

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Je t'aime  
Te amo  
Aishiteru  
Ani ohevet othka  
*I love you*

The sounds are all as different  
As the lands from which they came  
And though our words are all unique  
Our hearts are still the same

We teach the young our differences  
Yet look how we're the same  
We love to laugh, to dream our dreams  
We know the sting of pain

From Leningrad to Lexington  
The farmer loves his land  
And daddies all get misty-eyed  
To give their daughter's hand

Oh, maybe when we realize  
How much there is to share  
We'll find too much in common  
To pretend it isn't there

Though the rhetoric of government  
May keep us worlds apart  
There's no misinterpreting  
The language of the heart

The lyrics above are words from the song, "Love in Any Language" written by Jon Mohr and John Mays in 1985. The very first time I heard this song, it was performed by a Christian artist by the name of Sandy Patti. If you have heard this song, you know how beautiful it is. Sandy fell in love with the song as soon as she heard it. She said, "*It felt powerful to sing a song that said love doesn't have any boundaries – love is just love, it doesn't matter where you live.*" I guess that is why John 3:16-17 is so powerful because it tells us that God so loves the whole world. God speaks love into the world through creation from the very beginning.

*The sun is a perfect picture of love. It is continually pouring forth its own life in the form of heat and light, to everything that will receive it. Light longs to unite and to become one with all things. It is therefore a perfect picture of the heart's desires of the Creator who continually imparts His own life to all that He creates. All life upon our planet depends upon the heat and light of the sun. John begins his Gospel with the statement that light is the source of life and that our physical senses should recognize as the form in which God mediates His life to us. "In him was*

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*life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). It is the nature of light to give itself to all who will receive it. There is an individual ray of light streaming forth from the sun to each thing on every planet and throughout the whole solar system. The light offers itself to every blade of grass, to every leaf on every tree and to every living creature. Love also is just like that. (Excerpt from Bibles without Borders, April 2020)*

God is the source and the definition of love. God loves as the sun shines: love expresses who God is because God is LOVE. I John 4 teaches us about God and about love. God's love is not some abstract concept. It is passion expressed in action. God made love real and present by sending Jesus to live among us and to die for us. God continues to show us love through Jesus' life-giving presence with us in the presence of God's own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. We are loved by God.

Think about what Jesus did and what he continues to do now. Jesus revealed the love of God as he healed strangers, touched the sick, embraced people, spoke truth and forgiveness. He was nailed to a cross and lived to tell the story of his victory over death, for us. Jesus intercedes in prayer for us even now. Love is lived.

Now back to the song. Here is the chorus of this song:

Love in any language, straight from the heart  
Pulls us all together, never apart  
And once we learn to speak it, all the world will hear  
Love in any language, fluently spoken here.

George Bernard Shaw said, "*The greatest problem in communication is the illusion that it has been accomplished.*" God communicated perfect love through Jesus the Christ. God entered into human history in flesh and blood through Jesus and offered Himself to all who would receive him. WOW!!! It is almost unimaginable to believe that God would desire such closeness with us. And yet, God made us in God's own image for the intimacy of relationship.

May we reflect this generosity and love.

May we willingly and effectively communicate the heart of God in all that we do and say.

Shalom,  
Dr. N. C. Wimberly



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## A Message from the President

### A Message from the President

It's now August and the days are hot while the nights are a little cooler. As I write this, the water from last night's storm has finally seeped into the ground. When I look outside I see that little red fox trotting across the lawn so it seems like everything is good with nature -blue skies and white clouds provide a nice backdrop to the lovely green of summer.

I wish it was the same with people. The spread of Covid-19 has become more rampant now than it was in March and April. As of this morning - August 5th, 2020 - the current total of deaths in the United States alone has passed 160,000. The number of current cases is just shy of 5 million and the number of people who have recovered from the virus is just over 2 and a half million. Very staggering numbers when you think about it. Unfortunately, the virus is spreading faster now than ever before. I cannot fathom why some people still think it is fine to enter crowded stores or attend large gatherings without a mask.

In terms of safety, I guess it explains why churches are still pretty much empty and most folks have to resort to the internet or a telephone to see or hear the word of the Lord for Sunday worship. Since the shutdown began in March, Harrisena church has been fortunate to have Rev. Natalie available to encourage us with words of hope and love. She has been determined in her efforts to connect with us online every week. I for one know how difficult this can be when we are at the mercy of cell connections and internet Wifi.

We are now experimenting with a new format for online worship. In the near future our Sunday services will start looking a lot different than they currently do. We will be upgrading to a fully produced Sunday program for online viewing with audio available for phone-in listeners as well. Expect a whole new experience on Sunday morning with a worship service that will engage you with a whole new experience. For people who cannot always be available on Sunday morning, the services will be available online forever so you can watch them anytime. We will also be introducing music in a whole new way to enhance the experience. Best of all, this new format will reflect the Spirit of Harrisena in ways you've never dreamed of. Of course, it won't happen overnight. We will begin soon by introducing basic concepts for the worship services. Once we have a good idea of how to do this every week, we'll perfect it by polishing the details. When we're ready, we'll start advertising it on social media to spread the word. This will take a lot of volunteers to help with things like reading the scripture, preparing prayer requests, singing in the virtual choir, the announcements, and so on - but the best part is you can do it at home, by phone or online. In time, we'll be able to do almost everything we can do at church, except hugs and kisses - and I'm told that those even come delivered in chocolate now.

Virtual worship services will be with us for the foreseeable future because of this pandemic, but that does not mean we'll be out of touch. There are volunteers among us that will deliver a meal on Fridays for you. Others have offered to pick up groceries if you cannot. All of us stand ready to help in any way we can. Like the song says - "Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall. All you have to do is call."

Since our office is not staffed every day, and Rev. Natalie absolutely needs some time to herself and her family, the best way to contact us is to call anyone you know from this church. We have a tremendous sense of connection at Harrisena. Whoever you call, they will help get you from

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where you are, to where you need to be - no matter **what** you need - and it won't take long. Try it and see.

I'll leave you with a quote about the future. It is one of my favorites.

*"Do not let the memories of your past limit the potential of your future. There are no limits to what you can achieve on your journey through life, except in your mind."*

— Roy T. Bennett

God Bless you all, and God Bless Harrisena Community Church

For His Glory,

Peter Pepe

P.S.

In case you don't know anyone's number, here is mine! 518 744 0258

I'm starting a list.

If you want to **add** your number to the list, send it to me at [peterpepe@me.com](mailto:peterpepe@me.com)



### **Scholarship Recipients 2020:**

Elizabeth Gusek (Middlebury College)

Kiley Whalen (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Services)



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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Another very successful BBQ fundraiser led by Deanna and Hal Payne added approximately \$1600. to the Harrisena treasury in July. Thank you to all Harrisena friends and members who purchased dinners.

You may remember that in last month's Harbinger your Finance Officers projected an approximate budget deficit of \$14,000 for 2020. This would be an improvement over the budget deficit of \$43,000 in 2019. However we are still dependent on Ross Grant money for support of church operations. Ross Grant money is never guaranteed.

So why has there been an improvement in deficit spending for 2020?

- By purchasing CD'S, interest income has increased from \$90 in 2019 to \$1800 for 2020.
- Church members have donated their time and own money to complete church projects.
- Your Finance Officers carefully looked at previous expenses and made significant changes without compromising services.
- Because of the covid-19 virus there has been decreased use of facilities and consequently lower utility bills.

We thank all of you who have helped to reduce expenditures in any way and all those

Reverend Natalie has written and Harrisena has received a \$1700. Grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. for the sharing in financial education and accountability between small churches. This money can only be used for expenses associated with the Grant proposal. Therefore it does not effect our regular Operational budget.

The Finance Officers ask that Harrisena friends and members, **please submit separate checks or money for contributions to Missions and for their Pledges.** This way it can be determined where your giving should be credited. Summer contributions have fallen off. Harrisena members and friends please continue supporting your church through your faithful giving during these unusual times. Contributions may be mailed to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804, att: Financial Secretary.

Harrisena Financial Officers,  
Bonnie Nadig, Cheryl Straut, Ken Zacharias



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## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Members and volunteers of the fellowship committee continue to assist the Missions Committee preparing Friday night meals for members of Harrisena. Our purpose is to put together a meal for anyone who would like to participate. We welcome this opportunity to care for each other. The only qualification is for you to say "I would like a meal." Hal and I certainly appreciate the meal that was prepared for us the Friday before the Chicken BBQ.

We are being very careful to keep the meal preparations within the COVID regulations, which means mask and gloves are worn, even in the very warm kitchen.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, your help is greatly appreciated, but you must understand that you will be expected to wear masks and gloves while you're preparing food. If you would like to help by receiving the meal please contact Susan Ogden by Tuesday of that week. If you forget, we've been known to add on last minute request. So call anyway!

I hope you all are having a great and blessed summer. It certainly is a different summer but nonetheless it's summer and it's fun.

God bless all  
Deanna

### CHICKEN BBQ PICTURES (JULY 2020)



We were able to donate 30 dinners to three organizations.  
Ten of those dinners went to the Warren County Sheriff's Office.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY!!!  
WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who did anything to help with the chicken barbecue. It took a lot of volunteers on a very warm Friday evening to husk corn, wrap potatoes, and scoop coleslaw, while wearing their PPE (COVID-19 masks and gloves).

Saturday afternoon, more volunteers worked faithfully in the heat most of the day, while wearing their masks to stay at COVID-19, Level 1. And we could not have done it without all the people who came together to buy 300 dinners.

It was a great meal and a fun weekend! **We made over \$1,600.**  
**"CONGRATULATIONS HARRISENA"**

Our next BBQ is being planned for October. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

**HARRISENA CHURCH, WE DID IT!!!**





Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

We're All in This Together!

**The American Red Cross theme for their summer blood drives is: *We're All in This Together!* On August 24th at 1-6 PM Harrisena Community Church will have the opportunity to play their part with their first ever SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE.** There will be roles for everyone to play! Which part is God calling you to play:

- SHARE the information about our blood drive on your social media NOW
- HELP with set-up and clean-up
- GREET our visitors and volunteers
- WORK at the Canteen (Susan Ogden, coordinator)
- PRAY for lives to be saved through a successful blood drive
- GIVE to our community by donating your precious blood. Each pint we collect can save up to three lives and will likely touch the lives of many more! ***You can sign up ahead of time at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).*** Walk-ins are also welcome.

In January 2020, we registered 19 donors and collected 19 pints of blood. Our goal for the summer is 25 donors, but we can take up to 45! The Red Cross is counting on us – let's show them we are still a dynamic force in our community!

For more information, please contact Melissa Ferrie-Healy (518-792-4709).

### **Please Continue to Share Your Updates**

While our weekly worship services are taking place on FACEBOOK LIVE and phone conference calls – even in the church parking lot - we encourage you **please let us know of any names/situations you would like added to our Prayer Concerns and Long-Term Prayer lists.** In addition to contacting the church office, please contact a member of Outreach Committee. (See below.) Thank you!

As always, we welcome and encourage your feedback...

Outreach Committee Members: Melissa Ferrie-Healy (518-792-4709 or [mlfmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:mlfmusic@yahoo.com)) & Peggy McArthur (518-793-2377 or [peggymcarthur48@gmail.com](mailto:peggymcarthur48@gmail.com)). ***Many hands make light work!*** Please let us know if you'd be interested in joining us or assisting in any way.



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**HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HAVE YOU SEEN US LATELY?**



**OUTSIDE LIGHTS WALKWAY AND RAMP**





PARKING LOT LIGHT, WEEDING & RAMP REPAIR



## August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
2 9:30 am Sunday Worship in parking lot & Facebook Live! & Conf. call in	3	4	5 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  AA @ 7:30 pm	6	7	8 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
9 9:30 am Sunday Worship on Facebook Live! & Conference call in	10	11	12 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  AA @ 7:30 pm	13 <b>Council Mtg @7 pm</b> <b>Conference Call-in</b>	14	15 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on FB Live
16 9:30 am <b>SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE in parking lot for Scholarship Recipients &amp; Facebook Live! &amp;</b>  23 9:30 am Sunday Worship in parking lot & on Facebook Live! & Conference call	17          24 <b>BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 pm</b>    31	18    25	19 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  AA @ 7:30 pm  26 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  AA @ 7:30 pm	20    27	21 <i>Harbinger articles due for September</i>  28	22 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live  29 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
30 Annual Meeting Nominations Conf. Call-in/FB						

**Our SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE will continue at 9:30 AM on Facebook Live and by Conference CALL-IN at: 1) Dial+1 (313) 209-8800; 2) Enter Conference ID 796-8500 and press the pound key.**

### **AUGUST Birthdays:**

1) Laurie Ferris; 5) Phyllis Straut; 6) Valerie Curren; 10) Wallace Loonan, Michelle Staunches; 13) Tim McAuley; 14) Sue Helffrich; 20) Gigi Barrett; 23) Doris O'Rourke; 24) Luke Mootz.



**WE ARE THE CHURCH!**  
The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is a people.

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## Long-Term Prayer Requests – August 2020

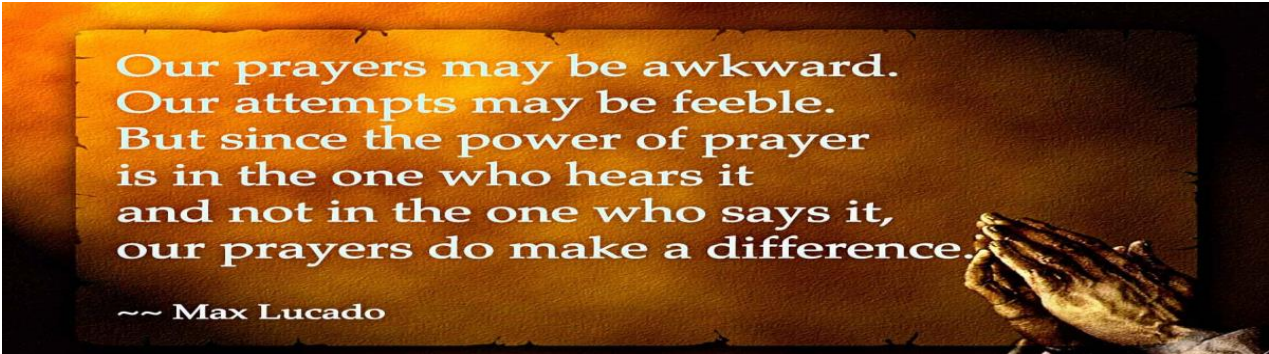
*Please remember the following members and friends who need our prayers of love and encouragement.*

Nancy Cathers – Assisted Living, MD  
Theodore Gusek - Saratoga  
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany  
Lillian McDonnell – Glens Falls Center  
James Nobile - The Landing of Queensbury  
Geoffrey Stewart – Westchester Trauma Center

### At Home

Maria Berg – Mother of Nicole Robinson  
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon  
Lee Ann Clark – Daughter of Murial Clark  
Jill Coleman – Friend of Suzanne Cartier  
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon  
Colin Fuller – Son of Patti Girard  
Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena  
Bambi Greychek-Spenser – friend of Peter Cartier  
Theodore Gusek – father of Tim Gusek  
Nancy Hoover – Member of Harrisena  
Randy Huber – Husband of Cindy Huber  
Fabiola Jabaut – Mother of Steve Jabaut  
Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton  
Teagan Klingenburg – Student of Melissa Ferrie-Healy  
Diane Lawson – Friend of Sue & Peter Cartier  
Carmen LeFebvre – Friend of Peg McArthur  
Wendy Leyonmark – Sister of Cindy Huber  
Christopher Nobile – Son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile  
Diane Parry – Cousin of Griffith Parry  
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville  
Melanie Swinton – Friend of Sue Ogden

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Our prayers may be awkward.  
Our attempts may be feeble.  
But since the power of prayer  
is in the one who hears it  
and not in the one who says it,  
our prayers do make a difference.

~~ Max Lucado

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## Members and Friends in the Military

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

**Derek Dumas**—stateside

**Michael Gusek** (*Patriot Missile Battery*), son of Kathleen & Tim Gusek – serving in Middle East

**Joseph Hubbard** (*Army*) – stateside

**Corey Ledgerwood** (*Army*) -serving in Afghanistan

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

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

**Tyler Monroe** (*USAF*), son of Cheryl Pagano – serving at Sheppard AFB

**Griffith Parry** (*West Point Military Academy*), relative of Griffith Parry

**James Pearson** (*USAF*)

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

**Brian Schneider** (*Army*) – serving in Afghanistan

**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

**Braden Stormer** – serving stateside

