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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

To Love God

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

The Shema is at the heart of Jewish faith, but the rest of us can learn from it, too.

The book of Deuteronomy starts out by giving a brief review of the events that have happened to Israel up until that point. Moses reminds them of God's deliverance out of Egypt, of their journey through the wilderness, of the spies who went into the land, of their refusal to go in and seize the land, and how God had sentenced them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. But now all that is behind them. They are the edge of the Promised Land once again, so the question before them is whether they will rise to the challenge this time.

The challenge is to love God and to proclaim love as their lifestyle. Ultimately, showing in every word, act, interaction or deed that the Lord God is their "one and only."

The Shema is not saying that God is the only God and there is none other. In the biblical traditions, there was a keen sense of other gods like Asherah, Baal, Moloch and Astarte. Much of the Deuteronomistic tradition is concerned with the fact that in a context of many gods, one will according to the covenant relationship pledge allegiance to the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, Leah, Bilhah and Zilpah alone. The primary obligation for Israel was to love God with the heart, with the center of all passion and trust. This is the primary purpose of human life.

Today we don't hear of many religions that are genuinely polytheistic. But ours is a society that does have many gods with a small letter "g." We worship the god of money, the god of success, the god of sex, the god of popularity, the god of politics, the god of science, the god of our own social constructs. We have to admit that although we love God to some extent, God is often not the only One we love, and sometimes God is not the One we love the most. Many other things tug at our heart.

The Shema calls us to love God knowing that God is love.

God is the actual source of our love for Him. God loved us first, and God *infused* us with God's own love. To *infuse* means to fill, to pervade, even to soak. We are being soaked with the love of God and the love of God in us is the love that we are given to love God in return.

Harrisena Community Church stands at the edge of a new era in the life of the church. We have a wonderful opportunity to rise to the challenge. Will we love God with all that we are? Remember the legacy of Louisa Larrabee Atherton Harris who loved God with all her heart. Her desire was to have a church to teach and study the Bible. She wanted a church to worship God. She wanted her community to know of God's love. This is the legacy of Harrisena Community Church, to love God and to share that love with our community.

In Christ's service with you.

Shalom

Dr. N. C. Wimberly



Submitted by Doris O'Rourke

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3-1

Living in upstate New York it is a time to nudge up the thermostat and rake up the leaves. More importantly,

no matter where you live, it is the time to count our blessings. It is the season to feel grateful. Feeling gratitude gets your endorphins humming and can alter your perceptions. It can also create the desire to share.

Thanksgiving Day is coming near the end of this month. Let's start counting!

Trustees

Submitted by Shelley Durkee

A big WELCOME to **Nancy Willett** as our newest member of the Board of Trustees! We know she will be a great asset to our cause.

Thank you to **Bill Loeb** for updating our security and exit lights! Thank you for getting the job in record time.

Thank you!



Women's Association

In July the Women's Association was able to reunite and enjoy each other's company for an afternoon at **Wiawaka** which also included lunch.

On a beautiful September day **Kathleen Gusek** hosted our meeting and we enjoyed seeing her many beautiful flower gardens.

We voted to have the church carpeting cleaned professionally. It is scheduled for October 27th.

At the October meeting our **guest speaker was Janice Holding** who spoke about the progress of her Haiti mission since her last visit with us.

The Women's Association **will not hold their traditional Candlelight Communion Dinner this year** which was open to member's guests. We will be planning an alternative celebration at our November meeting.

Fellowship

We are **looking for a few new members** to our Committee. If you are interested we would be glad to hear from you!

We are also looking for **fellowship ideas** to bring our Harrisena Family closer together; and also ideas for Fundraisers to help pay for the Tech Project. Any and ALL ideas will be considered and most welcome!

Thanks to all, your Fellowship Committee Members:

Pam Loeb, Janet Wilson, Shelley Durkee



New Member Bob Tucker (10/17/2021) jumped right in with both feet to serve our church. His bio said, "Bob offers his experience to develop the church's technology, such as the Facebook page and website maintenance, as well as photography." Well today, his first Sunday after he became a member (10/24/2024) he lit up the monitors at the front of the church with the order of worship. The monitors have been dark since Peter Pepe left. The best part is that if you have trouble getting used to the voice reading the scriptures like I have, you can follow the scriptures on the monitors. Thank you again Bob for your willingness to help Harrisena Community Church.

TREASURERS' REPORT

We are in the middle of our Stewardship Season during which we prayerfully consider how to support our church for the next year. Please consider making a pledge to enable the Church Officers to have an idea of what to expect for 2022. We have asked questions of the congregation to better reflect on the importance Harrisena has for each individual. The responses to "*The Friendly Little Stone Church on the Ridge with the Big Heart*"- **What does that mean to you?**" and "**Why is Harrisena here?**" will be presented at the November 7 church service.

Letters have gone out to members and friends reminding all that the budget will be voted on at the **Annual Meeting on November 14, 2021**. Following the church service and Annual Meeting, a **free luncheon will be provided at Bogey's** (31 Cronin Rd., Queensbury) at 11 AM to anyone who would like to go. This is made possible through an anonymous donor and will present a good time for relaxing fellowship. Please mark your calendars for this special day.

Thank you for the past and future support given to our Church.

Ken Zacharias
Bonnie Nadig
Janet Wilson

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FRIENDS & MEMBERS OF HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 7, 2021 Sharing of responses to the Questions “*The Friendly Little Stone Church on the Ridge with the Big Heart – What does that mean to you?*” And “*Why is Harrisena here?*”

If you have not yet responded to these questions, you can still do so by mailing your answers to the church office, or putting them in the baskets on Sunday, or leave in the Treasurers’ box downstairs in Robinson Hall.

November 14, 2021 Remembrance Sunday. Time to remember and honor those who have passed between June 2019-October 2021 by reading their names and lighting candles in their memory.

Please call the church office to let us know if there is a name you would like included in the program. If you have a photo you would like included in our Remembrance Slide-Show, please send to Bob Tucker (tuck1225@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, November 10**. Please make sure to include your loved one’s full name.

November 14, 2021 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will also be on the 14 following the church service to vote on the Proposed Budget. There will be a free luncheon at 11 AM for everyone Please let Bonnie Nadig know if you plan to attend the Luncheon (nadig@aol.com or call 518 791-3486).



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7!
Make sure to "fall back" one hour on Saturday night, November 6.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
PROPOSED BUDGET ATTACHED
Budget for 2021 and Proposed Budget for 2022

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Proposed 2022</u>
Income		
Fundraising Income	6,000.00	6,000.00
Grant Income	50,000.00	50,000.00
Interest Income	500.00	200.00
Memorials-Donations to Church	6,000.00	5,000.00
Non-Pledged Offering Income	4,500.00	10,000.00
Online Giving	200.00	1,000.00
Other Income	3,500.00	500.00
Pledged Offering Income	55,000.00	60,000.00
Special Collection		<u>700.00</u>
Total Income	125,700.00	133,400.00
Expenses		
Committees:		
Buildings Expense	4,000.00	8,000.00
Grounds Expense	11,500.00	7,500.00
Liability Insurance Expense	4,350.00	3,000.00
Structural Repairs & Maintenance	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Buildings and Grounds:	21,850.00	20,500.00
Christian Education	1,000.00	1,000.00
VBS	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Total Christian Education	1,600.00	1,600.00
Communication		
Advertising	<u>250.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total Communication	250.00	500.00
Fellowship Committee	350.00	350.00
Finance	1,000.00	500.00
Stewardship Supplies & Expenses	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Finance and Stewardship	1,300.00	800.00
Fundraising Expenses	1,000.00	3,000.00
Membership Committee	250.00	250.00
Music Committee		
Music	500.00	500.00
Repairs	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total Music Committee	1,500.00	1,500.00
Outreach Committee	100.00	100.00
Worship Committee	600.00	600.00
TOTAL COMMITTEES	28,800.00	* 29,200.00
Maintenance & Operations		
District Fire Taxes	375.00	375.00
Equipment Lease	1,500.00	1,600.00
General Supplies	300.00	300.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Postage	300.00	300.00
Printing	100.00	100.00
Supplies & Materials	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	6,575.00	*6,675.00
UTILITIES		
ELECTRIC		
Church	1,200.00	2,000.00
Parsonage	1,600.00	2,000.00
Ed. Bldg.	1,800.00	1,500.00
TOTAL ELECTRIC	4,600.00	5,500.00
OIL ED. BLDG.	4,000.00	4,500.00
PROPANE		
Church	1,500.00	1,500.00
Ed. Bldg.	2,000.00	2,000.00
Parsonage	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL PROPANE	6,000.00	6,000.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	3,300.00	3,300.00
TOTAL UTILITIES AND FUELS	17,900.00	*19,300.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	600.00	* 600.00
PURCHASES	3,000.00	*3,000.00
CHURCH SECRETARY	4,500.00	*4,500.00
MINISTER-SUBSTITUTE	600.00	*800.00
ORGANIST	8,000.00	* 8,000.00
ORGANIST-SUBSTITUTE	500.00	*600.00

PASTOR

Add'l. Compensation	2,500.00	2,500.00
Housing	18,000.00	18,000.00
Medical	5,250.00	5,250.00
P/R Tax Allowance	4,425.53	4,425.53
Pension	4,992.00	4,992.00
Salary	39,850.00	39,850.00
Travel Allowance	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL PASTOR	76,517.53	*76,517.53

PAYROLL EXPENSES

Disability Insurance	1,400.00	1,000.00
Payroll Administration Fee	1,200.00	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes Exp-ER	2,800.00	2,800.00
Workers' Comp. Ins.	2,300.00	2,300.00
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	7,700.00	*7,300.00
TOTAL SALARIES, STAFF & PASTORAL	97,817.53	*101,317.53

Total Expenses	154,692.53	156,492.53
TOTAL INCOME	- 133,400.00	23,092.53
Parsonage Allowance	- 18,000.00	Deficit 5,092.53

Expenses to be voted on: \$8,675.00 for tech equipment

(Will be added to expenses if approved.)

2022 Pledge to Harrisena Community Church

Please complete all information on the pledge card below.

PRINT Name(s):

First Last

After prayerful consideration, I/we have committed to pledge as follows:

Pledge Giving Schedule (Select one below)	Giving Amount (Per Schedule Selected)	Total Annual Pledge
Weekly		(x52)
Monthly		(x12)
Quarterly		(x4)
Semiannually		(x2)
Annually		(x1)
Other		

Do you wish to have Pledge Envelopes? Yes _____ No _____

Printed Email Address: _____

Printed Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City State Zip

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Thank you for your gracious financial support of our beloved church. Mail pledge forms to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 cc: Finance

For questions, please contact treasurers Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias or Janet Wilson.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Kathleen Gusek

Remembrance Sunday, (11/14)- Worship would like to offer the congregation the chance to remember those who have passed between June 2019-October 2021 by reading their names and lighting candles. **The time frame for date of passing is flexible.** Please call the church office to let us know if you have a name you would like included. **You may submit a picture of your loved one to Bob Tucker at tuck1225@gmail.com.** The pictures will be displayed on the screens in the sanctuary during the ceremony.

A **season of giving** display will be in the sanctuary during the holiday season and will include baskets for food donations. Donations can still be left at the front entrance to Robinson Hall. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

Sign-up sheets will be located in the front entryway of the sanctuary for flowers, scripture reading, ushers and decorating the church for advent. We really need your support!

A **sign out** sheet will be just inside the sanctuary for hymnals, which you can bring home each week. This is due to COVID.

The blessing of Advent! Please take note of the following dates:

- November 28: **1st Sunday of Advent**
- December 5: **2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion**
- December 12: **3rd Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens**
- December 19: **4th Sunday of Advent**
- December 24: **Christmas Eve**
- December 25: **Christmas Day Worship at home**
- December 26: **Christmas Sunday**

Worship Committee will **be looking for family and friends among us to lead the lighting of the Advent wreath candles each Sunday of Advent, as well as on Christmas Eve.** Anyone who is interested should please contact Reverend Natalie or a member of Worship Committee (see below) so we can coordinate services.

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

2021-2022 Worship Committee Members: Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Phyllis Straut and Kathleen Gusek

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All Saints Day	2	3 AA@ 7:30	4 Conversations@9:30; Pray Together at noon	5	6
7 Sunday Morning Worship Daylight Savings Time ends	8	9 Council @7	10 AA @7:30	11 Veterans Day Conversations@9:30	12	13
14 Sunday Worship	15	16 LGGC	17 AA @7:30	18 Conversations@9:30; Women's Assoc. Mtg @12	19	20
21 Sunday Worship	22	23	24 AA @7:30	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent - Worship @9:30	29	30				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November Birthdays: 7) Laura Avent, Kristen Shahay-Mootz; 11) Carl Avent, Peter Pepe; 12) Sydney Parry; 15) Joan Walker; 20) Danielle Brown, Rachel Straut, Lynn Bishop; 23) Jeffrey Cartier, Patrick Resse; 24) Timothy Gusek; 29) Kristi Helffrich-Chen.



Long-Term Prayer Requests – November 2021

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

In Facilities

Nancy Cathers – Assisted Living, MD
Maria Foss –Sunnyview Rehabilitation, Schenectady
Theodore Gusek – Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
Linda Kennedy – Fort Hudson
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
Manu Malkani – The Terraces
Art Norton – The Warren Center
Marilyn Somerville – Coburn Village

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
Bambi Greychek-Spenser- Friend of Sue Cartier
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
Carmen LeFebvre – Friend of Peg McArthur
Wendy Leyonmark – Sister of Cindy Huber
Ann Malkani – Neighbor of Joanne Beck
Christopher Nobile – Son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville
Doloras Van Detta – Friend of Marie Scarselletta

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*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends of **Rev. Dr. Clayton Burgess** who died this month. Clayton was a member of Harrisena and a teacher to many.*



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 (*Army 69th ADA BDE*), 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

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

Griffith Parry (*Army*), nephew of Grif Parry – serving in Poland

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

