

*Our Prayer Concerns*

*Health Care Facility*

Frances Hartmann Heritage Greens, 801 Meadowood. St. Room 128, Greensboro, N.C. 27409

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Christine Suits Heritage Greens 801 Meadowood St., Rm.336, Greensboro, NC 27409

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Steve Wyrick Heartland Living and Rehab. Rm. 321A, 1131 N. Church St., Greensboro, NC 27401 Please send mail to: 903 Eagle Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407

*Special Prayer Requests*

Ray Alker, Ken Baynes, Kylie Bean, Blondell Bowman, Monica Butler, Bobby Coble, Elaine Gasser, Robbie Gifford, Lee Hammonds, Kay Holland, Christine Jones, Linda Jones, Gene & Sybil Larimore, Michael Melvin Jr., Doris Moody, Tim Moody, Cheryl Myers, Sharon & Steve Myers, Jerry Neal, Kathleen Neal, Ruth Nesbitt, Angela Olsen, Jeremy Page, Ed Ragan, Phyllis Reeves, Amanda Rivenbark, Marietta Roberts, Dennis & Donna Smith, Winston Smith, Bob Simmons, Christine Suits, Eddie Taylor, Allison Tilley, Roberta Trogden, Doris Warren, Betty Welborn, Jackie Wilson, Jewel Wilson.

If you wish to submit a name for special prayer or to remove a name, please call the church office, 299-6330.

**IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD — SEDGFIELD SCHOOL CHILDREN NEED OUR HELP**

Friends, due to the families being at poverty level or below, 97% of the children at our neighborhood school qualify to receive free meals. There are children wearing clothes that do not fit properly to keep them warm. There are some that don't have socks or underwear. There is also a growing need for snacks for the children to have at snack time. The recession has hit our poorest the hardest. Many of the teachers, staff and their friends have adopted a child through their "Angel Tree" program. Due to the large number in need, **they desperately need our help** as well. Today we are taking up a love offering after church. The money will be used to buy socks, underwear, blankets, warm clothes, food for Christmas meals, etc. Can we help these children and their families during this holiday season? Our UMW would like to thank you in advance for your help. We are working with their School Counselor, Bobbie Bingham, to assist them. Next week we will be shopping and taking the items to the school. If you have questions or would like to help, please see Billie Baynes or Vickie Gordon.

If you are worshipping with us and have never filled out a "WELCOME TO HINSHAW" card, please fill in a card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you for worshipping here. Please worship with us again soon.

Have you been thinking about joining Hinshaw United Methodist Church? Please see or contact Pastor Donna to make arrangements.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY December 13**

7:00 am...UMM Breakfast Meeting  
9:45 am...Church School  
11:00 am...Worship Service

**MONDAY December 14**

7:00 pm...Circle #2  
8:00 pm...AA/AI Anon/AI Ateen

**TUESDAY December 15**

**WEDNESDAY December 16**

11:00 am...Circle #4 with lunch at Noon  
6:45 pm...Aldersgate Bible Study  
6:45 pm...Handbell Choir  
8:00 pm...Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY December 17**

**FRIDAY December 18**

**SATURDAY December 19**

10:00 am...Choir Rehearsal

**SUNDAY December 20**

9:45 am...Church School  
11:00 am...Worship Service (Christmas Music)  
7:00 pm...Children's Christmas Play  
7:00-9:00 pm...Live Nativity Scene

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Office. (336) 299-6330 or (336) 299-2513  
Parsonage..... (336) 299-6339  
Pastor's Cell... (336) 681-8804  
Pastor's Email: Donna@hinshawumc.org  
Program/Youth Director: jim@hinshawumc.org  
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Church Web Address: hinshawumc.org

**Any time you would like Rev. Smith to visit with you, please contact her and she will be glad to arrange a time to visit with you.**

**RESTROOMS**

The Women's restroom is located on the Sanctuary-level of the Sanctuary Building. Go through the door to the left of the altar and the restroom will be the last door on your left.

The Men's restroom is located on the basement-level of the Sanctuary Building. It is located immediately below the women's restroom.

**NURSERY**

The Nursery is located on the second floor of the Education Building (above the Fellowship Hall).

**OUR FAITHFULNESS**  
**December 6, 2009**

**Regular Offering**

\$5,944.43

**Building Fund**

\$200.00

**Singer's Fund**

\$225.00

**Music**

\$50.00

**Memorials**

\$125.00

**Hunger Pots**

\$50.00

(To maintain our 2009 budget, we need an average of \$4,606.58 per week.)

**A complete Hinshaw financial update will appear in each Hinshaw Church Newsletter. This newsletter is mailed to the entire congregation and it is also available on-line: [www.hinshawumc.org](http://www.hinshawumc.org)**

**ATTENDANCE**

Worship 107  
Study Groups 94  
(includes Sunday School)

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATES**

**Hospitality Host**

Howard Weast

**Ushers**

Bill Fowler, Jim Brentnell,  
Tom Smith, Ray Ward

**Greeters**

Roy & Ray Grant

**Nursery**

Betty Reddick

**Nursery Next Week**

Sheri & Randy Reading

**If you would like to help in the nursery, become a greeter or usher, please contact Jim Waynick.**

**OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

**Ministers.....The Congregation**  
**Pastor.....Rev. Donna Smith**  
**Program/Youth Director.....Mr. Jim Waynick**  
**Choir Director.....Ms. Lyn Koonce**  
**Church Custodian.....Mr. Steve Benoit**



**Hinshaw United Methodist Church**

*"Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ with All People"*

4501 High Point Road - Greensboro, N.C. 27407  
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Parsonage: (336) 299-6339

*Welcome...*  
...To All who need the Love and the Grace of Our Heavenly Father,  
the Care of Christian Friends, and A Place to Serve God.

**December 13, 2009**

**Eleven O'clock**



**Third Sunday in Advent**

Third Sunday of Advent  
**COMING TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD**  
*\*Congregation Stand*

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

Welcome to our fellowship. We thank God you are with us. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the plate during the offering.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
L: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**P: And also with you.**

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY**

*The Prelude is a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE** "The Shepherd Boy"

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good friends, God is with you.

**Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.**

God’s love is forever. You are beloved.

**Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.**

God forgives and loves you and me and seeks our well being.

**Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.**

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE “Honor and Praise” 2018 FWS\*\*  
“Good Christian Friends Rejoice” 224 UMH\*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 2215 FWS\*\*  
“Cares Chorus”

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895 UMH\*

A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (Please see insert)  
Brianna Michelle Alker & Brandon Robert Alker

RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Ray and Shelly Alker; Brenda Atkins

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

ANTHEM “We Three Kings” arr. Philip Kelvey  
(Hinshaw Handbell Ringers)

THE DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 95 UMH\*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION “He is Exalted” 2070 FWS\*\*

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION In Unison  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds By the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, We may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

LISTENING FOR A MESSAGE FROM GOD

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Pew Bible OT Page 875

OT Page 641

NT Page 198

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SERMON

Rev. Donna Strickland Smith

“Stone or Tree? Which Will You Be?”

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD

\*HYMN OF INVITATION “Cuando El Pobre” (“When the Poor Ones”) 434 UMH\*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Send Your Word” 195 UMH\*

\*POSTLUDE “Wake O Wake and Sleep No Longer” Philipp Nicolai

*\* United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*\* The Faith We Sing, hymnal supplement*

**We extend an extra special word of WELCOME to persons who are worshipping with us for the first time. We hope you will prayerfully consider making Hinshaw Church your church home.**

The poinsettia in the narthex is given to the glory of God and in honor of Gladys McKeown on her 90th birthday by Ken and Billie Baynes.

Lights of Love are on the tree outside the fellowship hall in memory of Ben Blakewood by Lucy Blakewood.

MISSIONS

During this season of Advent we will continue to bring food to church each Sunday. Place it underneath the Chrismon tree each Sunday. Thank you for your support of missions.

PECANS

The Asbury Sunday School Class is selling pecans. They still have a few bags left, but they are going fast! They are \$7.00 per pound.

Please see any member of the Sunday School Class if you wish to buy pecans. All Proceeds will be used for missions. Thank you for your support!

Midweek Advent Services

Friends, we have been enjoying our times of worship along with other churches in our area. The Thanksgiving worship was uplifting and it was a joy to meet other brothers and sisters in the body of Christ here in our area. We enjoyed Lenten services back in the Spring and we've decided to offer Cluster Advent Services too. These services will be 30 minutes 2 songs and a meditation. We hope you will consider joining us for one or more of these special services. The church location and the pastor leading the service are posted here.

**12:00 Noon Wednesdays of Advent**

Dev 16 Triad Native American UMC Rev. Sarah Smith

Dec 23 Saint Timothy's UMC Rev. Donna Smith

TRAVELERS KEEP UP WITH REGULAR OFFERINGS BY GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, our church relies upon your regular contributions. Hinshaw deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular summer and winter travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions. Please contact Lois Fowler for details. 292-0374 loisi@triad.rr.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16th & 23rd — 12:00 Noon Advent Services  
December 20th, 11:00 am — Christmas music and worship  
December 20th, 7:00 pm — Children’s Christmas Program  
December 20th - 23rd, 7-9:00 pm — Live Nativity Scene  
December 24th, 5:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Ray and Shelly Alker  
Brianna and Brandon Alker  
Brenda Atkins

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you...

Will you make Hinshaw UMC your church family, allowing the people of this church to love and care for you, as we serve God together with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?  
(we will)

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God, I commend  
Each of these persons  
Ray and Shelly, Brianna and Brandon Alker and  
Brenda Adkins to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

### **Congregational Response**

**We give thanks for all that God has given you and  
We welcome you in Christian love. As members  
together with you in the body of Christ and in this  
congregation of the United Methodist Church, we  
renew our covenant to participate in the ministries  
of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service  
and witness, that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Now may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

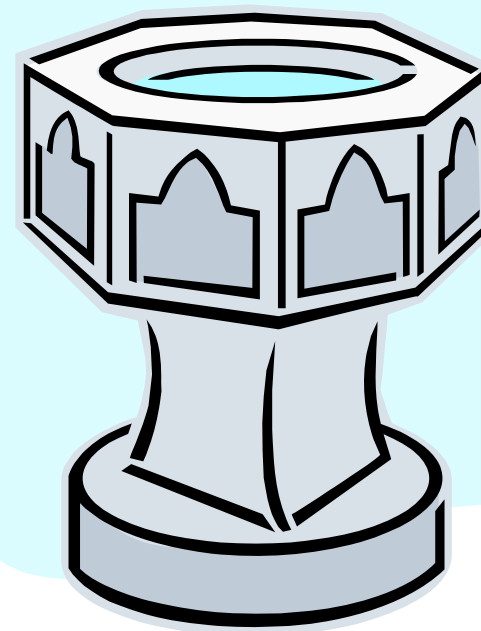
Presentation of Certificates

## *A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM*

*Brandon Robert Alker  
Brianna Michelle Alker*

## *RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

*Ray and Shelly Alker  
Brenda Atkins*



*Hinshaw United Methodist Church  
December 13, 2009*

### Candidates for Baptism

Brandon Robert Alker, (Son of Ray and Shelly Alker )

Brianna Michelle Alker, (Daughter of Ray and Shelly Alker)

### Re-Affirmation of Faith Candidates

Ray Alker      Shelly Alker      Brenda Atkins

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?  
We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?  
We do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?  
We do.  
*(For Parents)*

Will you nurture Brandon and Brianna in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and your example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly and to lead Christian lives?  
We will.

Do you as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?  
**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include each of these persons in your care?

Ray and Shelly Alker , Brianna and Brandon Alker  
Brenda Atkins

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround each of these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### BLESSING OF THE WATER

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who will receive it, to symbolically wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

### BAPTISM

(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Pastor, Parents, Godparents)

(Name), May the Holy Spirit work within you that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Brandon and Brianna, through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Brandon and Brianna as members of the family of Christ.**

It is our joy to welcome our new brother and sister in Christ in baptism.

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ray Alker,      Shelly Alker,      Brenda Atkins



**Hinshaw United Methodist Church  
2009 Poinsettias  
Given to the glory of God**

**In Honor of:**

Parents  
Lena Lanier  
Betty Reddick  
Diana Matthews & Rachel Bohrer  
Lyn Koonce  
Donna O'Malley  
Tom, Stephen & Jason Coley  
Carly, Wes, & Philip Crawford, & Nathan Gerringer  
Betty Reddick  
Vickie Gordon  
Rev. Myra Ward  
All of our Hinshaw Church Family

**Given by:**

The Alkers  
Naomi Ambrose  
Brenda Atkins  
Judith Bohrer  
Chancel & Handbell Choirs & Worship Band  
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Jean Coley  
Janice Gerringer  
Hinshaw UMW Circle #1  
Hinshaw UMW Circle #3  
Ray & Iris ward  
Randy & Sheri Reading, Kristofer,  
Jonathan, & Lizzy

**In Memory of:**

Grandparents  
Larry W. Atkins, Jr.  
Clarence W. Baliles  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Suits, Sr.  
Ben Blakewood  
Frederick Bohrer, Jr.  
Council & May Wyrick  
O.C., Ruby & Jerry Wall  
Steve Glisson  
Virginia Johnson, Willie Smyre, & Katherine Dula  
Jesse & Lea Johnson  
Vel Grant  
Newton & Ada Grant  
Bascom & Cleo Frazier  
Newton & Ada Grant & Donnie Grant  
Bascom & Cleo Frazier  
Sandi & Kenny Wiggins  
Howard & Lib Wyrick  
Arvil & Juanita Lundy  
Jim & Lucille Hill  
Ray & Gerry Price  
Jim & Allene Hutchinson  
Bud Shaw  
Clyde & Stella York  
Kenneth Wilson  
Jessie Murphy

The Alkers  
Brenda Atkins  
Ann S. Baliles  
Ann S. Baliles  
Lucy Blakewood  
Judith Bohrer  
Bill & Nancy Bridges  
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Coley Family  
Phyllis Dudley  
Janice Gerringer  
Ray Grant  
Ray Grant  
Ray Grant  
Roy Grant  
Roy Grant  
Roy Grant  
Roy Grant  
Mike & Ann Hardeman  
Bill & Patty Hill  
Bill & Patty Hill  
David & Jeanelle Hutchinson  
David & Jeanelle Hutchinson  
Dot Shaw  
Dot Shaw  
Jewel Wilson  
Gay Wright & Family