

Good Morning Everyone,

During the Council Meeting this week, the Pulpit Committee made a recommendation to our Church that I would like to first share with you, and then get your thoughts.

Harrisena enjoys a long affiliation with a larger religious organization called *The American Baptist Churches of New York State*. Our relationship with this organization began over 40 year ago when we joined in order to provide Rev. Monty Robinson with a pension plan. ABC of NY was the sponsor of this plan. To learn more about this organization, please visit their web site at: www.abc-nys.org.

As a part of the Pulpit Committee's research and because of our existing relationship, we engaged this organization to see what resources they offered that could help us with identifying our next full time pastor. Through this research, we discovered that this organization offers many beneficial services that would not only help us find our next pastor, but also could help us as we move into the future. Key resources are:

- Pastoral Support
- Interim/Full Time Pastor Placement
- Educational Conferences/Resources for both Pastors and Lay Leaders of the Church
- Task Specific Consultation for Pastors and Lay Leaders
- Networking Opportunities with other Churches in NYS

The Pulpit Committee recommends to the Council and the Congregation that Harrisena strengthen our relationship with the ABC of NY in order to gain access to these valuable resources.

As a part of our due diligence, the Pulpit Committee looked at numerous other faith based organizations to see if there were larger organizations offering similar services but were a better fit for our church.

Key elements of our consideration were cost, remaining an independent Church with full control over our spiritual mission, management of our Church activities, and operational structure include minister selection. From our research, the organization that offered the most services and allowed the greatest level of independence is the ABC of NY. Two other elements make this organization attractive. First, there is no minimum financial commitment. We can contribute as much as we feel appropriate based upon the services we use. Secondly, should this relationship turn out over time not to be a good fit for us, we can leave without penalty.

While most of the other organizations we reviewed offered similar services, all of them required stronger commitments, greater financial obligations and would not allow Harrisena the level of independence that has made us the Church we are today. If you are interested in seeing our research, please contact myself or another member of the Pulpit Committee.

Before making a final decision, the Council would like to give the leadership of this organization an opportunity to formally address our congregation and directly answer your questions regarding the benefits of strengthening our relationship with the ABC of NY. To this end, **Rev. Jerrod Huguenot will be delivering the message to us on Oct 9**, and will attend coffee fellowship after the service to meet and discuss your questions and concerns.

Both the Council and the Pulpit Committee believes a stronger relationship with ABC of NY will be very helpful in giving us the resources and support we need to grow both in our mission and as a church. Your input is very important and we hope you will join us for this service and share your ideas with us.

Kind regards,

Jim

Stewardship – More than a Pledge

How often do we define the value we place on having God as the center of our spiritual life? If you're like me, those thoughts are sometimes lost within the everyday trappings of just simply living our daily life. In our church life, this time of year traditionally harkens the call for a pledge campaign to ensure we keep the lights on in our facilities. However, as we enter this autumn of 2016, **we hope to stretch your spiritual thinking as we embark on defining YOUR understanding of stewardship and the importance it plays in all of our lives.** We pray you'll hold your mind and your heart open to old, but also new, thoughts on the value of God in the coming months.

Onward in spiritual growth, *the Finance Committee*



Outreach Committee

We are proceeding as best we can with a smaller number of members. As the only member left from last year, (this being my second year), I was elected chairman. Our other members are **Helga Stutz-Miller, Christine Burke** and **Pastor Patti Girard.** **We need two more members** and are open to anyone willing to serve with us.

Art Norton, Chairman

Christian Education

Welcome to the warm days and crisp nights of fall!

Our Harrisena **Christian Ed program began on Sept.18** using the "*Whole People of God*" curriculum. We are excited to welcome all the children back and encourage everyone to invite their friends and neighbors to join us! Nancy Wilder has graciously volunteered her musical talents to sing with the children around the piano before their class three Sundays a month. 

This year there will be **one multi-age Sunday school class**. Due to the lack of a Christian Ed Director at this time, the students will be guided by a dedicated committee of five teachers:

Robin Dutcher
Sue Ogden
Andrea Lipinski
Mercedi Loonan
Valerie McGilpin

Anyone wishing to participate in the joy of teaching our children, please see Robin! 

Blessings for a wonderful year of learning,
Lori Carte, Committee Assistant

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### **Special Dates in October**

*10/02 – World Communion Sunday*  
*10/05 – Meditation Class begins, 1 pm*  
*10/13 – Time Out/Women Mtg, noon;*  
*University Women Mtg (2-5)*  
*10/22 – Wedding, outside Minister*  
*10/23 – Abundance Sunday*  
*10/30 – Reformation Sunday*

### **Snow Birds**

**If you will be away for the winter months & would like to receive the Harbinger (or other mailings) please contact the office with your "winter Address" as soon as possible– *thank you!!***



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## Missions Committee

This year we plan to make most of our Mission giving to local charities and special needs. That being said, we will **not be participating in the Christmas Child** program.

All **food donations for the month of October** will be given to the **Veterans Home in Glens Falls**. Please give only regular sized items as their food needs are not as great as at Family Services.

We are fortunate to have a full committee of volunteers – **Phyllis Straut**, Council rep., **Cindy Farbaniec**, **Nancy Wilder**, **Sue Ogden**, and **Shirley Harney**!

## Music Committee

*Melissa Ferrie-Healy*

### *There's a Song in the Air*

***The Chancel Choir is back in action!*** We are grateful to Nancy Wilder for keeping us on track as we anxiously await the arrival of a permanent choir director. We have had no response to the ads placed over the summer, but we continue to share our need throughout the community, in hopes of connecting with someone who would be able to lead this wonderful group of singers. In the meantime, we're having a whole lot of fun singing on our own!

It's nice to have **Deborah Barthold** back in the choir loft! **Anyone else who would like to join Chancel Choir can speak with me or Nancy Wilder about details** – or you could just show up on a Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. *We'll be sure to find a spot for you!*

**2016-17 Music Committee Members:** *Jane Gould Badger, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Nancy Wilder*



***Don't Forget*** – there will be an **October Flu Clinic** after church – date to be decided!

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## Worship Committee

*Melissa Ferrie-Healy*

### ***Gluten Free Communion***

*Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of every month throughout the coming year. We also plan to serve at the Women's Candlelight Communion Service, the 11 PM service on Christmas Eve, and our Maundy Thursday service. We will be exclusively serving gluten free bread and grape juice at every communion service.*

### ***"Lay Leaders" Become "Liturgists"***

Pastor Patti's husband, **Frank Girard**, has graciously agreed to coordinate our **Sunday morning Liturgists** (formerly referred to as Lay Leaders.) These volunteers will each add their special touch as they assist with the start of worship. Liturgist guides will be available outside the church office as well as on the lectern. **Anyone who is interested in serving as a liturgist should either sign up for a particular date on the sign-up sheet, or contact Mr. Girard** to be placed on the general list.

### ***Christmas Day: Family Day***

Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year. Therefore, Christmas Day will be on a Sunday. Council has decided that **we will offer our three traditional Christmas Eve services (6 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM)** and allow our church to spend Christmas Day with at home with family and friends.

***As always, we welcome and encourage your feedback with regard to every aspect of the worship experience at Harrisena Community Church.***

***2016-17 Worship Committee Members: Jane Gould Badger, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Susan Ogden, Donna Davison-Smith, Joan Walker and Nancy Willett.***

## Congregational Survey - September 2016

In order to effectively execute our pastoral search, your Pulpit Committee needs your assistance in identifying the key job responsibilities/characteristics for our new pastor and our Church's mission. **We believe your voice is important and deserves to be heard.** The list below represents the top 22 characteristics of what people are looking for in a pastor. These characteristics/traits were developed through a review of the work done by the 2012 committee and our current research. Please review the list below and record your feedback on each area. Please either mail to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804, OR drop off in the boxes provided in Robinson Hall or the Sanctuary **by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. **THANK YOU for your assistance!!!!**

**PLEASE RECORD YOUR TOP 5 MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN THE COLUMN WITH A CHECK MARK**

|                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |
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| <b>Pastoral Care and Job Responsibilities:</b> This section identifies job tasks for our pastor.                                                                                       | v |
| 1. <b>Sermons:</b> Each week needs to be a thoughtful examination of our relationship with God that combines scripture with real world experience to help us gain meaningful insights. |   |
| 2. <b>Community Outreach:</b> The pastor should represent Harrisena in our community with both secular and non-secular organizations.                                                  |   |
| 3. <b>Counseling Services:</b> The pastor should be a professionally trained and experienced counselor.                                                                                |   |
| 4. <b>Home and Hospital Visits:</b> Pastor should be comfortable with visiting church members at home and during hospital stays.                                                       |   |
| 5. <b>Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals:</b> Pastor should actively pursue and execute special services at Harrisena.                                                                    |   |
| 6. <b>Music Program:</b> Pastor should be actively involved in developing and implementing the musical program.                                                                        |   |
| 7. <b>Bible Study:</b> Pastor should be well educated and willing to lead the congregation through thoughtful study.                                                                   |   |
| 8. <b>Harrisena Youth Fellowship:</b> Pastor should be fully engaged with the creation and implementation of youth programs and fellowship through HYF.                                |   |
| 9. <b>Christian Education:</b> Pastor should be deeply involved in building and teaching the weekly Christian educational programs.                                                    |   |
| 10. <b>Church Administration:</b> Pastor should be actively engaged in leading the day to day operational activities of the congregation.                                              |   |
| <b>Professional Characteristics and Attributes:</b> This section includes aspects of the minister's personality, management style and how they work with the lay church personnel.     | v |
| 1. <b>Love of the Congregation:</b> Pastor should be fully and lovingly engaged with the congregation.                                                                                 |   |
| 2. <b>Leadership/Strong Character:</b> Pastor should lead the congregation by example and by demonstrating personal discipline.                                                        |   |
| 3. <b>Work Ethic:</b> Pastor needs to show strong work ethic by participating in all church activities and self-guided personal development                                            |   |
| 4. <b>Tolerance of Divergent Views and Open Minded:</b> Pastor should be open to new and divergent spiritual beliefs of the congregation.                                              |   |
| 5. <b>Joyous and Positive Attitude:</b> Pastor should keep a positive and supportive attitude through challenging times and when working with the Church's lay leadership.             |   |
| 6. <b>Models Evangelism:</b> The pastor should openly encourage growth in membership through joining with Christ's mission on earth                                                    |   |

**PLEASE RECORD YOUR TOP 5 MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS,** continued.....

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| 7. <b>Mission/Vision Development:</b> The pastor should help develop and lead the constant evolution of the Harrisena Mission and vision.                    |  |
| 9. <b>Builds Diversity in the Congregation:</b> The pastor should actively work to build a congregation of diverse ethnicity, culture and view- points.      |  |
| 10. <b>Technology/Web Knowledgeable:</b> The pastor should be familiar and comfortable utilizing audio visual and web based technology.                      |  |
| 11. <b>Practices Managerial Transparency:</b> The pastor should be comfortable being completely open with their ideas and managerial initiatives.            |  |
| 12. <b>Firm Moral Fiber:</b> The pastor should be comfortable in advocating important moral views and be willing to take a stand on important church issues. |  |

**Theological Focus:** Under Monty’s spiritual leadership, Harrisena has for decades explored the ideas and tenets of “*Progressive Christianity*” as our theological focus. As we look to move into the future, the Pulpit Committee is interested in hearing your ideas on whether you would like to continue to focus on this theology or if you would like to learn about other aspects of our Christian faith.

**Do you identify with being progressive or conservative in your theological faith?**

Progressive

Conservative

On the lines below, please add any of your ideas or additional information you believe is important that the Pulpit Committee include in our work in finding our next pastor.

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**If you would like the Pulpit Committee to speak with you directly, please give us your name and contact information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to contact any of the following pulpit committee members:**

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## October Birthdays

**2-** Janice Barton, Torin Davies, Earl Mileson; **3-** Gabrielle Meade-Higgins, Heather VanDyke; **6-** Jeffrey Barcy, Holly Raesly; **8-** Pricilla Sanderspree; **10-** Valerie McGilpin; **11-** Kathy Cerny, Ashley Staunches; **12-** Nathan Solomon, Lisa Kelly; **13-** Richard Meyer; **14-** Jacob Durkin, Hannah Smith; **15-** Deborah Barthold, Lisa Cruz, Dave Sanderspree; **16-** Nathan Durkee, David Howe; **18-** Breanna Desquin, Ben Jones, Patricia Maddock, John Einzig, Jr. **19-** Cameron Aust, Ashlee Gray; **20-** Brandon Dreher; **23-** Phil Farbaniec; **24-** Nicole Salone; **25-** Meredith Harvey, Diane Matthews; **26-** Evan McAdam, Travis Tucker; **27-** Heather Austin; **28-** Rebecca Solomon; **29-** Bonnie Nadig; **30-** Lynn Buckley, Richard Smith, Jr.

| SUNDAY                                                                                       | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                      | THURSDAY                         | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>2</b> World Communion @9:30 AM HYF @6 PM                                                  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                    | <b>5</b> Meditation Class@1 PM; AA & Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 PM | <b>6</b> Conversations @9:30 AM  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b> Worship @9:30 AM<br><br>HYF @6 PM                                                   | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> Committees & Council Mtg- 6:30 PM | <b>12</b> AA & Choir Rehearsal @7:30 PM                        | <b>13</b> Time Out for Women @12 | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b> Worship@ 9:30<br>HYF @6 PM                                                         | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                                   | <b>19</b> AA & Choir Rehearsal @7:30 PM                        | <b>20</b> Conversations @9:30 AM | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b> Worship @9:30<br>HYF @ 6PM<br><br>-----<br><b>30</b> Worship @9:30 AM<br>HYF @6 PM | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                   | <b>26</b> AA & Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 PM                       | <b>27</b> Conversations @9:30 AM | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |

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## Long-Term Prayer Requests, October 2016

*Please remember the following members and friends who need our prayers of love and encouragement.*

### In Facilities

John Austin – Fort Hudson Nursing Home  
Marjorie Bardin – Fort Hudson Nursing Home  
Lee & Betty Barton – Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton  
Rod Bishop – The Landings of Queensbury  
Grace Clough – Seacoast Nursing Center, MA  
Esther Frederick – The Stanton Nursing Home  
Roy Havens – Stanton Nursing Home  
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany  
Patricia Maddock – Assisted Living, Fort Edward  
Dave Thrun – Veterans Home  
Richard Werner – Crest Haven Nursing Home, NJ

### At Home

Maria Berg – Mother of Nicole Robinson  
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon  
Christine Burke – Member of Harrisena  
Paul Butler – Friend of Jeanette Hunt  
Lee Ann Clark – Daughter of Murial Clark  
Diane DeMass- Friend of Suzanne Cartier  
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon  
Ingrid Engelhard – Friend of Debbie Shahay  
Alyson Fazio – Friend of Peg McArthur  
Douglas Hughes – Friend of Cathers family  
Fabiola Jabaut – Mother of Steve Jabaut  
Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton  
Carmen LeFebvre – Friend of Peg McArthur  
Joshua Louk – Nephew of Diane Matthews  
JJ Mattison – Friend of Tim McAuley  
Maddison McCane – Cheryl Pagano's great niece  
Rachael & Tim McCane – Grandchildren of Bob & Phyllis Straut  
Larry Norton – Friend of Kathy Allen  
Oscar Olson – Great-nephew of Kathy Allen  
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville  
Gail Varney – Member of Harrisena  
Lochlan Woodard – Cousin of Richard Kline

### Deaths in the Harrisena Family

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends of **Rose Oleyourryk**, friend of Brandy Madon; and **John J. Walker**, active member, and husband of Joan Walker.*



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## Members and Friends in the Military

*Please also remember the veterans from previous **as well as** current wars who continue to suffer  
From PTSD and other injuries of the mind and body.*

**Ryan Barrett** (Pilot), nephew of Gigi Barrett—Afghanistan

**Alexis Best** (Army), stateside

**Andrew Bigelow** (Army), son of Karen Bigelow—serving stateside

**Aaron Clark** (Army/Spcl Forces)—serving in Afghanistan

**Chelsea Craig**—serving in Germany

**Derek Dumas**—stateside

**Gary Hogan** (USAF)

**Walter Howard** (USMC) – serving on the Japan seas

**Joseph Hubbard** (Army) – stateside

**Christopher Maille** (AFRES), son of Peter Christian- serving in Spain

**Maxwell Marshall** (Army) - serving in Afghanistan.

**Wes McQueen**, nephew of Dodi/Rev. Robinson- serving stateside

**Tony Mitchell** (USAF) - serving in Afghanistan.

**Chris Moore** (USN), friend of Beck family- serving stateside

**Brandon Payne** (Army), son of Deanne/Hal Payne- serving in Afghanistan

**Todd Payne** (Army), son of Deanna/Hal Payne – serving stateside

**James Pearson** (USAF)

**Phillip Riccio** (Army), son of Phyllis Riccio-serving in Germany

**Dominick Simione II** (Army), friend of Russ Smith- serving in Afghanistan

**Russell Smith** (USNG)

**Kelly Thompson** (US Health Svc)

**Daniel Urband** (USAF), grandson of Alice Urband—serving stateside

**Mark Wilson** (Army Spcl Forces/Reserves), husband of Andrea—serving stateside

**James Zito** (Army Reserves), friend of Beck family—serving stateside

*Please update the status of anyone you know on this list **as soon as information is available.***





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