

"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, Travis Helms, and Vince Chmura. **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. Pat Young

5800 Old Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226-6805

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: Nov. 28-Dec.5, 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 (113)
- 12:30pm *Inkwell* Band Practice (Hammill Hall)
- 3:30pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal (101, Hammill Hall)
- 3:30pm Youth Praise Band (Multipurpose Rm)
- 5:00pm Youth Group (Multi-Purpose)
- 5:30pm Stephen Ministry (Rm104)
- 5:45pm Wholiness Ministry (Library)
- 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 III (Library)
- 7:45pm Arborvitae Band Set Up Stage (Hammill Hall)
- 8:00pm MidWeek Vocal Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- TUESDAY 9:30am ESL (Starting in 102-105, 100-childcare)
- 9:30am Harrison Staff Meeting (Private)
- 9:30am Celebration of Discipline (116)
- 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Building 300)
- 10:00am Harrison Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Disciple II (111)
- 7:00pm ESL Evening Classes (100-105)
- 7:00pm Financial Peace Univ. (Multipurpose Rm)
- 7:30pm Brazilian Leadership Trng. (Sanctuary)
- 8:00pm ArborVitae Band Rehearsal (Hammill Hall)
- WEDNESDAY 9:00am Harrison Preschool Event (101)
- 9:30am ESL (Starting in 102-105,100-childcare)
- Noon Open Door Luncheon (Hammill Hall)
- 6:30pm Mid-Week Worship (Hammill Hall)
- 7:00pm ESL Evening Classes (100-105)
- 7:30pm Bible 101 (113) //Disciple I (115)
- 7:30pm Living Beyond Yourself (118)
- THURSDAY 10:00am Loaves & Fishes Pantry (Bldg. 300)
- 5:00pm Room in the Inn (101)
- 5:30pm Women's Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor)
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Helping Hurting People (Library)
- 7:30pm Praise Team Practice (Hammill Hall)
- 7:30pm Brazilian Band Practice (Sanctuary)
- FRIDAY 6:00pm Spanish Band Practice & Bible Study (100)
- 7:00pm Wedding (Chapel)
- SATURDAY 9:30am Spiritual Growth Leadership (101)
- 5:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus practice (Hammill Hall)
- SUNDAY 9:15am Methodist Doctrine (113)
- 3:30pm Youth Praise Band (Multipurpose Rm)
- 3:30pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal (101, Hammill Hall)
- 4:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus Event (Hammill Hall)

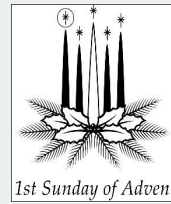
For a current and complete listing of this calendar, please visit www.harrisonumc.org and view our Harrison Events link at the top of the home page. For Youth, Children, and Adult Sunday classes and other activities, please see the gray box to the left.

Today's Counters: Greg Johnson and Denny McGuffin
Dec. 5: Chris Williams and Chip Walton



Today's Stephen Ministry Prayer Assistants:
8 a.m.: Jan Zenner and DeeDee McMahan
9:15 a.m.: Kyle McCain and Sue Luke
11 a.m.: Bruce Ainslie and Jan Zenner

Harrison UMC Weekly News



1st Sunday of Advent

"... But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!"

(Romans 13:11-14)

Advent Readers - Today

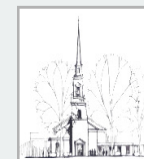
- 8 a.m.: Gary & Mindy Earleywine
- 9:15 a.m.: The Imhof Family
- 11 a.m.: Charles & Mary Burn

Christmas Traditions:

The Advent wreath is a very popular Advent tradition and one we celebrate at Harrison Church. Lutherans in Eastern Germany are the ones who started the Advent wreath as a Christian religious custom.

The Advent wreath has five candles, four are blue (or purple) and one is white. The four blue candles are placed in a wreath of evergreens around the white candle. One candle is lit each Sunday in Advent with the Christ candle (the white one) being lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. When the candles from the previous weeks are relit, it's symbolic of the arrival of Christ bringing light into darkness.

The traditional color of the purple came from when the tone for Advent was penance, like Lent. The more modern color of blue for the four candles comes from the modern emphasis on hope. Blue is the liturgical color for hope and is reflected in the blue parameters on the altar during the Advent season.



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Harrison Church



Angel Tree Ministry Begins 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 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.



Coming Next Week: Christmas at Harrison



Monday, December 6: A Quiet Christmas ~ 7 p.m.
The Sanctuary

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

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

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

Sunday, December 12: Handel's Messiah ~ 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sanctuary - There will not be a 9:15 a.m. service.

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, Dec. 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

Come Celebrate The Season At Harrison Church!

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.

The flowers on the altar today in Hammill Hall celebrate the life of Bob Welch. Celebrating his 77th birthday in Heaven at the side of God and watching over his wife Karol, his daughter Vickie, and his grandkids Zachary, Jacob, and Rebecca. We love you!!!



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

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, we need a teacher for the following: the 4-year-old and the 4th & 5th grade combination classes; at 11 a.m.: the toddler, 2-year-old, and 3-year-old classes; and 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!*



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



Children's Christmas Eve Program Rehearsals Today! ~ 3:30-5 p.m.

in Hammill Hall & Room 101, Bldg. 100

This is for children ages 4 years old through 5th grade. We can use assistance from the parents to handle games, help with rehearsing lines, and other creative and fun activities.

Call Sally at 704-541-3463, ext. 208, if you would like to sign up your child.



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.

Join Us This Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Noon for our Open Door Luncheon!

Let's celebrate the Christmas season through fellowship, food, and sharing! Pastor Gayle Montgomery will share a wonderful story from her childhood followed by an opportunity for you to share your Christmas story, a poem, or a memory that is special to you. Cost: \$8 each. Reserve your place by noon tomorrow by calling 704-541-3486, ext. 208. Would you like to be added to our call list? Just let us know when you call in your reservation. The luncheon will be in Hammill Hall. Everyone is invited. *See you there!*

Bible Study on Being a Welcoming Church ~ Dec. 3~ 7-8 p.m.

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7) **This Friday, Dec. 3rd, from 7-8 p.m. in Room 100** of bldg. 100, Pastor Tim will be leading a one-session Bible study on being a welcoming church. As members of Harrison, how do we welcome those who step onto our campus, those who are searching for community, those who are looking for meaning in life? The Bible reminds us that we are all strangers here and that we need to welcome our fellow strangers. They may be from another continent, another country, another state, or maybe from just across the street. For more information, email Pastor Tim Webster at tim.webster@harrisonumc.org.

It's Coming . . . The Live Nativity: Dec. 11 & 12

Volunteers Needed ~ Sign Up Next Sunday, Dec. 5th, After Worship

Harrison Church will soon be celebrating one of our Christmas traditions: *The Live Nativity*. We are in need of many helping hands for set up, tear down, hospitality, and to participate in *The Live Nativity*. We will have sign-up tables after the services **next Sunday, Dec. 5**. 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.

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.



HOLY LAND TRIP with Bishop Goodpaster

It's Not Too Late!

February 1st, 2011, is the departure date for our Western North Carolina Conference Holy Land 10-day trip that is to be led by Bishop Larry Goodpaster. All interested persons are urged to contact Pastor Gayle Montgomery as she and husband Joe will be serving as hosts on the trip (gayle.montgomery@harrisonumc.org 704-541-3486, ext 209). This biblical journey includes: roundtrip airfare; deluxe motor coaches; guided sightseeing; entrance fees to sites visited; 1st class hotels; buffet breakfast and dinners daily; online Bible study guide; lecture series. This Holy Land trip is called "classic" because the most familiar biblical sites are those visited, enabling the traveler to connect the biblical story with "living stones." Prices begin at \$2,198 from Charlotte (This is the base price---total price from Charlotte will be \$2,845 after taxes, gratuities, etc., are added).

Register today to expedite final planning of the trip. Join your fellow United Methodists and other friends on a journey that will strengthen and renew your faith. It promises to be a "trip of a lifetime"!



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

Life Groups Names Golic as Coordinator

In his role, Tony Golic will help us to expand *Life Groups* within the community at Harrison UMC. *Life Groups* are structured to allow fellow believers to live life together while allowing the Holy Spirit to transform the individual participants. To learn more about *Life Groups*, please email Tony at tgolic@gmail.com.

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, the Lee, and the Morgan families. Emme Barnes is also listed. For Emme Barnes ~ please give her last name: Barnes and password: 3842.

BACKPACK UPDATE – Our top needs for food this week are: (individual servings; no peanut butter) 100% juice; cookies; Rice Krispies treats; and Mac & Cheese (7.25 oz. packets). To know more, 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.

Thank You! ~ The response to the Bethlehem Center "Blessing Bags" was amazing! We were able to deliver to the Center 100+ bags of groceries and give them a check for over \$2,100! A special thank you to the *Faith and Friendship Circles* for their generous monetary donations. Also, thank you to the volunteers who helped Saturday and Monday with sorting and distributing the food. These donations allowed families in need at the Bethlehem Center and the surrounding neighborhoods to have a Thanksgiving meal. Many, many thanks Harrison UMC for your generous donations. This is just "one small thing" that you did with "great love"!

Serving Charlotte Rescue Mission

Next Sunday, Dec. 5th

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!

Christmas Card Campaign

We would like to provide a Christmas card to those we are serving at the *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 just a short note on the inside and signed with your first name only. Please drop off in the box marked *Christmas Card Campaign* that will be 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.

Join Us For Career Transition Ministry This Tuesday, Nov. 30~ 7 p.m. in Room 115, Bldg. 100

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? This Thanksgiving week, students shared that they are thankful for . . . "my husband, the English teachers, that Susan (Webster) got a job, beautiful leaves, sky, people, my God and my family, good health, and my parents". In any language, we are thankful! *ESL meets weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To know more or to register, call the Church Office at 704-541-3463.*

Harrison UMC Financial Update

Year to Date as of 11/21/2010

General Budget Giving \$ 1,081,639.00
General Budget Expenses \$ 1,150,523.00
Deficit \$ 68,884.00

Want to share your news?

Please email vicki.lawson@harrisonumc.org by 5 p.m. on Mondays.