

"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:**

**Ms. Nancy Hawfield c/o Sterling House
1920 Ebenezer Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29732**

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's Highlights: Dec. 5-12, 2010

DAILY	5:00am	Korean Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
SUNDAY	9:00am	Harrison Coffee House (*til after 11am) (100)
	9:00am	Confirmation Class (109)
	9:15am	Methodist Doctrine & Beliefs (113)
	11:00am	Going Deeper (301)
	12:30pm	Inkwell Band Practice (Hammill Hall)
	3:30pm	Children's Christmas Rehearsal (100)
	3:30pm	Youth Praise Band (Multipurpose Rm)
	4:00pm	3-Yr-Old Children's Christmas Rehearsal (106)
	5:00pm	Youth Group (Multi-Purpose)
MONDAY	10:00am	Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	12:00pm	Prayer & Healing Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Quiet Christmas (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Disciple III (Library) // Adam's Warriors (104)
	7:45pm	Arborvitae Band Set Up Stage (Hammill Hall)
TUESDAY	9:30am	ESL (102-105, 100-childcare)
	9:30am	Harrison Staff Meeting (Private)
	9:30am	Celebration of Discipline (offsite)
	10:00am	Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Building 300)
	10:00am	Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Faith Circle (118)
	7:00pm	Disciple II (111) // Career Transition (115)
	7:00pm	ESL Evening Classes (100-105)
	7:30pm	Brazilian Leadership Trng. (Library)
	8:00pm	ArborVitae Band Rehearsal (Hammill Hall)
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	ESL (Starting in 102-105/100-childcare)
	6:30pm	Mid-Week Worship (Hammill Hall)
	7:00pm	ESL Evening Classes (100-105)
	7:30pm	Disciple I (115)
	7:30pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY	9:00am	Pre-School Christmas Shopping Spree (111)
	10:00am	Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Bldg. 300)
	5:00pm	Room in the Inn (101)
	7:30pm	Praise Team Practice (Hammill Hall)
FRIDAY	9:00am	Pre-School Christmas Shopping Spree (111)
	6:00pm	Spanish Band Practice & Bible Study (100)
SATURDAY	6:00pm	Live Nativity (Beginning in The Sanctuary)
SUNDAY	8:30 & 11a.m.	Handel's Messiah (Sanctuary)
		<i>There will not be a 9:15 a.m. worship service</i>
	9:00am	Confirmation Class (109)
	9:15am	Methodist Doctrine & Beliefs (113)
	11:00am	Going Deeper (301)
	12:30am	Audio Visual Ministry (115)
	3:30pm	Youth Praise Band (Multipurpose Rm)
	3:30pm	Children's Christmas Rehearsal (100)
	4:00pm	3-Yr-Old Children's Christmas Rehearsal (106)
	5:00pm	Youth Group (Multipurpose Room)
	6:00pm	Live Nativity (Beginning in The Sanctuary)

For a current and complete listing of this calendar, please visit 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: Chris Williams & Chip Walton

Dec. 12: Mike Poole & Tom/Mary Keifer

Today's Stephen Ministry Prayer Assistants:

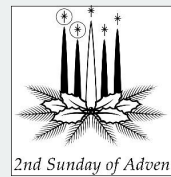
8 a.m.: Jan Zenner and DeeDee McMahan

9:15 a.m.: Kyle McCain and Karen Gourlay

11 a.m.: Laura Clark and Joe Montgomery



**Harrison UMC
Weekly News**



2nd Sunday of Advent

While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called "the Baptizer," was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

(Matthew 3:1-12)

Advent Readers - Today

8 a.m.: Tom & Lee Condit

9:15 a.m.: Jennifer Harrison & family

11 a.m.: Doug & Sherrie Ray



Christmas Traditions:

The Christmas Tree

The Harrison Christmas tree in Hammill Hall is decorated with **Chrismons**, Christian symbols that date back to the early Christian church. Most Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbons, glitter, etc. White is the liturgical color for Christmas and suggests purity and joy. Gold is a color for kings and represents the glory and majesty of God. Take time during this Advent season to identify the ornaments on our tree: Alpha and Omega, Christmas Rose, Circle and Triangle, Bell Anchor, Cross, Budded Cross, Open Bible, Cross and Crown, Cross Pattee, Butterfly, Daisy Dove, Cup, Fish, Fleur De Lis, Chi Rho, Harp, Lamb, Lamp, Manger, Shamrock, Shell with drops of water, Epiphany, Star, Burning Torch, and a Trumpet.

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.



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**Harrison
Church**

CELEBRATING
225
YEARS

Serving Charlotte Rescue Mission ~ Today at 3:45 p.m.

Join us! The caravan will leave Hammill Hall at 3:45 p.m. Desserts are always welcome and appreciated. Either bring it with you or drop it off at either kitchen (HH or Rm 101, Bldg. 100). Please have it clearly marked for *Rescue Mission*. Thank you!

Quiet Christmas ~ Tomorrow Night

A *Quiet Christmas*, a service for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one this year and are not sure how to face Christmas, will begin at **7 p.m. tomorrow** in the Sanctuary. Please invite your friends and/or neighbors who may be facing this holiday with sadness.



Christmas at Harrison: Please join us!

Tomorrow! ~ December 6: A Quiet Christmas ~ 7 p.m.

The Sanctuary

A special service for those who are experiencing grief this season.

This Wednesday, December 8: Sights of Christmas ~ 6:30 p.m.

in Hammill Hall

Saturday & Sunday, December 11 & 12: Live Nativity ~ 6-8 p.m.

starting in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 12: Handel's Messiah ~ 8:30 & 11 a.m.

in the Sanctuary ~ There will not be a 9:15 a.m. service.

During the 8:30 a.m. service: Children, ages 3 years thru 5th grade, will meet in Room 101, Bldg. 100, for a special Christmas Sunday school time. During the 11 a.m. presentation: the 3-year-olds thru the Kindergarten children will also meet in Room 101, Bldg. 100. The 1st thru 5th graders will go to *InkWELL* in Hammill Hall as usual.

Wednesday, December 15: Sounds of Christmas ~ 6:30 p.m.

Hammill Hall

Friday & Saturday, December 17-18: Prayer Labyrinth ~ 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Multipurpose Room ~ 2nd floor of Plummer Education Bldg 100

A 1-hour guided personal prayer walk experience. Reserve your walk at the Visitor's Desk in Hammill Hall or at the Information Desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or email Rob Morris at radrob6500@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, December 22: Smells of Christmas ~ 6:30 p.m.

Hammill Hall - PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH

Sunday, December 19: Lessons & Carols ~ 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Christmas Candlelight Communion: 4, 7, 9 & 11 p.m., Sanctuary

Children's Musical ~ 5:30 p.m. in Hammill Hall

Childcare will be available this night. Please contact Sally Ainslie

at 704-541-3463, ext, 208, for available times.

Come Celebrate The Season At Harrison Church!

Our Adult Sunday School Discussion Class will not meet next Sunday, Dec. 12. The Discussion Class meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 118.

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

Worship

Christmas Eve Ushers/Greeters

Needed . . . "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for in so doing, some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2) ~ Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you enjoy meeting new people and extending a warm welcome? *If so, we need you!* We are seeking ushers and greeters 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 to fill ~ **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 both the 2nd & 3rd 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!*

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 or call 800-254-2022.

English as a Second Language (ESL):

DID YOU KNOW? One of the few things our students would change about Charlotte --- more sidewalks for taking a walk. *ESL meets weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To know more or to register, email Andrea Kirby Crowell at media@andrea-kirby.com.*

Harrison UMC Financial Update

Year to Date as of 11/28/2010

General Budget Giving \$ 1,100,915.00
General Budget Expenses \$ 1,178,000.00
Deficit \$ 77,085.00

Want to share your news?

Please email your article or photo (jpg format) to vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org by 5 p.m. on Mondays.



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



The 'One & Only Original Christmas Factory' Rehearsals Today! ~ 3:30-5 p.m. in Room 100, Bldg. 100
Today, we also begin rehearsing our 3-year olds from 4-5 p.m. in Room 106, Bldg 100.

This is also open to our 4's who don't feel they are ready for the full program. **Questions? Call Sally at 704-541-3463, ext. 208.**

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.

Career Transition Ministry ~ Tuesdays, Dec. 7 & 21st from 7-8:30 p.m., Room 115, Plummer Bldg. #100

Topic: "Looking for Hope?" ~ Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Hyland, Life Coach, Inspirational Speaker, and Author of *Surviving the Unemployment Roller Coaster: From Stress to Success.* Career Transition is Harrison's support group for the underemployed. **Everyone is welcome.**

This Weekend: *The Live Nativity: Dec. 11 & 12 ~ 6-8 p.m.* Volunteers Needed ~ Sign Up Today After Worship

Harrison Church will soon be celebrating one of our Christmas traditions: *The Live Nativity*. We are in need of many helping hands, especially **this Saturday at 9 a.m. for set up**. More cast members are needed for each night. **No prior experience necessary!** Tearing down the set will start at 8 p.m. next Sunday, Dec. 12. We will have sign-up tables today before and after the 9:15 a.m. service. Please consider being a part of this tradition at Harrison. It touches a lot of hearts and brings many visitors to our church to experience the Christmas story. Please email Jim or Joy Rochester at jimnjoy@comporium.net for more information.



Angel Tree Ministry ~ Gifts due next Sunday, Dec. 12th
Volunteers & Donors Needed

Give joy to a prisoner's kid this Christmas, volunteer to help with or make a donation to *The Angel Tree 2010*. This assists 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, S.C. **You can help by volunteering** to sort the gifts for delivery and delivering the gifts to the children. Your gift selections need to be returned **NO LATER than next Sunday, Dec. 12**. Please limit your gifts to between \$25 to \$35 and return them to Hammill Hall or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. **To volunteer, donate, or for more information**, please contact Tom Coggins at 803-547-6862 or cogginswt@comporium.net or call Betsy Woog at 704-541-0738.

HUMYF Labyrinth - Prayer Path:

Take the journey this Christmas ~ Dec. 17-18
10 a.m. - 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.* Sign up at the Visitor's Desk in Hammill Hall or at the Information Desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or email Rob Morris at radrob6500@hotmail.com.



Bethlehem Center Group Christmas Project
Want to Serve? Various opportunities are available.

As an individual or as a group (grade school, teens, adults) ~ All are welcome! ~The Bethlehem Center could use your help **this week: Dec. 6-13th, from 4-5:30 p.m.** ~ making Christmas bows and ornaments with the after-school children; and decorating the Bethlehem Center Main Building to make it festive for all the people who work and play there. **From Dec. 15-17th**, the Bethlehem Center needs help sorting "STARS" and Christmas gifts for the Center's children. This project is open to teen and adults only. **Harrison UMC volunteers will be going Dec. 15th, from 2-6 p.m., leaving the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Come, join us!** Also needed ~ a Spanish language tutor for children who are learning Spanish.

To schedule which time you would like to volunteer, please call Renee Bromfield, Director of Community Relations, office: 704-371-7404 or her cell: 704-621-2058.

Please note: The Bethlehem Center does do background checks on adult volunteers. You will have to complete a profile form when you come.

A Special Thank You

A great big thank you to all who helped to make the Thanksgiving dinner at Harrison Church last week such a wonderful and welcoming time. Once again, we had people from this local community and some who have arrived from many distant countries. Thank you for the wonderful food, for decorating, for serving and for cleaning up. We especially thank Terry Mintle and his team for the wonderful food service and Pat Moehring for the beautiful Christmas music. It truly was a time to celebrate God's goodness to us.

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

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



Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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

What a blessing – our pantry served **23 families, 71 people** and logged **175.05 volunteer hours** in November. Thanks to everyone who helped by providing food and volunteering. As we begin December, we are still welcoming "holiday" food to help provide a meal for our clients at Christmas. Needs are "boxed" stuffing mix, potatoes, brownie mix or "canned" gravy, sweet potatoes, and cranberry or apple sauce. Remember glass is a safety hazard so we prefer all canned, bagged, or boxed items. Please be aware that from the recent food drives our shelves are overflowing with canned tuna, peanut butter, and vegetables. **A huge thank you** to the Boy Scouts' donation as we now have jelly, mustard, ketchup, sugar, coffee, toothpaste, and other miscellaneous sundries to give as extra's to those that come. If you would like to volunteer, need information about the pantry, or are planning a food drive, contact Dawn Bruner at dbruner1@carolina.rr.com.

BACKPACK UPDATE – Top needs this week: (individual servings; no peanut butter) 100% juice; cookies; Rice Krispies treats; and Mac & Cheese (7.25 oz packets). To know more about this ministry, email 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.*

Christmas Card Campaign

Missions would like to provide a Christmas card to *Charlotte Rescue Mission* and *Urban Ministries* ~ a personal touch for those who are struggling during the Holiday Season. **All are welcome to donate** ~ individuals, families, small groups, Sunday school classes, scout troops, etc!. Please personalize the cards (packs of 10 or more) with a short note on the inside and signed with your first name only. Please drop off your cards in the box marked *Christmas Card Campaign* that is in the lobby of the Plummer Building #100. Our goal is 600 cards! Questions? Please contact Terry Mintle at mintle3@msn.com.

Room in the Inn ~ December 2010

Dates that are still available for volunteer sign up: Dec. 16 & 30, Jan. 6, Feb. 17, and 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.

Great Worship Opportunity! Every Monday
Prayer & Healing Service with Holy Communion
~ at Noon in the Sanctuary. **All are welcome.**

TakeThem.AMeal.com

To sign up for a convenient delivery date, please visit: 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.