

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

Standing on tiptoe is not a children's game of balance. Rather it is the beautiful prayer of balancing God's promises with our hope and expectation. God's ways are so often surprising, beyond anything our eyes have seen, our ears heard or our minds understand. God often acts in quiet ways, ways that do not necessarily draw our attention. But for those standing on tiptoe, waiting with prayerful expectation, God offers new vision for the future, new insight into the present and new life that transforms the old beyond our imagining.

Seasons of Your Heart, Macrina Wiederkehr

I stand on tiptoe as we begin this journey together. I lean forward with hope and expectation of what God has in store for the Harrisena Community Church. I press against the window that looks out into a future filled with many undiscovered possibilities. I see beauty. There we are together, you and me, arm in arm, worshipping, working, laughing, playing, praying, sometimes crying, always encouraging, seeking, finding, celebrating...focused, determined, purposeful, thankful...arm in arm.

I thank God for you and for all that you have accomplished over these many years. I honor your vision, your commitment, and your faithfulness to God and this community. I stand beside you, on tiptoe, watching and waiting with excitement as we step into today together.

Francois Fenelon, a French Roman Catholic theologian and poet once wrote: *"What wilt thou have me to do? I am ready to do everything, to suffer without consolation, and to take comfort in the sweetest consolations. I do not say to thee, 'O God, I will perform the most difficult acts of self-denial, I will make striking changes in my conduct.' It is not for me to decide what I will do. What I will do is to listen to thee, and to await the dictates of thy Law."*

Pray with me this prayer adapted from ***Seasons of Your Heart***:

On tiptoe we stand, dearest Creator,

Eagerly awaiting your full revelation, always expecting you to come...more and more. Our hands and hearts are open to your grace. Our lives still waiting for the fullness of your presence. We stand on tiptoe. We lean forward and hope.

Shalom,

Rev. Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly

Working on our Mission with God

*“Celebrating Diversity and embracing God through Christ;
We build toward the greater good.”*

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12: 4 – 8)

Greetings and May God’s Grace be with you.

This month at the Committee Orientation meeting, we focused on an important task. **Each committee got together and defined how their work supported the Mission of Harrisena.** Each committee defined what they did, how their committee supported Harrisena’s mission, the number of committee members they needed, the amount of time each month each member worked on their mission, the financial resources needed to complete these tasks each year, the activities the committee supported each year and new activities they wanted to begin this year.

Each committee then made a 5-minute presentation to the council summarizing this information. The Council members asked questions and added their thoughts to those of the Committees. **The next step in this work will be the completion of a single Committee Mission document which will be compiled together by the Church officers and delivered to the Trustees at our October Council meeting.**

While listening to the presentations, **what impressed me most was the incredible efforts our membership put forth in making a difference to each other, our community and the world.** We reach out to console the sick and lonely. We help our children attend college. We feed the poor. We provide shoes to the needy. We deliver meaningful Sunday services, including beautiful music. We provide a safe space for children to grow. We educate our children about the Word of God. We explore our faith and experience God together, and through this work, we come to know one another by sharing our love.

This experience sparked a memory from long time ago. After the annual chicken barbeque, I walked side by side with Monty, telling him, while I was tired and smelled funny, working the barbeque pit gave me the opportunity to get to know the people I had been sitting next to for several years. Monty responded: *“Harrisena needs you as much as you need Harrisena.”*

May God bless our work together, and grant us many productive years of bringing His Loving Word into our community.

Your Congregational President,
Jim Ferris

Christian Education ✨

Welcome to the warm days and crisp nights of fall!

Our Harrisena **Christian Ed program began on Sept.17** 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** and the students will be guided by a dedicated committee of five teachers:

Sue Ogden, Andrea Lipinski, Bonnie Nadig, Mercedi Loonan and Valerie McGilpin

Christian Education *welcomes all children* back to Harrisena Church School this year!

Special Dates in October

10/01 – World Communion Sunday

10/07 – Apple Festival, 10-3

*10/12 – Women’s Assoc., noon;
College Club Mtg (2-5)*

10/21 – Halloween Party, 2-4

*10/28 – Wedding, Sanctuary, 3:30; a
Reception will follow in Hall*

10/29 – 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!!*



Don't Forget – there will be a ***Flu Shot Clinic*** after church **October 15th!**

Missions Committee Report

Over the summer Missions Committee donated to the **Feet First Program, School's Out - Where's Lunch** and the **Back Pack Program**. In addition, we prepared a dinner for *Christ Church Methodist* in Glens Falls. We are off to a good start and are continuing to search for other charities to help.

October's Mission food collection will go to the **Veteran's home**. No large containers, please.

Phyllis Straut has left our committee to be on Worship; **Sue Ogden and Shirley Harney** are our co-chairman.

Please continue to donate to the food pantry **including personal items** (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, etc.).

Shirley Harney

Music Committee

Jane Gould-Badger

Choir Anthem Dedications Now Available

To help celebrate the church season ahead, the Harrisena Choir would like to offer the opportunity for anyone in the congregation to **dedicate a choir anthem in honor or memory of a family member or loved one**. The new choir pieces below have recently been added to our repertoire, and we will be singing them during the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. The cost is **\$25 per dedication**, and on the Sunday that the choir performs the piece, your dedication will be printed in the bulletin. The choices are below:

- 1) Jesu Dulcis Memoria - *Gregorian type hymn praising the sweet memory of Jesus*
- 2) Peace Like a River - *Swingy piece that showcases our fabulous accompanist*
- 3) Canticle of Promise - *Quiet and smooth, this piece praises the Lord for his mercy and steadfast love*
- 4) Come Let Us Eat - *A light communion song with choral rounds*
- 5) Little David Play on Your Harp - *Fun, quick, light-hearted version of this spiritual*
- 6) Singing the Glory Down - *Spirited, swingy piece rejoicing in His name. Very clappable :)*

If interested in an anthem dedication, please call Jane Gould-Badger via cell phone: [518.338.7593](tel:518.338.7593). If I'm not available, please leave a voice mail and I will get back with you so that we can confirm the following information:

- 1) Individual or family making the dedication
- 2) Reason for the dedication (i.e. *in honor of, in memoriam, or special occasion*)
- 3) Method of payment - **\$25 check** to '*Harrisena Church*' with the name of the anthem written in the 'MEMO' section of the check.

We will publish an update for the start of 2018, so please keep this idea in mind. Thank you for your continued support.

Membership Committee Article for October 2017

Welcome to fall and the start of an exciting new chapter in Harrisena's history! We hope you are energized and optimistic as we begin our church year under the leadership of **Reverend Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly**.

The current members of Membership Committee are:

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| Noel Granger | noel.granger@nysed.gov | (518) 260-6150 |
| Andrea and Bruce Lipinski | skibliip@gmail.com | (518) 798-3659 |
| Jean Meyer | jeanmeyer245@gmail.com | (518) 656-9375 |

The Membership Committee met on September 12 and **established the following goals for the year:**

1. Develop an updated church brochure for visitors and guests. The brochure will provide a brief overview of our Harrisena life and include essential information like address, office phone, office hours, our web address, mission statement, a brief bio of Reverend Natalie, and times of services and how to find out further information.
2. Create publicity materials and welcome packets for new members.
3. Update website as needed and explore new website formats for Harrisena.
4. Conduct outreach to current Harrisena members who are not attending worship services at this time.
5. Explore options for various themed services.
6. Update Harrisena Facebook page and assume responsibility for posting new information through that venue.

As you know, **Harrisena's future depends on participation from its members**. We need to continue to grow our congregation, but equally importantly, we need to retain our current membership and foster their participation in various capacities. If you are unable to attend Sunday worship, would you consider volunteering for an event or fundraiser, offering to help in the church office with folding bulletins or the Harbinger, transporting someone who is unable to drive to a Council meeting or special event? **We are always seeking ways for individuals to be connected and involved and we welcome your support and suggestions**. Feel free to contact Noel Granger at noel.granger@nysed.gov or at (518) 260-6150 with offers to help or suggestions for outreach/membership.



October Birthdays

2- Janice Barton, Torin Davies; **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 |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> - 9:30 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Conversations -9:30 | 6 | 7 APPLE FESTIVAL - 10-3 |
| 8 <i>Worship</i> - 9:30 HYF - 6 | 9 | 10 COUNCIL -7 | 11 AA & Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 | 12 <i>Conversations</i> -9:30; Women's Assoc., 12; College Club- 2 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>Worship</i> - 9:30 HYF -6 | 16 | 17 | 18 AA & Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 | 19 Conversations- 9:30 | 20 | 21 Halloween Party -2-4 |
| 22 <i>Worship</i> - 9:30 HYF- 6 | 23 | 24 | 25 AA & Choir Rehearsal -7:30 | 26 <i>Conversations</i> -9:30 | 27 Wedding Reh. - 4 | 28 Wedding – 3:30 with reception in Hall |
| 29 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> - 9:30 HYF - 6 | 30 | 31 <i>Reformation Day</i> Halloween | | | | |

Long-Term Prayer Requests, October 2017

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 Barton – Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton
Rod Bishop – The Landings of Queensbury
Jane Christensen – The Glen Terrace
Grace Clough – Seacoast Nursing Center, MA
Esther Frederick – The Stanton Nursing Home
Ann Healy – Fort Hudson Nursing Home
Ed Hooker - Beacon Point Memory Unit
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
Patricia Maddock – Assisted Living, Fort Edward
Dave Thrun – Veterans Home

At Home

Adeline Aversano – sister of Roy Urrico
Maria Berg – Mother of Nicole Robinson
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon
Paul Butler – Friend of Jeanette Hunt
Lee Ann Clark – Daughter of Murial Clark
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Ingrid Engelhard – Friend of Debbie Shahay
Collin Fuller – son of Rev. Patti Girard
Jane Henshaw – friend of Joanne Beck
Nancy Hoover – friend of Bonnie Nadig
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
McCane Family – Cheryl Pagano's great niece
Dylon McConnell – cousin of Rev. Pattie Girard
Christopher Nobile – son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile
Todd S. Norton – son of Art Norton
Jean Stein – friend of Suzanne Cartier
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville
Melanie Swinton – friend of Sandy Jabaut
Angelo Urrico – brother of Roy Urrico
Lochlan Woodard – Cousin of Richard Kline

Deaths in the Harrisena Family

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends of **Thelma De Grush**, aunt of Rodney Durkee; and **David Stotler**, former member and friend of Peter Aust & Noel Granger.*

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

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

Derek Dumas—stateside

Michael Gusek, son of Kathleen & Tim Gusek - 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

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), cousin of Deanne/Hal Payne- serving in Afghanistan

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

James Pearson (USAF)

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

Russell Smith (USNG)

Kelly Thompson (US Health Svc)

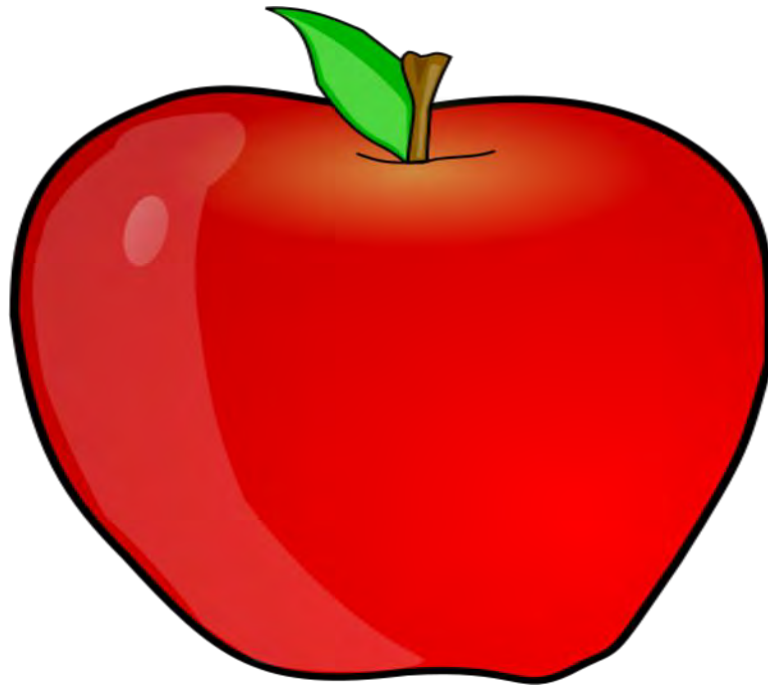
Daniel Urband (USAF), grandson of Alice Urband—serving stateside

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**.*





APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 7th, Robinson Hall
10 AM – 3 PM

*Join us for Apple Games, Silent Auction,
Craft Vendors, Baked Apple Goods, Lunch and
Much More!*

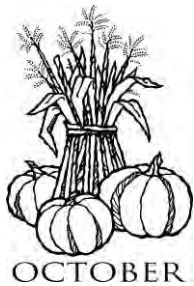
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9:30 AM in the Sanctuary
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