

COMING UP

- **November 1**
Young at Heart
12 noon, Evans
Hall
- **November 4 - 5**
BBQ and Bake
Sale for
Missions
- **November 13**
Miller Class
Breakfast 9am
in Evans Hall
- **November 23**
Community
Thanksgiving
Service, 7pm at
St Martin's
Episcopal
Church
- **November 27**
First Sunday in
Advent

Advent begins **November 27th**

*Mark your calendar for
these exciting events!*

Sunday, November 27

4:00 pm "A Charlie
Brown Christmas"

Sunday, December 4

12:15 pm - Pot Luck
lunch and children's
musical

Sunday, December 11

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir
Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 17

10:00 am - Children's
Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 18

Petting Zoo and Live
Nativity

Hawthorne Happenings

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It's Almost Time for Barbecue!



What are the reasons for having a church wide BBQ for missions?

Great Food!

Great Fellowship!

Great Opportunity to help our Community!

Answer: All of the above!

The Hawthorne Lane BBQ for missions is a long standing tradition, and has an important purpose. The funds raised from the BBQ are the primary source of funds for the Outreach Committee at HLUMC. They use the proceeds to help local missions in our community. The 2010 BBQ had the following impact: \$4830 was distributed to Bethlehem Center, Crisis Assistance, Mecklenburg Ministries, A Child's Place, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Shepherds Center, Africa University, UMAR, Emergency Response Center, Salvation Army Center of Hope, and the United Methodist Black College Fund, among others.

Thank you for your support for our upcoming BBQ. We look forward to two wonderful days so that we may continue to help others in our community. Please tell everyone you know about this very important Outreach opportunity. Remember that every ticket sold, every cookie baked, and every minute volunteered will help those less fortunate in our community.

Advent Worship Series - Journey Back to the Manger

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

How is it that only a few ragged shepherds were present for the birth of Jesus the Christ? Though the advent of Messiah had been foretold for centuries, only a few people were at the manger to welcome him. Christmas may not be much different today.

Christmas displays in stores begin to pop up earlier each year. The "all Christmas music" stations are gearing up. But, are we drawn back to the manger, or do we find ourselves knee deep in wrapping paper and wondering why we continue to buy and give? Whose birthday is it anyway?

Join the people of Hawthorne Lane Church on a "Journey Back to the Manger". Hawthorne Lane Church will celebrate Advent and Christmas this year by returning to the meaning and mystery of the season. You are invited to do two things as we "Journey Back to the Manger":

1. Get involved.

Join in some or all of the Advent / Christmas events planned this year. Worship each Sunday and join the Fellowship events each Sunday evening. Don't do it alone, invite a friend, neighbor or stranger. Invite Cards are available in the sanctuary.

2. Give to Christ.

Change your giving by supporting one of the giving opportunities Hawthorne Lane Church lifts up this year. Do this personally, or with some friends. Perhaps even cut back on your "Christmas Giving" and give to some worthy need. [Salvation Army Stockings, Bethlehem Stars, Bethlehem Center, Hawthorne Lane Church end-of-year giving]

Sunday Worship Themes

Nov. 27—1 Cor. 1:3-9 "The Season of Giving" - 11:00

Dec. 4—Isaiah 40:1-11 "Guess who's coming for Christmas?" - 11:00

Dec. 11—1 Thess. 5:16-24 "The Gift that keeps on Giving" - 11:00

Dec. 18—Luke 1:26-38 "Where are you Christmas?" - 11:00

Dec. 25—John 1:1-14 "And the darkness has not overcome" - 11:00 (no Sunday School)

Outreach

Room In The Inn begins Tuesday, December 6th

Hawthorne Lane is proud to continue to support Room In The Inn again this winter. Every Tuesday evening, we will be opening our doors to our neighbors who are in need of a warm place to stay at night. This program is well established in Charlotte, and here at HLUMC. **Patty Lassiter** will serve as the RITI coordinator this year. Signups to help with supper preparation or overnight hosting are on the Info Table in the Sanctuary



Pot Sunday

November 20

Recipient:
Crisis Assistance Ministries

Loaves & Fishes
Priority Needs for
November
Soup
Peanut Butter

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

Parents Nights Out

Sponsored by the HLUMC Youth

November 19th: 5-10 pm
December 17th: 12-3 pm
(this will take place after the Children's Christmas Party)
January 21st: 5-10 pm
March 24th: 5-10 pm
Infants through 5th grade
\$4 per hour, per child
Dinner, Crafts, Games, Movies

your friends and neighbors about this fabulous fundraiser or you can volunteer to help out—we can always use extra hands! See Meg Johnson, Jami Brown or Mary Rush to volunteer.

Registration information will be available on the information table in the sanctuary and on the 1st floor hallway. The youth, with adult supervision, will be taking care of and entertaining your children. All Safe Sanctuary guidelines will be followed and a pediatric nurse will be on site.

Proceeds go to the Youth fund for Mission Trips, Spiritual Retreats and other activities.

Make your plans now to take advantage of these opportunities to have a night out and help support our youth at the same time. If you don't have a child in that age group, but still want to support the youth, you can tell

Church Council Brief—Oct. 17, 2011

- Children's Ministry recently led a successful and inspiring Children's Sabbath thanks to the leadership of Mendy Godman and Meg Johnson. The Fall Festival is forthcoming - Oct. 29, 2011. Trunk-or-Treaters needed. Also, donation of wrapped nut-free candy and cakes (for the cake walk) are welcome in the church office.
- Youth Ministry is planning for the annual Youth Camping Trip. This year it will happen at Camp Tekoa. Additionally, Youth Ministry is exploring the possibilities of partnering with Harvest Center of Charlotte.
- The Safe Sanctuary Committee gladly reports our Safe Sanctuary Policy meets all but two of the Western NC Annual Conference's requirements. They are working to meet the additional requirements. To this end, the committee is exploring the use of a Volunteer Covenant Form for people who work with youth and children.
- Five Hawthorne Lane Church Stephen Ministers along with Pastor Terri ministered recently at Operation Stand Down - an outreach to homeless veterans, sponsored by the Veteran's Administration. 400 veterans were served.
- Trustees have had the lights in sanctuary replaced as of Oct. 16. To further offer a safe environment for the nurture of our children, additional keypad door locks were purchased for the Children's wing of the First Floor. Additionally, the Sunday morning lock schedule will change. The children's floor will be accessible on Sunday mornings only by using the children's entrance code. Contact the office for more information.
- Finance Committee reminds congregation members to get current on their pledges. We are currently behind in pledged giving \$36,209. If your situation has changed regarding your pledge, please contact Carolyn - Financial Secretary (704.332.8131 x-13)
- Church Council approved salary packages for appointed clergy proposed by Staff Parish Relations.
- Outreach Missions Committee has created a Foreign Missions Fund with the funds remaining from the recent campaign to assist Alecia Johnson's mission to Haiti. The fund has a beginning balance of \$1,443, donations to the fund should be indicated for: Foreign Missions Fund.
- 27 church members and friends participated in the annual Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk
- The congregation's annual BBQ for Missions is November 4 & 5. Organizer Bryon Hinson reminds the congregation that 100% participation is needed both days. There are many ways to serve for everyone. Childcare is provided for BBQ Workers.
- Worship Committee reports that the Wednesday Night Worship service is growing in attendance. All are welcome, please invite others.
- Pastor Andrew encouraged the Church Council to consider going through the "Reaching New People for Christ" workbook together. This will give new ideas on how to organize our congregation to reach new people.

Gifts to the Church

Gifts were given in honor of:

HLUMC Visitation Volunteers by Eunice Ireland.
Louis and Ellen Otterbourg by Peggy Otterbourg.

Gifts were given in memory of:

Clyde Blanton by Grace Blanton.
Debra Harrelson (sister of Angie Kilgo) by John & Patsy Kilgo and Buddy & Sylvia Walker.
Jim and Ruth Kilgo by Paul & Angie Kilgo.
Joyce Bales Forrester (Nanette Lawing's mother) by Tom & Barbara Robertson, Buddy & Sylvia Walker, and the Friendship Class.
Catherine Lawing by Margaret Aldridge, Freddie & Marcia Short, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Basinger, Jr., The Carver Families, The Friendship Class, Dr. William Bullock, Jane and John Lomax, Henry Lomax, Rennie Cuthbertson, Jr., Bill & Carolyn Horton, Claudia Pearson, Grace Blanton, Woody & Carole Holmes, Robert & Cynthia Salvia, Bob & Emily Culp, Tom & Barbara Robertson, John & Mary McCall, Cindy & Gary LaBrosse, Ellen & Louis Otterbourg, Ruth Hester, Will & Tina Rucker, Russ & Carolyn Ford, Bruce & Laura Fisher, David & Jewel Tolan, Cameron & Sally McRae, Jim & Sheila Evans, Mary Hall, Betty Gilliam, and Midge Barrett.

Hawthorne Lane Church Hero of the Month

Carl Godman

"...he was able to complete the preschool renovation on time and did a spectacular job for our church on a very challenging project."

Good News from Mike and Kellie Carr

Pastor Mike asked it be shared that they have taken in seven year old Deanna whose mother is in her life but Mike and Kellie are her primary caregivers for now. He asks we keep them lifted in prayer.

2011 OPERATION STAND DOWN

On Oct. 11, 2011, a rainy Tuesday, Hawthorne Lane was represented at the 4th Annual Charlotte Stand Down for homeless veterans at Grady Cole Center. This was advertised as a "one-stop service center filled with over 78 vendors whose focus was military veterans who are homeless." With over 300 homeless veteran attendees, this was an eye opening event for the Stephen Ministers from Hawthorne Lane.

The Hawthorne Lane Stephen Ministry booth provided the peace that only comes from faith, by providing veterans with a place to stand-down and talk, to be encouraged. We had the opportunity to use our skills of compassionate listening and caring. We distributed Care Notes and information concerning the many opportunities to connect with our congregation, and learned from the other vendors what services are available for those that have served our country.

Our Pastor Terri was an inspiring force at this event. This force was felt and heard by all vendors and attendees when she led the invocation. At the conclusion of her prayer there was a hush, really several moments of silence, and then there was applause. Have you ever heard applause after a prayer?

Thank you for praying for our veterans and the success of the 2011 Stand Down. And thank you for your support and prayers for Stephen Ministry and Hawthorne Lane Church.

Sympathy Notes

- Upon the death of Joyce Bales Forrester, we express our sympathy to her daughter **Nanette Lawing**, her grandchildren **Wes** and **Ashley**, and the other members of her family.
- Upon the death of her brother-in-law **Winston Burroughs**, we express our sympathy to **Margaret Aldridge**.
- Upon the death of his sister **Inez Jackson**, we express our sympathy to **Al Davis**.
- Upon the death of her uncle, we express our sympathy to **Phyllis Soule**.
- Upon the death of her sister, we express our sympathy to **Iris Pollard**.
- Upon the death of **Debra Harrelson**, we express our sympathy to her sister **Angie Kilgo**.
- Upon the death of her sister's unborn child, we express our sympathy to **Lori Weaver** and to the other members of the family.



- 1 - Lillie Mae Springer
- 2 - Vicki Brewer, Jessica Jackson
- 3 - Loma Simmons, David Dorsey
- 4 - Al Kirby Jr, Monty Bennett
- 5 - Shelly Botzenmayer
- 6 - Shelly Theriault
- 7 - Cindy Scoggins, Paula Taylor
- 8 - Caryl Mitchell
- 9 - Deede Turner, Maggie Armstrong, Luke Brown
- 10 - Stephen Kent
- 11 - Angela Mason
- 12 - Becky Dellinger, Robin Conrad, Tad Fincher, Paul Kilgo Jr.
- 13 - Beth Jordan
- 15 - Joseph Holbrook, Cameron Porter
- 17 - Matt Sims, Kaylin Garlick
- 18 - Frances Westbrook, Patty Lassiter
- 20 - Barbara Cox, Maggie Kilgo
- 21 - Jimmy Kilgo
- 22 - Ellie Shultz
- 24 - Sylvia Walker, William Shoener
- 25 - Lillian Henderson
- 26 - Chris Koonts, Mary Rush
- 27 - Joe Edwards, Eric Brantley, Ford Froehlich
- 28 - Mary Aldridge
- 29 - Lucille Wade, Stan Littlejohn, Mary Beth Kilgo, Ashlyn VanNote



To everything *there is a season,*
 A time for every purpose under heaven.
 (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 It is with mixed emotions that I bring to you the news of a wonderful opportunity to which I have been blessed. I have accepted the position of Emergency Department Chaplain for Carolinas Medical Center. My new vocational journey begins on November 11, 2011. Thank you for the privilege of being in ministry alongside you as we worked together to share the Gospel and glorify God's kingdom.

Pastor Terri

Serving Joyfully in November

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Dates	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Mug Ministers	Counters
11/6	Jenna Love Olivia Weaver	Kristen Kouri Sylvia Caldwell Shelly Botzenmayer Ryan Botzenmayer Blaine Johnson Sarah Urrey Lori Weaver*	Jennifer Clark	Spradlin
11/13	Aaron Love Peter Lawing	Sylvia Walker Buddy Walker Shelly Theriault Leo Theriault Ashlyn VanNote Sam Hinson Jenni Jackson*	Jim & Mary Rush	Hester Barrett Kilgo
11/20	Jenna Love Aileen Rush	Rick VanNote Lisa VanNote Amanda Cipoletti Gail Haynes Avery Rempson Emily Turner Chris Aprill*	Bill & Sylvia Caldwell	Walker
11/27	Aidan Williams Cole Rempson	Susan Jones Brad Jones Mendy Godman Carl Godman Jonah Brown Hannah Kline Doug Johnson*	David Dorsey	Jandebeur Weaver

Ushers and Greeters: **Carl Smallridge, Becky Smallridge, Sarah Urrey, Nancy Crockford, Jerry Adams, Al Davis, Bobbie Davis

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

Miller Class Breakfast
9am November 13 in Evans Hall



Come and enjoy the best breakfast in town!
Reservations are requested, and you may make your reservation in Sunday School, or call the church office.

The Church Office is open

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3pm

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*Hawthorne Lane Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation*



Financial Corner

	8/31/2011 YTD Actual	8/31/2011 YTD Budget	Difference
Congregational Giving	\$277,831	\$320,874	\$(43,043)
Ministry Expenses	\$297,503	\$320,874	\$(23,371)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$(19,672)		19,672



Children's News

Mark Your Calendar!

You're Invited to a
Birthday Party for Jesus
December 17th 10:00am-noon

Join us for a fun-filled time of learning about Jesus' birth through crafts, games, music and the Nativity Story. Even the birthday cake will have a special meaning in the celebration of Christ's birth. At this time, children will also have costume fittings for the Live Nativity. Don't miss this special Party!



The Hawthorne Happenings deadline is the 3rd Sunday of the month for the following month. The November Hawthorne Happenings deadline is Sunday, November 20. Please email your articles, committee meeting dates, and pictures to bsoltys@hlumc.org.