Deficit \$ 72,065.00

Remember you can sign up to give online at [www.harrisonumc.org](http://www.harrisonumc.org). Just click on "On-Line Giving" under the "Member Area" in the left hand column on the front page.



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



### Parents...Let's Work Together!

We in the Children's Ministry area are thrilled to have the privilege of helping you as you strive to raise your children with a knowledge of the Lord and the many blessings they have received. It is our pleasure to help them learn to *Love God, Live for God, and Lead others to God*. But, we still need your help!! We still have openings in our Sunday School, *InkWell*, and Mid-Week classes for children. If you would like to join our team, please call Sally Ainslie at 704-541-3463, ext. 208.

### Beth Moore ~ Coming to Charlotte

**"Living Proof" Live Conference ~ July 22 & 23, 2011 ~**

Because you are living proof of God's love ~ get a group of girlfriends together and learn how to see God's Word in a whole new way. Tickets are \$65. To register, visit [Lifeway.com/livingproof](http://Lifeway.com/livingproof) or call 800-254-2022.

### Things you need to know:

Churches in general are experiencing an increase in break-ins. Harrison Church is no longer the country church it once was and in an effort to create a more secure environment for the staff and the volunteers, we have made some changes in the front offices:

- Phone extensions and offices for Julie Curtis, Vicki Lawson, and the volunteer receptionist have changed:** Julie is now down the staff wing hallway and her extension is 211 and Vicki is now in Julie's former office and her extension is 212. The receptionist will sit behind the glass window where it is more secure and warmer. This extension is 201.
- The outer door to the Receptionist Office is now locked,** but the non-master key (AA1-the same key that fits all the front doors) fits this lock. We are in the process of getting it re-keyed to fit both the non-master and master key (A).
- The Audio/Visual Ministry is also now using the Receptionist Office and requires a secured space.
- Please keep the outer door of the Reception Area locked when exiting.** This will increase security for the AV equipment.
- We try to staff the front with volunteers during our office hours but on occasion we are without a volunteer. If you arrive during the office hours (M-F, 9-5) and the front doors are locked, **please ring the bell just to the right of the set of doors** and someone will let you in. If you just tap on the glass, we may not hear you since most staff are down the hall.
- This last item has nothing to do with security, but has everything to do with being good stewards. **If you change a thermostat, PLEASE press the red resume button on the thermostat before leaving. This will help us keep our costs down.**

*Thank you, Julie Curtis, Church Administrator*

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### I.N.K. Ministry Mission Statement

Relying on God's power working in us, imagine the Impact, we can have Now on our Kids and families. The Children's Ministry Vision Statement gives each child a challenge to work towards ~ **Love God // Live 4 God and // Lead others 2 God!** So parents, bring your kids to Sunday school at **either 9:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.** or to the *InkWELL* service for 1st-5th grades at 11 a.m. each week in Hammill Hall. We also have a time for kids, ages 4 - 2nd grade, **during the Mid-Week service on Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 p.m.)**.

### 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 *assessable 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, you might consider **requesting a Stephen Minister** by contacting Sally Ainslie (ext. 208) or Pastor Gayle (ext. 209).

**Prayer requests may be emailed to: Teresa McKenzie at [teresamckenzie@carolina.rr.com](mailto:teresamckenzie@carolina.rr.com).**

Thank you for allowing us to tend your soul as we care for this flock. By scheduling your pastoral appointments, you help the pastors attend to their own needs and souls as well. **BLESS YOU!**

**Looking for a last minute stocking stuffer?** We have several Harrison 225th Anniversary T-Shirts remaining!! Please contact Dena Brown at [denabrown@carolina.rr.com](mailto:denabrown@carolina.rr.com) or 704-756-9539 with the size and 1st/2nd color preferences of black, green or purple. T-Shirts are \$10 each. The entire cost goes toward a new Harrison Church van. A few \$15 baseball hats and \$5 tote bags remain as well.

### Staying In Touch

If you've moved or recently changed your contact numbers (telephone, cell, or email address), please let us know. We'd love to stay in touch, but need your updated information to do so.

Please send your updated information to:

[vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org](mailto:vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org)

### 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!**

### Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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

In November, we logged **25 families, 74 people and 202.3 volunteer hours**. It was wonderful to feed so many hungry families by providing a turkey or chicken and the fix-ins for a true Thanksgiving meal. Many thanks to all of you who helped provided the fix-ins.

In November, the pantry celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary! Here are some numbers to share:

Month of November:	2009	2010
Families Served	12	25
Individuals Served	33	74
Volunteer Hours	281 (includes set up)	202.3
Food Donated (LBS)	1,900	4,458

If you would like to get on future scheduling, need information about the pantry, or are planning a food drive, contact Dawn Bruner at [dbruner1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dbruner1@carolina.rr.com).

**BACKPACK UPDATE** – Thanks to the generosity of the church and surrounding communities, especially Sun City and the Boy Scouts, the Harrison Backpack Mission is preparing to provide food over the Christmas school vacation for the kids who normally take backpacks home for the weekend.

To further help the families of these kids, we are directing their parents to two churches and a care center in Fort Mill that are providing food for families in the week prior to Christmas. We just wanted you to share in the joy that comes with helping hungry children. For more information, contact Rudy Chittenden at [rudy\\_chittenden@yahoo.com](mailto:rudy_chittenden@yahoo.com).

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

### Room in the Inn ~ December 2010

**Dates that are still available for volunteer sign up: March 24 & 31.** We also still need help with transporting our "neighbors." If you have a commercial license and are available to help with the pick ups on Thursday afternoons, please contact Laura Clark at [lalyc2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lalyc2000@yahoo.com).

### TakeThemAMeal.com

To sign up for a convenient delivery date, please visit: [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) (**password: HUMC**), it will guide you as to where to deliver the food and the types of food each family may receive. **Presently listed for assistance:** the Campozano, the Navarro, and the Lee families. Emme Barnes is also listed. For Emme Barnes ~ please give her last name: Barnes and password: 3842.