

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

- **September 4**
Preparation for Remembrance Service with Holy Communion
- **September 5**
Neighborhood Block Party
- **September 6**
Young at Heart
11:30 am at Aldersgate
- **September 11**
Miller Class
Breakfast 9am in Evans Hall and Promotion Sunday
- **September 18**
Open Door Sunday
- **September 26**
Church Council
7pm in Evans Hall

**HLUMC BBQ
for Missions**



**November 4th
& 5th**

Hawthorne Happenings

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Dear Members and Friends of Hawthorne Lane Church,

Let us turn our hearts and minds to the gifts God has given us as we contemplate the talent and financial contributions we can make to the ministries of our church in the coming year. Later this month, Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church will be mailing pledge cards for the 2012 fiscal year. The 2012 pledge card will provide space for you to indicate your talent pledge as well as your anticipated financial pledge to HLUMC.

Please prayerfully consider what your pledge will be. Please also pray for the congregation as we all focus on the blessings of God.

Sunday, September 25, 2011, will be Consecration Sunday. That will be the first

Sunday people will have the opportunity to leave pledge cards at the altar for sanctification. **Sunday, October 2, 2011**, we will have a potluck luncheon after church. We will give thanks to God, and enjoy great food and great company. Then, at the end of the meal, the total pledges and HLUMC's estimated 2012 income will be announced.

Please pray for the spiritual and financial health of our church and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. May Christ be glorified in all that we do.

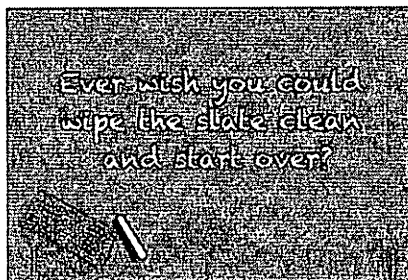
In His Love,

The Stewardship Com-

mittee

Fresh Start

Join the people of Hawthorne Lane Church for "A Fresh Start". Beginning Sept. 11 we will explore the concept that life may really be a classroom for the soul. Invite someone to join you for these special services: Sept. 11 - Backpack Blessing; Sept. 18 Open Door Sunday; Sept. 25 - When the Lead Breaks; Oct. 2 - Each Day is a New Beginning.



Hawthorne Lane Preschool Fundraiser September 18th

Price's Chicken Coop TO-GO-BOXES

To kick off Hawthorne Lane Preschool's fourth year, we will be having our annual Price's Chicken lunch fundraiser September 18th immediately after worship. Pick up your to-go-boxes at the end of the first floor and tour the new classrooms. 200 boxes will include: chicken or spanikopita (veggie boxes), pasta salad, fresh fruit, a biscuit and brownie. Suggested donation, \$8.00 per box! Or more!

This year the preschool will open the doors to 80 children! Due to the growth in enrollment, we have added two more classrooms. This fundraiser will go towards educational supplies, toys, and activities for centers in the new classroom. Items in need include: dramatic play (dress up clothes and hats), manipulatives, blocks, books, puzzles, etc... Once again Black Forest Books and Toys will have items available to purchase for the preschool or yourself with a 10% discount.

Thank you for your continued love and support with this new ministry! Love, Lisa VanNote



New Prayer Ministry

"More than any other reason, people come to church because they need a touch from God." (T.Teykl, Blueprint for the House of Prayer)

Join us **Sunday mornings** in the Chapel at **10:45** as we gather in prayer for the worship service, for those on the prayer list, and for our guests and members that they may experience a touch from God.

Youth Spotlight

• What is your favorite quote?

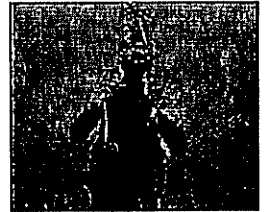
• "Many receive advice, only

the wise profit from it." - Harper Lee Q. In what unlikely place have you seen God? In communities that are suffering from natural disasters.

Q. What's your prayer for your generation? That we can become good problem solvers and grasp what 'non-renewable' means. Q. What one item

in your backpack, gym bag, or purse tells the most about you? My purple

phone, camera, and keychain probably say something about my favorite color. Q What important life lesson have you learned recently? Don't procrastinate, even if it's summer.



SARAH

We are making A Fresh Start to the new school year with Promotion Sunday!

Children and Youth will gather in the JOY Outlook room

September 11 at 9:45am for refreshments, singing, class announcements and a Backpack Blessing for the new school year.

Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to the Hawthorne Lane Church Preschool - 7419

Pot Sunday

September

18

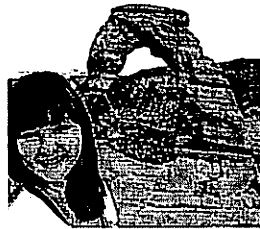
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Loaves & Fishes Priority Needs for September

Soup Peanut Butter

Collection bins are on the preschool hallway and at the 8th Street entrance to the 2nd floor.



KATIE

1. What is your favorite quote? "I believe pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles." ~ Audrey Hepburn

2. In what unlikely place have you seen God? In the different people I interact with every day. 3. What is your prayer for your generation? I pray for acceptance across all nations, races, and genders.

4. What one item in your backpack, gym bag, or purse tells the most about you? I would actually have to say the bag itself. I have a single suitcase that I've drug all over the US and abroad for nine years. I'm

surprised it hasn't fallen apart yet. 5. What important life lesson have you learned recently? Regrets only hold us back from living life to the fullest, think of mistakes as lessons and move on.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ANNUAL BBQ for MISSIONS NOVEMBER 4th AND 5th

Our annual volunteer opportunity to support local charities in our immediate community is coming soon. Due to the tremendous need rising for the many helping hand organizations we have decided to make the extra push and make it a 2 DAY EVENT. The outreach committee is hoping to increase profits and include the youth since we are moving to a Friday/Saturday format on Nov.4th and 5th. We will only serve lunch on Saturday but will have the same lunch and dinner Friday the 4th of November.

These charities benefited from our church's volunteer efforts last year:

BETHLEHEM CENTER, CRISIS ASSISTANCE, MECK. MINISTRIES, A CHILDS PLACE, CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION, SHEPHERDS CENTER, WNCC AFRICA UNIV, WNCC UMAR, WNCC EMERGENCY RESPONSE, BLACK COLLEGE FUND & SALVATION ARMY CTR OF HOPE.

Be looking for sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities. We need sandwich makers, cookie bakers, kitchen help, meat processors and workers for take out. And we need everyone to help with ticket sales. Let your neighbors know now the BBQ is on the way.

Reaching New Persons for Christ

Fulfilling our purpose as a church involves reaching new people for Christ. Join with Pastor Andrew and others for a 9 week study focusing on the Biblical and Theological grounding for a holistic approach to reaching new people. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the JOY Outlook Classroom. Begins Wednesday, September 7th.



Disciple IV - Under the Tree of Life

Come and rest in the words of John, The Writings, and Revelation while we study the mystery and wonder these books have to offer. Begins Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 7pm in Room 204.

Looking For A Sunday School Class? Come join us!

We are the Sojourners! We are an intergenerational group who seek direction for our lives through God's word as well as the life experiences of each other. A short video on different topics begins a discussion on how God works in our life and how we can use His love and direction to become better Christians and to share His good news.

Gifts to the Church

A Gift was Given in Honor of:

Barbara and Tom Robertson on their 56th wedding anniversary, by Mark and Halina Robertson

Hawthorne Lane Church Hero of the Month

Carolyn Horton

"she has a commitment to God shown in the excellence with which she loves and serves the people of Hawthorne Lane Church. She uses all her gifts unselfishly."

You may nominate a Hero for September by filling out a form and putting it in the ballot box in the Sanctuary (near the 8th Street entrance.)

Church Council Brief - August 22, 2011

- Preschool Ministry Director Lisa VanNote announced that 87 children were enrolled in the Summer Program and 80 are enrolled for the Fall Semester.
- Ministry Coordinator Mendy Godman shared that the Nursery is in need of more people to volunteer to serve.
- The church Safe Sanctuary Policy update was approved and a Photo Release was adopted.
- Finance Chairperson Chris Jandebour encourages the congregation to remain current on their promised pledges, in that we are behind in pledged giving at this time.
- Trustees updated everyone on the progress of the First Floor remodeling project which is on schedule and progressing nicely. Goal for completion is Labor Day.
- Discipleship Ministry encourages everyone to attend Wednesday Fellowship which begins on Sept. 7. [5:30 - Supper; 6:30 - Worship & Communion; 7:00 Bible Study and Student Activities]
- Witness Ministry is seeking more people to volunteer to serve as Mug Visitors. Contact Doug Johnson for more info. [dbjmsj@bellsouth.net]
- Outreach reminds everyone of the upcoming BBQ for Missions fundraiser, at which all are needed to volunteer to serve. Contact Bryon Hinson to volunteer. [bhinson@carolina.rr.com]
- Staff Parish Relations Committee reminds everyone that the paid Nursery budget is for Sunday mornings during Sunday School and worship & Wednesday evenings during Fellowship & Bible Study. No funds are budgeted to provide childcare for committee meetings. Each committee should arrange their own childcare, from the list of nursery workers available from the church office.
- Staff Parish Relations Committee is not funding an appointed clergy position for the 2012-2013 Annual Conference year. Hawthorne Lane Church will not accept an appointed associate beginning July 1, 2012. [see article, this issue]

Happy Birthday!

- 1 - Margaret Aldridge, Tommy Lawing, Sr., Walter Taylor
- 2 - Sherry Sigmon, Bob Joiner, Jeff Kline
- 4 - Patricia Keller, Shelby Weaver
- 5 - Eunice Ireland
- 7 - Allison Stanley, Leslie Kiser
- 8 - Carl Godman
- 10 - Harry Simmons, Kendra Hendrix
- 11 - Louise Pickens, George Walters
- 12 - Doug Johnson
- 13 - Clark Black, Steve Smith, Madison Johnson, Kate Gilmore
- 14 - Marvin Henderson, Jr., Cam McRae, Shanna Huggett
- 15 - Kathy Long
- 16 - Chloe Earl
- 17 - Sheila Evans, Buddy Walker, Mike Helms
- 18 - Mendy Godman, Chloe Tatum
- 19 - James Hobbs, Lee Porter, Jonah Brown, Caroline Weeks
- 20 - Mark King, Taylor Loftis, Tressa Rush
- 22 - Maggie Mast, Emma Beam
- 23 - Becky Smallridge, Julie Gilmore, Danny Cole
- 24 - Matt Flanagan
- 25 - Graham Beasley
- 26 - Jay Kilgo
- 27 - Anita Ward
- 28 - Betty Reese, Brenda Soltys
- 29 - John Haywood, Donna Chamblin, Jason Weeks
- 30 - Gene Gardner



From the Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Like all the committees, the Staff Parish committee has been working on the challenge of serving Hawthorne Lane's spiritual needs while being financially prudent. After thoughtful discussion and prayerful consideration, given our current congregational giving deficit at the end of July and budget constraints for 2012, we will not be accepting a Conference-appointed Associate Minister as of June 30, 2012.

This means that as of June 30, 2012 Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church will not have a Conference-appointed Associate Minister. In the fall, Pastor Terri Vilagos will become a part of the pool of candidates that are seeking appointments to other churches in June, 2012. Pastor Terri has been a highly valued and important part of Hawthorne Lane since she was appointed to us last year, she is an excellent teacher, vibrant speaker, dedicated to pastoral care, and passionate about bringing others to know Christ. Pastor Terri and her family will need our support during this time and we ask that you pray for her and her family.

Through Pastor Terri's ministry at Hawthorne Lane Church, God has done many things which will endure for years to come.

The Hawthorne Happenings deadline is the 3rd Sunday of the month for the following month. The October Hawthorne Happenings deadline is Sunday, September 18. Please email your articles, committee meeting dates, and pictures to bsoltys@hlumc.org.

Serving Joyfully in September

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Dates	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Mug Ministers	Counters
9/4	Cole Rempson Ellie VanNote	Rachel Rempson Buddy Walker Ruth Stilwell Joe Rempson Sylvia Walker *Chris Spradlin	David Dorsey	Jandebeur Weaver
9/11	Aaron Love Jenna Love	Mendy Godman Doug Fowler Meg Johnson Carl Godman Jenn Fowler *Jason Weeks	Bill Horton	Moore
9/18	Aidan Williams Olivia Weaver	Robin Conrad Shelly Botzenmayer Christian Conrad Carolyn Ford Ryan Botzenmayer *Carl Godman	Doug Johnson	Robertson
9/25	Avery Rempson Lawson Stanley	Kerri Mast Jenni Jackson Susan Jones Patrick Mast Brad Jones *Sewell Spradlin	Jerry Adams	Spradlin

Ushers and Greeters: **Bill Caldwell, Captain; Sylvia Caldwell, Lainey Johnson, Nancy Poteat, Ruth Rainwater, Kevin Jackson, Jason Weeks

**This person is on call for nursery duty
**This person is to monitor the 1st Floor as a Safe Sanctuary Floater*



Hawthorne Lane Church will be partnering with thirteen area churches to build a home for a Vietnamese family in the Reid Park neighborhood. The build will be **Saturday, September 17th through Saturday, October 29th**. **Volunteers are needed!** If you can swing a hammer or serve sweet tea, and are over 16 years old—you are qualified! Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards posted throughout the church, or contact **Tom Robertson** our laity liaison or Pastor Terri.

Zumba Resumes!

Lori Weaver will begin her fall series of Zumba classes on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm in Evans Hall. Your \$2 donation per class will go for missions.



Hawthorne Lane Church is
a Stephen Ministry
Congregation



Financial Corner

	7/31/2011 YTD Actual	7/31/2011 YTD Budget	Difference
Congregational Giving	\$247,241	\$280,763	\$(33,522)
Ministry Expenses	\$259,523	\$280,763	\$(21,240)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$12,283		\$(12,283)



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