

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*Listen to the long stillness:
New life is stirring
New dreams are on the wing
New hopes are being readied:
Humankind is fashioning a new heart
Humankind is forging a new mind
God is at work.
This is the season of Promise.
(Howard Thurman)*

The Lenten Season is the season of Promise. It is an invitation toward whole-heartedness. The heart is an ancient metaphor for the seat of our whole being—to be whole-hearted means to bring our entire selves before God, our intellect, our emotional life, our dreams and intuitions, our deepest longings. For many, there is a feeling that divides us, an internal conflict between what we most desire and how we live our lives. The ancient monks described the "cave of the heart" as that inner place where we encounter God and wrestle with our inner voices. Instead of resisting these voices, and dividing ourselves, the desert mothers and fathers invite us to be fully present to them, to create a welcoming space within (www.patheos.com).

This welcoming space creates the longing for and insistence of complete unwavering sincerity before God. It also requires accountability of the soul lived out in this world before all of humanity. "Unwavering sincerity," penned Howard Thurman, "says that humanity should always recognize the fact that the human being lives always in the presence of God, always under the divine scrutiny, and that there is no really significant living for an individual, whatever may be their status, until the individual has turned and faced the divine scrutiny." It is when we seek to make meaning of our ideas, our feelings, our hopes, and our aspirations, rather than merely objectively describing them, that we begin to make sense of life. It is the stirring of our souls for the promise and purpose of our days.

Although this inward focus begins with contemplation and examination, it moves us to an outward, more interdependent life. This movement is a space and place where life is lived abundantly. It is always aware of relating, relating to God, relating human to human, and relating to the evolution of the newness of each breath, each heartbeat, each morning, and God promise of new life. God is at work.

"in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth." Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

May this season of Promise open in us a desire to hear the long stillness, the stirring in our souls, the openness to embrace the inner voices, and the commitment to the journey toward whole-heartedly before God and each other.

In Christ's service with you.

Shalom,
Dr. N. C. Wimberly

I CONFESS

The concern which I lay bare before God today is
My concern for the life of the world in these troubled times.
I confess my own inner confusion as I look out upon the world.

There is food for all - many are hungry.

There are clothes enough for all - many are in rags.

There is room enough for all - many are crowded.

There are none who want war - preparations for conflict abound.

I confess my own share in the ills of the times.

I have shirked my own responsibilities as a citizen.

I have not been wise in casting my ballot.

I have left to others a real interest in making
a public opinion worthy of democracy.

I have been concerned about my own little job,
my own little security, my own shelter, my own bread.

I have not really cared about jobs for others,
security for others, shelter for others, bread for others.

I have not worked for peace; I want peace,
but I have voted and worked for war.

I have silenced my own voice that it may not
be heard on the side of any cause, however, right,
if it meant running risks or damaging my own little reputation.

Let Thy light burn in me that I may, from this moment on,
take effective steps within my own powers,
to live up to the light and courageously to pay for
the kind of world I so deeply desire.

-Howard Thurman



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 12TH!

Turn Your Clocks Ahead as we **SPRING** forward one Hour on Saturday night,
March 11th!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE – March 2023

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

We're here to enhance your Lenten Journey!

Our Lenten journey began on February 22nd with our Ash Wednesday service and will continue through April 8th with the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday. Throughout the forty days and six Sundays in Lent, we are encouraged to reflect on the state of our soul, deepen our understanding God's purpose for our lives, examine the life and teachings of Jesus, and to draw nearer to God. While our Lenten journeys are unique and personal, we are called to encourage our fellow travelers and serve those in need along the way.

The Worship Committee is pleased to offer the following opportunities to help enhance your Lenten Journey this year:

- Sign up to do a special reading and extinguish the candles on our Lenten Cross during one of the 6 Sundays in Lent.
- Participate in our Lenten Dollar challenge through prayerful almsgiving in support of a local ministry which helps the poor, homeless, and hungry in our community – the Family Services Association of Glens Falls.
- Honor and/or remember your loved ones by ordering Easter flowers to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. ***Order forms are available in the March Harbinger.***
- Read Scripture at one of our weekly Worship Services and/or the Maundy Thursday Service on April 6th.
- Assist with ushering.

Our sign-up sheets are located outside Robinson Hall, in the Education Building.

2022-23 Worship Committee Members:Christine Burke, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Diane Henderson, and Jodi Loonan. **We are here to serve!**

We welcome and encourage your constructive feedback.



EASTER FLOWERS

It is time to think about **ordering Flowers** to decorate the church for Easter. Please use the form below to let the **Flower Committee** know your wishes (*please enclose payment by check with your order*). *Thank you.*

I would like to order # ___plant (s) **at \$12 each. Enclosed is my check for \$**_____. *Please list as follows:*

“IN MEMORY” of _____
_____ OR

“IN HONOR” of _____

YOUR Name & Phone # _____

Please make your check payable to: *Harrisena Flower Fund.*

*Please place orders in the***COLLECTION PLATE** *on Sunday; in the***FLOWER COMMITTEE MAILBOX** *downstairs in the Ed. building; or mail to:***HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS Sunday, March 26, 2023!!

With sincere Thanks from the Flower Committee for helping to decorate our church for the Easter Season!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR FELLOWSHIP! MEET NEW FRIENDS AND SPEND TIME WITH OLD FRIENDS! BREAK BREAD TOGETHER!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IS PIZZA SUNDAY!



Mission's Report

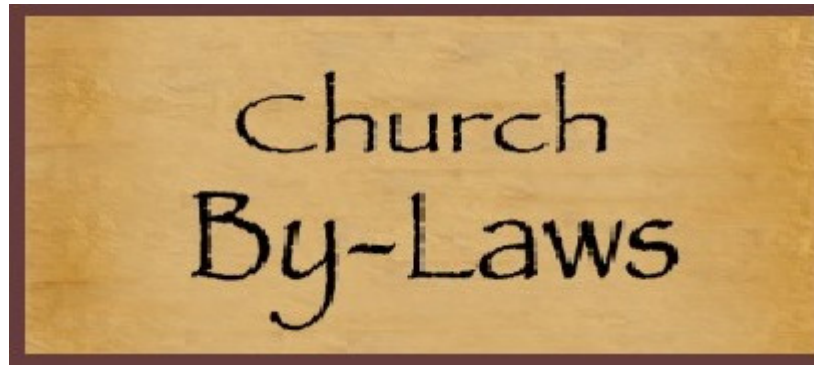
Your Mission's Committee continues to help our community and we give monthly **Open Door**, and during the winter months we give to **Code Blue**.

At Christmas we gave to **Family Services** plus donated 54 jars of peanut butter! In January and February we collected 274 pairs of under garments for Family Services.

We continue to support our three Adopted Children through **Plan International**.

Thank you to all the Harrisena families for your continued support!

Mission Committee: Mary Alice Clickner, Patty Zacharias, Susan Ogden



Church By-Laws

By-Laws Announcement

At the request of Rev. Wimberly, a committee has been formed to survey the congregation for **proposed changes in the Harrisena Bylaws**. The members of this Committee (HBLRC) are **Bonnie Nadig, Pam Loeb, Hal Payne and Peter Cartier** .

By the time you read this we will have started our work by querying members of the Council and Trustees for their recommended changes. Those changes will be incorporated into the revised version and presented to the entire Congregation for further input and revisions. Once the Congregation is satisfied with the new document a Congregational meeting will be held to vote on a final version of the Bylaws.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we attempt to complete this task to your satisfaction.

It is anticipated that we will ask the Rev. Stefani and an attorney familiar with church and state laws to review the proposed new version.



On Harrisena.org as of 3/10/2023

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, April 1, 2023

This is NOT an “April Fools” Joke 😊😊🙏

Harrisena will sponsor a

Fish Fry

April 1, 2023

4-7

\$12.00

We will be taking pre-sale orders. Please contact Deanna (518) 681-2602.

Leaving a message is 🙌 good. I'll be sure to confirm all messages. You've worked with me before; if I don't confirm, call again! Ok? Ok!

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SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2023

Harrisena Chicken BBQ

For Reservations/Payment/ or to reserve “*Meals of Love*”, (or to Volunteer), contact Deanna Payne (518) 761-0133 or cell (518) 681-2606.

Please ask for God's favor on our endeavors!

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Women's History Month			1 5:30am PRAYER Lectio Divina @12:30 & 7pm AA @7:30	2 5:30am PRAYER	3 5:30am PRAYER <i>World Day of Prayer</i> Mission Meal prepared	4 5:30am PRAYER
5 5:30 am Prayer Sunday Morning Worship @9:30 am Holy Communion 2 nd Sunday in Lent	6 5:30am PRAYER	7 5:30am PRAYER Conversations@1	8 5:30am PRAYER Lectio Divina @12:30 & 7pm AA @7:30	9 5:30am PRAYER	10 5:30am Prayer Mission Meal prepared	11 5:30am PRAYER
12 5:30 am Prayer Sunday Morning Worship @9:30 am 3 rd Sunday in Lent	13 5:30am PRAYER	14 5:30am PRAYER Conversations @1	15 5:30am Prayer Lectio Divina @12:30 & 7pm AA @7:30	16 5:30am PRAYER 12- Women's Assoc. Mtg	17 <i>5:30am Prayer</i> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Mission Meal	18 5:30am PRAYER
19 5:30 am <i>Prayer Sunday Morning</i> <i>Worship @9:30 am</i> 4 th Sunday in Lent	20 5:30am PRAYER	21 5:30am PRAYER Conversations @1	22 5:30am Prayer Lectio Divina @ 12:30 PM & 7pm AA @7:30	23 5:30am PRAYER	24 5:30am Prayer Mission Meal prepared	25 5:30am PRAYER
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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 9:30 a.m. in the Harrisena Community Church sanctuary. You can also join our worship service via livestream at Harrisena.org. Click on the FACEBOOK link at the top right-hand side of the website to the livestream of the service.

March Birthdays:

4) Liz Moon; 5) Casper Romanowski; 6) Thalia Matthews–Chase; 9) Walda Blanchard; 12) Patty Zacharias; 14) Brandy Madon, Griff Parry; 15) Natalie Robinson, Jamie Thrall; 16) Sue Ogden, Tyler Monroe; 17) Kathleen Gusek; 20) Jonathan Staunches; 21) Dennis Moon; 28) Bruce Lipinski; 30) Peter Aust.

CELEBRATION FRIDAYS!!

Send your special events and celebrations to the church office for our CELEBRATION FRIDAY email publication. This is our way of sharing the blessings of God with each other as we live filled with gratitude for all that God is doing in our lives.

Long-Term Prayer Requests–March 2023

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

In Facilities

Cindy Farbaniec – Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
Francis Howard – Health & Rehab. Center, Clarksville, VA
Linda Kennedy – Fort Hudson
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
Manu Malkani – The Terrace
Art Norton – Slate Valley Center, Granville
Marilyn Somerville – Coburn Village, Rexford

At Home

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Rev. Patti Girard – Friend 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
Wendy Leyonmark – Sister of Cindy Huber
Ann Malkani – Friend of Joanne Beck
Robert & Beth Marshall – relatives of Phyllis Straut
Christopher Nobile – Son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile
Marie Scarseletta – relative of the Straut family
Gay Smith – Member of Harrisena
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville
Fran Tucker – Mother of Bob Tucker
Doloras Van Detta – Friend of Marie Scarselletta

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*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Family & Friends of: **Joan Robertson**, long-time member of Harrisena; **Edna Harris**, sister of Laura Avent; and **Carol Webster**, also a long-time Harrisena Member.*



Members and Friends in the Military

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

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

Derek Dumas—stateside

Michael Gusek, son of Kathleen & Tim Gusek – stateside at Ft. Hood, TX

Joseph Hubbard (*Army*) – stateside

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

Kaleb Parker (*Army*), grandson of Rev. Dr. Wimberly – serving in Germany

Griffith Parry (*West Point Military Academy*), relative of Griffith Parry- serving in Poland

Todd Payne(*Army*), cousin of the Payne family - serving stateside

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

