

COMING UP

- December 4
12:15 pm
Children's
Christmas
Musical and
Pot Luck Lunch
- December 6
Young at Heart
12 noon, Evans
Hall
- December 11
7pm Choir
Christmas
Cantata
- December 17
10am
Children's
Birthday Party
for Jesus
- December 18
Petting Zoo
and Live
Nativity



Sunday,
December 31,
2011

5:30 pm
Chapel

Hawthorne Happenings

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Journey Back to the Manger

Advent Sermon Series

December 4: "Guess Who's Coming for Christmas?"
December 11: "The Gift that Keeps on Giving"
December 18: "Where are you Christmas?"

Christmas Cantata and Reception

December 11th
7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services



5:30 pm - Candlelight Service
(kid-friendly)
11:00 pm - Candlelight Holy
Communion Service

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 18,
2011

5:30 - 7:30 pm
Petting Zoo

Shows begin at:
6:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Children's 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!

Muffin Mornings!

Enjoy a muffin on Sunday mornings
and support the youth!

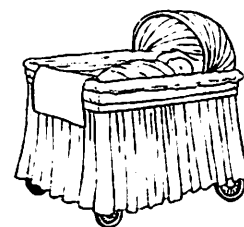
Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25, 2011
11:00 am
(no Sunday School)

Pot Luck Lunch and Children's Musical

Bring a dish to share,
and then enjoy the
children's production of
"The Case of the
Reluctant Innkeeper"
December 4, 2011
12:15 pm - Evans Hall

Children's News



Outreach

Room In The Inn begins December 6

Hawthorne Lane is proud to continue to support Room In The Inn again this winter. Every Tuesday evening, we open our doors to our neighbors who are in need of a warm place to stay at night. Signups to help with supper preparation or overnight hosting are on the Info Table in the Sanctuary, or see Patty Lassiter.

Pot Sunday

December 18



Recipient:
Salvation
Army
Center of Hope

Loaves & Fishes
Priority Needs for
December
100% Juice
(no glass)
Canned Meat

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

*Wednesday Night
Holy Communion
continues in
December at 6:30 pm
in the Chapel.*

Baby Boom

This winter Hawthorne Lane Church is expecting a baby boom! Five sweet baby boys will bless our church in December and January. It's a tradition here to help provide meals each week for the family. We need your help! Volunteers, to prepare a meal, are greatly needed. Once the babies arrive there will be sign-ups in the sanctuary, online, or contact Mendy Godman, mgodman@hlumc.org.

Mission Opportunities

Missionary Sunday December 18

Last month's Hawthorne Happenings tried to catch each member up on the missionaries HLUMC gives support to each year:

San Isidro Penas Blancas Church, located about 3 hours from San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is our "sister church" in this hemisphere. We will be learning more about this growing church and hopefully some of our members might want to visit it to lend a hand at some point.

Our Sunday School classes and individuals are all encouraged to have an offering in an envelope marked for HLUMC missionaries. We are committed to send \$2,800.00 to help their ministry flourish. An opportunity will be made during the last hymn to lay your contribution on the altar.

Our other missionary we send aid to is Jacques Umembudi, a pilot taking supplies to other missionaries in Africa. He visited at HLUMC and gave a program to "Young at Heart" attendee's several years ago.

This will also be our "Pot Sunday". In December we urge you to remember the, at present, 400 women and children that are now calling the Center of Hope, (Homeless Shelter for Women and Children) home. Included in that 400 are 172 children. About 14 of the children are teen-age boys who are separated into a couple of dorm rooms. The numbers coming to the shelter continue to grow. In October the report was a total of 350. The Salvation Army is doing everything they can think of to care for the homeless. Any offering you can give will be received with great gratitude.

The tables in the dining room are now stacked in the evening to give enough room for many to stretch out for rest. RITI will certainly give some relief for those persons that now have no home, both men and women, and yes,

sometimes children. The Center of Hope tries to keep all the children possible at that facility. Thanks are extended to all those that will give some hot meals and friendship to our guests on every Tuesday evening as RITI starts up from the first of Dec. thru March. You will not only be helping the persons that visit us, but it will help alleviate some of the crowding in our shelters.

Urban Ministry Center ArtWorks 945 Holiday Open House



Tuesday, December 6, 2011,
4:00pm - 6:00pm

On Tuesday December 6th from 4pm to 6 pm, please stop by the art studio at the Urban Ministry Center for some hot cocoa, caroling, and holiday cheer! We will also be celebrating the Urban Ministry Center's Voices of Love Choir's first CD. While you're here, do some Christmas shopping, too. We will have a wide selection of artwork created by the neighbors in ArtWorks 945, as well as handmade origami ornaments, cyanotype notecards and envelopes, jewelry holders and other gift ideas for sale at the event. All are welcome.

Please bring your friends!

Urban Ministry Center's ArtWorks 945 is an outreach and housing retention program that utilizes art to connect with individuals who struggle with homelessness.

Location : Art Studio, Urban MinistryCenter
945 N. College Street
Contact : Tyler Helfrich 704-926-0618



Gifts to the Church

Gifts were given in honor of:

Blaine Sims' Baptism by Gina and Skeet Sims
Doug Johnson and David Dorsey by the Stewardship Committee
The Praise Band by the Stewardship Committee
David Dorsey by Tom and Barbara Robertson

Gifts were given in memory of:

Joyce Bales Forrester (Nanette Lawing's mother) by Bill & Lynn Teague and Don & Nancy Poteat
Frances Taylor (Bill Horton's mother) by Buddy & Sylvia Walker, and John & Patsy Kilgo
Catherine Lawing by Jim & Glener Gilland, WR & Martha Boyd, Ruth Rainwater, and Jackie Randall
Marvin Henderson by the Walter J. Miller Class, Margaret Aldridge, Buddy & Sylvia Walker, Kefer Management Co., Harold & Lucinda McNeill, Tom & Barbara Robertson, WR and Martha Boyd, Fastener Supply Co., Jim & Sheila Evans, Nanette B. Lawing, Roger & Susan Rummage, Kathleen Phillips, Joe, Jeanine, & Ryan Czul, Christine Singmann, Priscilla & Dick Lewis, Grace Blanton, Don & Nancy Poteat, Ruth Rainwater, and John & Patsy Kilgo

Sympathy Notes

- Upon the death of Frances Taylor November 2, 2011 in Charlotte, NC, the pastors and congregation express their sympathy to her son and daughter-in-law Bill and Carolyn Horton, her granddaughter Gena Li Horton, and to the other members of the family.
- Upon the death of Marvin Henderson November 4, 2001 in Charlotte, NC, the pastors and congregation express their sympathy to his wife Lillian Henderson, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

November Church Council Briefs

The Trustees shared a request by Rev. Terri Vilagos which asked for permission to stay in the Associate Parsonage until May 2012. The Trustees gave approval for her to occupy the parsonage through January 31, 2012. After that it will be determined on a month to month basis.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee continues to discern the best way forward with staffing. They clarified that from the first announcement about removing the Appointed Associate the intent of the SPRC had always been to move from an Appointed Pastor to a Direct-Hire staff person. This was announced in Church Council meetings and also to the congregation. It was, unfortunately, not made as clear in the Hawthorne Happenings.

Finance Committee reports pledged giving is down and we are on track to not meet our budgeted financial obligations for 2012. Everyone is encouraged to remain current with their pledge and also to contact the Financial Secretary if there is a change in your projected giving.

The **Youth** hosted another successful Parents Night Out! 48 children were cared for as the Parents spent an evening out. They raised \$845 and after tithing to the church will realize \$760 profit for Summer Mission 2012.

Worship Committee is diligently working to address issues with the existing sound system to enhance the function of the system. They are also working to develop a plan for improving the overall multimedia / sound use of the Sanctuary.

Mission Committee announced the preliminary numbers for the BBQ for Missions is \$4,000. They expect some more funds to come in in the next weeks. This money goes to fund the Missions of Hawthorne Lane Church.

Nurture Committee is diligently working on the Advent Fellowship Events for 2011. This includes our Annual Live Nativity on Dec. 18. Everyone is encouraged to participate and bring a friend.

Christmas Reception

Everyone is cordially invited to a reception Sunday, December 11, 2011 in the JOY Outlook Room immediately following the Choir Christmas Cantata at 7:00 pm.



December Birthdays

- 1 - Teresa Knox
- 2 - Christian Conrad, Jen Fowler, Cassidy Laster
- 3 - Howard Long
- 4 - Kay Smith, Holly Pearson
- 6 - Lynn Teague, Susan Raughton, BT Long
- 7 - Jackson Beam
- 8 - Neal Hall
- 9 - Martha Young
- 10 - Anja Workman, Lauren Hill
- 12 - Rose Marie McRae
- 13 - Katarina York
- 14 - Rob Wanska
- 15 - Mike Kirby, Connor Tatum
- 16 - John Kilgo
- 17 - Johnny Kilgo, Elizabeth Price
- 19 - Tommy Lawing, Jr., Jean McLaughlin
- 20 - Jim Busby
- 21 - Janet Kilgo
- 22 - Kap Harris
- 24 - Kay Littlejohn
- 27 - Nanette Lawing, Elizabeth LaBrosse
- 28 - Jayla Broome, Jami Brown
- 29 - Allan McCoy, Mark Turner

A Thank You from Pastor Terri

To the family of God at Hawthorne Lane-- Thank you doesn't seem to cover the depth of my heartfelt gratitude. I am overwhelmed by the love you have shown to my family and me through the beautiful reception and the generous love offering. My prayer is that as your pastor I helped to make half the impact on your life and ministry as you have made on mine. May God continue to shine upon you as you endeavor to work together to build up the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus through your lives and ministries.

With the Peace of Christ,
 --Pastor Terri

Hawthorne Lane Church Hero of the Month

Allan McCoy

*"...for all of his hard work & attention given to the preschool.."
 "what you see Allan doing is just a tip of the iceberg of what he does . . ."*

Serving Joyfully in December

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Dates	Acolytes	Nursery Volunteers	Counters	Mug Ministers
12/4	Cole Rempson Olivia Weaver	Jen Fowler Doug Fowler Jenni Jackson Anne Edwards Cortney Dillard Jordan Monaghan Joe Edwards*	Moore	Bill & Sylvia Caldwell
12/11	Lawson Stanley Lexy Jandebeur	Carolyn Ford Tomoka Soltys Bryon Hinson Christian Conrad Luke Hinson Lainey Johnson Robin Conrad*	Robertson	David Dorsey
12/18	Sam Dagenhart Livi Dagenhart	Susan Voorhees Lori Weaver Rick Curti Chris Jandebeur Madison Johnson Luke Brown Michelle Jandebeur*	Spradlin	Bill Horton
12/25	Aileena Rush, Ellie VanNote	Grandmothers, Inc.	Hester Barrett Kilgo	Doug Johnson

Ushers and Greeters: **Carl Smallridge, Becky Smallridge, Sarah Urey, 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*

The Church Office is open

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3pm

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The Church Office will be closed December 26 and 27 for Christmas holidays, and January 2 for New Year's Holiday

Hawthorne Lane Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation



Financial Corner

	10/31/2011 YTD Actual	10/31/2011 YTD Budget	Difference
Congregational Giving	\$358,479	\$401,087	\$(42,608)
Ministry Expenses	\$376,727	\$401,087	\$(24,360)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$(18,248)		\$(18,248)



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