

*"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 & Walter Furr, Virginia Luckey, 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:**

**Travis Helms (# 0560225)**

**PO Box 730, Tabor City, NC 28463**

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: Nov. 27- Dec. 4**

- SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 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 Sunday Study Group (115)  
 2:00pm Children's Council (104)  
 3:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (100)  
 3:00pm Youth Band Practice (Multipurpose Rm)  
 4:00pm Financial Peace University (115)  
 4:00pm Stewardship (Conference Room)  
 4:30pm Worship Committee (116)  
 5:00pm Youth Group (7-12th grade) (MP Rm)  
 5:30pm Wholiness Ministry (Library)  
 6:00pm Trustees Committee (112)  
 7:00pm Administrative Board (101)  
 7:30pm Men's Recreational Basketball (Hammill Hall)
- MONDAY**  
 7:00am Band of Brothers (Big View Diner)  
 10:00am Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)  
 12:00pm Prayer & Healing Service (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm Disciple II (301)  
 7:00pm Disciple IV (Library)  
 7:00pm Stephen Ministry (100, 102-104)
- TUESDAY**  
 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)  
 7:00pm Disciple III (111)  
 7:00pm ESL Eve. (100-106)  
 7:00pm Staff Parish Relations (Conference Room)
- WEDNESDAY**  
 9:30am ESL (100,102-106, and 115)  
 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)  
 7:00pm ESL Eve. (100-106)  
 7:30pm Praise Team Practice (Hammill Hall)
- FRIDAY**  
 6:00pm Spanish Band Practice (101)
- SATURDAY**  
 NO HARRISON EVENTS SCHEDULED
- SUNDAY 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 9:15am ALIVE Café for Young Adults (302) ~Join Us!

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: Anne Cullip & Jim Rochester**

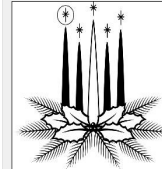
- December 4: Greg Johnson & Phil/Debi Cloninger
- December 11: Chip Walton & Tom/Lee Condit
- December 18: Pete Imhof & Bruce Ainslie
- December 25: Chris Williams & Melinda Johnson

**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](mailto:vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org) by 5 p.m. on Mondays.**



**To Harrison UMC Loaves & Fishes from Sarah M. Smith**

**Harrison UMC Weekly News**



1st Sunday of Advent

**The Advent Conspiracy**

Week One

**WORSHIP FULLY: That's My KING!**

Mary: Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

*"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!'"*

**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.



**Open Door Luncheon**

Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, at Noon in Hammill Hall ~ Cost: \$8 per person.

Featuring: The Sun City Carolina Lakes Barbershop Singers who will entertain us with the songs of the season!  
*Join Us!*

**Stephen Ministers available to pray with you today are:**

- 8:00 a.m.: DeeDee McMahon
- 9:15 a.m.: Dave Friddle
- 11 a.m.: Laura Clark

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

**Celebrating 226 years of worship!**



**Harrison Church**

**All Members Opportunity to Vote at a Called Church Conference Today at 7 p.m. in Room 101**

*during our regular Administrative Board Meeting.*

All members will have the opportunity to vote on incorporation documentation for the church. This incorporation will add another layer of protection for the church and the officers as well as make opening accounts at financial institutions smoother and quicker.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Join us from 2-4 p.m. in Hammill Hall for... 1st Annual Cookie Exchange**

Sponsored by HUMC Women's Ministry. Bring 6 doz. Homemade cookies each — One-half dozen individually wrapped with recipe attached and a large container to bring cookies home. Invite a friend. Adults only. **One dozen of everyone's cookies will go to the Charlotte Rescue Mission with our Missions Team that day!** If you'd like to help, please contact Shannon Buturff at [Shannon@Buturff.net](mailto:Shannon@Buturff.net) or Beth Davis at [flapjack4@gmail.com](mailto:flapjack4@gmail.com).  
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**UMW Tea & Children's Art Exhibit ~ Entries due today at 1 p.m.**

**Children's Art Criteria:** Draw a picture of one of the following: (1) Happy Birthday Jesus, (2) Come, All Ye Faithful, (3) Feliz Navidad on 8.5 x 11" paper. **Our \$5 entrance fee helps us to support HUMC Missions.**

**Angel Opportunities are here! ~ Gifts due Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>!**

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. **The Angel Trees are available at all services today and Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.** Your gift selections (\$25-\$35 value) need to be returned **NO LATER than Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** to Hammill Hall or the Narthex of the Sanctuary. We have 92 families with more than 189 children! Each child receives 2 gifts ~ one clothing and one fun. Plus, we give each family a \$25 Food Lion gift card. **To volunteer, donate, or for more information,** contact Stephanie Hatley at 704-614-3997 or [syhatley65@yahoo.com](mailto:syhatley65@yahoo.com) or Betsy Woog at 704-541-0738 or [bdwoog@gmail.com](mailto:bdwoog@gmail.com).



**You're Invited to join us for Christmas at Harrison UMC!**

**Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: A Quiet Christmas**  
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary ~ for those who've experienced the loss of a loved one.

**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10-11<sup>th</sup>: Live Nativity**  
6-8 p.m. ~ starting in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: The Messiah 8:30 & 11 a.m.**  
in the Sanctuary ~ There will not be a 9:15 a.m. service.

**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, December 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, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day ~ 11 a.m. Service**  
Only one service this day.

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

**Room In The Inn Starts Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sign Up Online Today To Volunteer!**

Room in the Inn (RIT) sign-ups are well under way. Thanks to those of you registered to help. We still need volunteers on the following dates: **Dec. 14; Jan. 4; Feb. 1, 15, 22, 29; and March 7 and 28.** RIT starts Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and continues through the end of March. **Sign up at:**  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/riti1>.

It is a wonderful opportunity to help our neighbors in need. Questions? Please contact Jamie Davis at 704-724-4214 or Beth Davis at 704-277-6383.

**Live Nativity Cast Members Needed ~**

Looking for an opportunity to serve at Harrison UMC? Here is your chance. Help is needed for our upcoming annual *Live Nativity* (Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>). We are looking for engaging individuals to be a part of the cast, wardrobe consultants, and support staff. **NO experience necessary**, just a willing heart. Also you may sign up to pray for the event *as it is happening!* To sign up to pray, volunteer, or for more information, please see Jamie Boheler after worship today or email him at [sweetbabyjames21@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetbabyjames21@bellsouth.net).

**Ushers/Greeters Needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services**

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for in so doing, some people have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)

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. and also for Christmas Day's 11 a.m. service.** There is no special training needed – just arrive 30 minutes before the service and report to the head usher – they will give you instructions. If you would like to bless others at one of these services, please contact Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213 or e-mail her at [anita.king@harrisonumc.org](mailto:anita.king@harrisonumc.org).

**Invite Your Friends and Family to Harrison UMC This Christmas!**

**Invite Cards are now available to share.**

We want to make it easy for you to invite friends and family, so there are business-card sized invite cards available at the Welcome Desks in Hammill Hall, the Narthex, and the Reception Area of the Plummer Education Building 100. Please help yourselves to as many cards as you need to share with your neighbors, friends, loved ones, co-workers — anyone you believe might enjoy being a part of the Harrison Church family. Our events start on December 5<sup>th</sup> with the Quiet Christmas Service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

**TODAY in the Coffee House ~ Room 100**

**The Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative & Their Beautiful Olive-wood Crafts**

Available for purchase at the Harrison Coffee House (Room 100, Building 100) after worship.

**Come hear their story and see their beautiful olive-wood crafts. Ministry Moment Speaker: George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem. Topic: Christians of the Holy Land**

**Please help support our Christian friends from the Holy Land.** All proceeds will support Christian families from Bethlehem.  
**To view all of the crafts, visit: [www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com).**



**'Having A Mary Spirit' Study Group (Jan. 4-April 4)**

**Register by Dec. 1st** ~ We will be studying Joanna Weaver's *Having a Mary Spirit* text and digging deep into the Word as well. Come just as you are ~ broken and scarred, lift up your heart and be amazed by God. For more information or to register, visit [ShellySCantrell.com](http://ShellySCantrell.com) and click on *Mary Heart* or contact Shelly at [shellyscantrell@gmail.com](mailto:shellyscantrell@gmail.com) or call 704-763-1948.

**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](mailto:radrob6500@hotmail.com).



**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.**

**Coming in 2012:**

**'Lands of the Bible' 13-Day Faith-Based Cruise**

**led by Bishop Larry Goodpaster ~ Departing Nov. 9, 2012**

Brochures are available through Pastors David Beam or Gayle Montgomery by calling our Church Reception at 704-541-3463.

An Information Session 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.

**Prices begin at \$3,596 per person from Charlotte.** This all-inclusive price includes: international air fare, air fuel surcharges, cruise ship cabin and meals, guided shore excursions, port charges/taxes and administration fees. Trip insurance is available at additional cost for any who wish to purchase it.

**A Stewardship Moment...**

**"Someone once said: Giving is not God's way of raising money ... Giving is God's way of raising people."**

**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. 3 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.



**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:**

- Nov. 27th - Advent Conspiracy, Week 2 : Spend Less
- Dec. 4th - Advent Conspiracy, Week 3: Give More
- Dec. 11th - No Café ~ *Join us at The Messiah at Harrison UMC 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. in the Sanctuary.*



**Thank you!**

**Our new bus is coming because of YOU!**

Thank you so much for supporting our Harrison UMC bus fund, by donating or by giving your time, prayers, and treasures to the last two fall festivals! You made it possible. In mid-December, our NEW 2012, 15-passenger bus arrives and we say so long to our trusty 17 years old bus. Again, THANK YOU for making this possible.

**Hammill Hall Kitchen's Renovation ~ Please 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*

**Harrison Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

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

Did you know that the 19 Mecklenburg L&F's Pantries have served **90,983 families (10,666 people)** through October? Our pantry served **149** of those families, up **175%** from 2010. We have seen a continued increase so far in November. Many thanks to so many of you for the food donations you are making, they are surely appreciated. However, please continue to know that we are still overstocked and **do not need peanut butter or soup**. Enclosed in this newsletter is our "shopping list" of our continued needs. Or, if shopping isn't your thing — you might consider making a tax deductible contribution (**mark your check memo with "Loaves & Fishes"**) to help with the purchase of non-perishable and perishable items. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, e-mail [HUMCL.F@gmail.com](mailto:HUMCL.F@gmail.com).

**Backpack Ministry Program** — Our top food item needs: individual cereal boxes, rice Krispies treats in individual packs, saltine crackers in a 4-sleeve box and 3.5 oz cups of Snack Pack Pudding. **For more information, e-mail Rudy at [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 needed at Pineville Elementary**

We have received a request from the guidance counselor, Lorrie, at Pineville Elementary for winter coats for some of their students in need. The school grades are K to 5, they need both Boys and Girls Coats - Children Sizes ranging from Small - X Large. Lorrie said: "We have 700 children at Pineville and as you know many in need. I have just started to learn about the need for coats this year as the colder weather has hit. I do not have an exact number but I am sure we can put as many as you collect to good use. **Please bring any coats you can** to the church and leave them in the Backpack Ministry drop off box in the Plummer Education Bldg.100 during the week, in Hammill Hall entry after Sunday worship, or at the Crisis Assistance drop off at the entrance of Building 200 (Children's Pre-school wing) They can be new or gently used.

**Serving Rescue Mission on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Just a reminder that our next meal will be served on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be an extra special event for the men in the program. We will have Christmas Cards, cookies, and a special dinner prepared. **We plan to leave from Hammill Hall at 4 p.m.** Please plan to join us in serving others.

**Christmas Can (Still) Change The World.  
Join the Advent Conspiracy!**

The pastors would like to encourage you to join a study group for the *Advent Conspiracy* — the theme for this year's Advent sermon series. The study groups will continue to study on **Sundays: TODAY, Dec. 4 and 18 at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Alive Café at 9:15 a.m. and The Band of Brothers (men's group) also will be studying this book.** The Band of Brothers meets on Mondays at 7 a.m. at the Big View Diner. If you are unable to join one of these groups, you may want to study the book on your own. **Books are \$10 each.** To register for one of the study groups or to order your book for personal study, please contact Anita King at 704-541-3463, ext. 213, or [anita.king@harrisonumc.org](mailto:anita.king@harrisonumc.org).

