



Happy New Year!!!

Harrison Church

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/setting 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>.

January Open Door Luncheon ~ This Wednesday, January 4th

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. 4th**, to carpool as much as possible. To reserve your place, please contact Kathi Linet by e-mail at Kathi@comporium.net or by phone at 803-548-8498 (home) or 386-316-5656 (cell) **by tomorrow, Jan. 2nd**. ~ *Happy Holidays!*

Foundations Class Starts Next Sunday, January 8th ~ 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. 19th 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.

Missions Planning Retreat ~ Saturday, January 14th

The Missions Ministry Team has planned their annual planning retreat for Jan. 14th from 9 a.m. until noon in Room 101 of the Plummer Education Building (#100). This year's retreat will be based on Isaiah 58. We will open with a discussion of the scripture and its meaning for missions, followed by a review of our ministries in 2011, and then a brainstorming about our goals for 2012. If you have a heart for serving the least of these, you are invited and welcome to attend. There is a small amount of reading material involved. If you plan to attend, please contact Ron Sheppard at ronls@carolina.rr.com or 704-541-2659.

2012 Life Groups at Harrison UMC ~ Open House Jan. 20th What are they? How do I join one?

We are planning to start several new Life Groups this year. Join us for an informal Life Group open house on **Friday, Jan. 20th, 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. 21st, 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; or Jan Zenner at bzenner1@carolina.rr.com.

The Church Offices will be closed this Monday, January 2nd, for the New Year's Day holiday. Happy New Year!

Worship

Harrison UMC Weekly News



Epiphany

First Sunday After Christmas Day
15-18 I assume I'm addressing believers now who are mature. Draw your own conclusions: When we drink the cup of blessing, aren't we taking into ourselves the blood, the very life, of Christ? And isn't it the same with the loaf of bread we break and eat? Don't we take into ourselves the body, the very life, of Christ? Because there is one loaf, our many-ness becomes one-ness – Christ doesn't become fragmented in us. Rather, we become unified in him. We don't reduce Christ to what we are; he raises us to what he is. That's basically what happened even in old Israel—those who ate the sacrifices offered on God's altar entered into God's action at the altar.
(1 Corinthians 10:16 & 17)



A Stephen Minister is available to pray with you today at the altar: 11 a.m.: Sally Ainslie
Please come to the altar for prayer.

Leadership Conference: "Reaching Lives Effectively Through Cell-Based Ministry"
Featuring:
Pastor Joel Comiskey
Friday, Jan. 6th, at 6:30 p.m.
& Saturday, Jan. 7th, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
at Matthews UMC, Matthews, NC

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)
To reserve childcare or for more information, please call 704-815-1996, ext. 108.

Join the Men's Monthly Breakfast Program at 8 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 15th, in Room 101, Plummer Education Bldg. 100.
All men are welcome.

Harrison United Methodist Church, 15008 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC 28134
704-541-3463 (Main Reception)
www.harrisonumc.org

Highlights This Week: Jan. 1-8

SUNDAY	9:15am	Youth Groups (Multipurpose Rm)
	11:00am	Disciple I (116)
	3:00pm	Youth Band Practice (Multipurpose Rm)
	5:00pm	Youth Group (7-12th grade) (Multipurpose Room)
	7:30pm	Men's Basketball (Hammill Hall)
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED	
	12:00pm	Prayer & Healing Service -CANCELLED
	7:00pm	Disciple II (301)
	7:00pm	Disciple IV (Library)
TUESDAY	9:30am	ESL (100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106)
	10:00am	Loaves & Fishes Pantry (10a-1p,Bldg.300)
	10:00am	Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	Faith Circle (112)
	7:00pm	Disciple III (111)
	7:00pm	ESL Eve (100-106)
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	ESL (100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106)
	10:00am	Having A Mary Spirit (118)
	Noon	Open Door Lunch at Park Place Restaurant
	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)
	7:00pm	Disciple IV (115)
	7:30pm	Praise Team Practice
FRIDAY	6:00pm	Spanish Band Practice (101)
SATURDAY	NO HARRISON CHURCH EVENTS SCHEDULED	
SUNDAY	9:15am	Foundations (115)
	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)
	2:00pm	CROWN Introduction (116)
	2:00pm	Financial Peace Univ. Preview (118)
	3:00pm	Youth Band Practice (Multipurpose Rm)
	5:00pm	Youth Group (7-12th grade) (MP Rm)

For a current and complete listing of this calendar, please visit **Harrison Events** at 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 & Amanda Collins
January 8, 2012: To Be announced

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.



Memorial Fund
**To Harrison UMC
in Memory of Walter L. Furr**
from David M. Furr and David & Sandra P. Lindley



Epiphany

"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

How to Contact Us Directly:

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Visit our website: www.harrisonumc.org

Prayer Concerns

Serving a Prison Term: Michelle Olivares and Travis Helms.
At Home: Pastor Mark Plummer, Dorothy Agathon, Darwin Byrum, Betty Jo 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:**

Betty Jo Furr

11201 Providence Road West, Charlotte, NC 28227-1541

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.

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

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

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.**



**Great Worship Opportunity on Mondays
~ Prayer & Healing Service!**

with Holy Communion ~ at Noon in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

**The Prayer & Healing Service resumes Monday,
Jan. 9th. It will not be held tomorrow
- Monday, Jan. 2nd**

Shed Cleaning ~ 8 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 21st
Do you or your group have something stored in the Harrison Church white shed? If so, Please remove it if it is no longer useful or let us know if you need it left there before Jan. 21st. **There will be no exceptions.** Please let us know ~ contact Dena Brown at denabrown@carolina.rr.com or 704-756-9539 or place a big sticky note on the item that says **"DO NOT DESTROY!"** Everything is going to be thrown out or donated if it appears to be no longer useful to Harrison UMC. **Want to Help?** We need people who aren't afraid to get dirty, a few trucks for hauling, and gloves. *Thank you.*

**Revitalizing the Local Church
2012 Charlotte District Leadership Vitality Rally**
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mark Ralls
Senior Pastor at Centenary UMC, Winston-Salem
Sunday, Jan. 22, at Myers Park UMC
2:45 ~ 5:30 p.m.
1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC
*To register or for more information, e-mail
DeEtta Rivens, the Charlotte District UM Office
at drivens@wncumc.org or visit:
www.chardist.org.*

Don't Throw Away ~ Go green! Donate Thru Jan. 31st

Recycle all those Christmas and birthday cards ~ any card will do. Gather up cards from this past 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 31st**. 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 Faith Circle meeting ~ Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 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 or 704-619-8762.

You are invited to a POT PARTY!!

Saturday, January 28th ~ 4-8 p.m. in Hammill Hall

Bring a pot or pan to donate to the Red Bird Mission and join us for a pot of homemade Brunswick stew and warm fellowship. Any type of new or "very gently used" pots and pans will be greatly appreciated.

Donations are also welcome!

Red Bird Mission, a non-profit agency located in the Appalachian mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing educational, health, and community outreach ministries to area low-income residents."

HUMC Student Ministry 2012 Summer Mission Trips

Register Today!

Students (Rising 9th Grade and Older) and ADULTS! If you are interested in going on a mission trip next summer, **please check out the following trips for this year. To know more or to register, contact Rob Morris at 704-942-8769 or radrob6500@hotmail.com.**

Jamaica Mission Trip/Montego Bay, Jamaica ~ July 7-14

For the last five years, we have partnered with a Church in Montego Bay, Jamaica and YWAM MoBay. Our students lead Vacation Bible School in the White House Village next to the airport in Montego Bay. They also visit orphanages, a (Disabled) Children's home, and an AIDS Hospice. This mission trip is for rising 9th graders and up. Cost: \$900-\$1,100 per person, depending on airfare.

Salkehatchie Mission Trip/Columbia, SC ~ July 12-28

For more than 10 years, the Harrison UMC Student Ministry has been involved with the Salkehatchie Summer Service (S.C. UM Conference) in one community or another. Currently, we are serving at the Columbia (SC) Salkehatchie Camp. Our students stay at a church in the Columbia area. They repair homes and minister to home owners. Cost: \$220 per person. Students have to be age 14 or older by July 21st.

Lost and Found Clean Up ~ By Thursday, Jan. 5th

Harrison UMC has collected many lost items over the past year. We are now ready to clean out our Lost and Found bin for 2012. If you **THINK** that you have lost **ANYTHING** ~ including jewelry~ please come by the Reception Area in the Plummer Building (#100) and check out our Lost and Found bin. Items that are still there by Thursday, January 5th, will be donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Mismatched jewelry will be discarded.

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



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!

Hammill Hall Kitchen ~ Must Read!!

Hammill Hall kitchen has been renovated to allow us to sell food on a regular basis (such as Wednesday dinners) and also rent the space to outside chefs for their catering businesses. We will now be inspected on a quarterly basis. Our first surprise quarterly inspection took place Oct. 20, 2011. Points were taken off our score for: improperly stored food — all opened food must be kept in an airtight container or Ziploc bag; personal beverage left on the food prep table — all volunteer beverages must be stored on the shelf below the food prep tables and discarded as a part of the kitchen clean-up; food residue was left on dishes and spoons — all dishes must be washed thoroughly, rinsed with the properly mixed solution, and checked for food residue before returning to storage. Our overall score was a 93! Please be mindful that the kitchen will be inspected on an unannounced basis going forward. We cannot store food on the floor or have lost and found items in the kitchen. Please pay attention to all signage and make sure the trash is emptied and the floor is swept and mopped after use.

~The Trustee Committee

Coming in the fall:

**'Lands of the Bible' 13-Day Faith-Based Cruise
Departing Friday, Nov. 9th, 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!

Travel Details: After our flight to Rome, we will board the Norwegian Jade, a 2,400 passenger, fully-equipped cruise ship. As we trace a number of our biblical roots, shore explorations will include: Alanya and Perga, Turkey; Limassol, Cyprus; the Galilee and Jerusalem regions of Israel; Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt.

Pre and Post-tours are available to Rome and additional sites in Italy. Land travel will be by deluxe motor coach. Qualified and experienced guides will lead these excursions. In addition to a large number of shipboard activities, passengers will have the opportunity to attend lectures by both Bishop Larry Goodpaster and Dr. Bob Tuttle.

Church Closings Due To Weather ~ In case of inclement weather, Harrison UMC will notify WSOC-TV no later than 6 a.m. on Sunday or by 8 a.m. Monday thru Friday for church/office status. WSOC-TV will post church cancellations or delayed openings on WSOC-TV, TV64, and WSOC-TV.com. For the safety of everyone, if the church is closed all events are automatically cancelled.

Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

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

Happy New Year everyone! WOW, we are excited and looking forward to moving into our new larger pantry space soon. This will hopefully allow us the opportunity to serve 2 clients at one time. The holidays were fruitful and gave us the opportunity to provide meals to those in need. What a wonderful feeling and experience to see such happy people. Any non-perishable donations are greatly appreciated. However, please 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.

Backpack Ministry Program – Interested in participating or want to know more, e-mail 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.

Thank You for Your Live Nativity Ministry

Harrison UMC,
After participating in 20 years of viewing your "Live Nativity" our family wanted to express gratitude for your ministry at Christmas. We are the parents of four children, who are now married. They each continue to attend with their spouses and our five grandchildren. The next generation is now seeing the impact each year through your ministry. Although, we worship at another church, yours has touched our lives. We are one body of Christ. Thank you. ~ *The Vacher Family of Charlotte*



**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration ~ Sunday, Jan. 14
10 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.**

**at Bennett College for Women
900 E Washington Street, Greensboro, NC.**

**Speaker: Bishop Larry Goodpaster
Resident Bishop of the Western NC Conference.
Theme: "We Have A Dream!"**

Hosted by the Western North Carolina Conference and the Black Methodists for Church Renewal

All are welcome to attend.

To Reserve A Room, Sign-Up Table, or Banner Space and all other Communications Needs, including sharing your news in the weekly newsletter please email vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org by 5 p.m. on Mondays.

To promote your Harrison UMC Church Event or Group, or to see our church communications policy, please visit www.harrisonumc.org under "Member Area" click on *Event Check List* for details.