

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called **the repairer of the breach**, the restorer of streets to dwell in. (Isaiah 58:11-12 ESV)*

The fifty-eighth chapter of the Book of Isaiah is a call to worship. It is God's appeal to the people of Israel and the people of God today. The people of Israel had returned to Jerusalem after nearly 50 years of being in exile. They were again in their homeland, but there were some problems. Their relationship to God was not what it should be. What should have been days of worship turned out to be times of fighting and hypocrisy. Also, the people used the fasting ritual as a means of saving money, at the expense of the common laborer. Those in the business world would avoid work for a period of time. Their employees went without income during the fast. It put an economic burden on the common laborer. They used "the fast" as an excuse to eliminate their pay rolls. They were motivated by self-interests. These hidden agendas benefitted some at the expense of others. God called the people of God to the divine agenda. God called them and us to faith practices that seek and live God's standard of love. These are practical, tangible ways of being in the world, motivated by love.

*"Is not this the fast that I choose,
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free
and to break every yoke?"*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house?" (verses 6-7a)*

The sure foundation of our faith will always point to love, God's love. Do you remember Jesus' answer to the question of what is required of us? Jesus said, **'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** (Luke 10:27 NIV)

People of God are called to be the hands, feet, and heart of God in the world. We are well equipped to live love in all fullness and measure. God has promised to sustain and take care of us. Our trust and faith are in God, not ourselves. Listen to the promise of God made in the eleventh verse: **"The Lord will guide us continually, satisfy our needs in parched places and make our bones strong. We will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail."**

This is God's promise to the people of God. This is God's promise for Harrisena Community Church and the Church universal. The more we love, the more we are enabled to see, experience, and share love in real, practical, and tangible ways.

I invite you to pray this prayer written by Kate Compston, *I Dream of a Church*. It illustrates a wonderful vision of love lived in and through the people of God, the Body of Christ...God's own children. It is a vision for Harrisena Community Church.

I DREAM OF A CHURCH

I dream of a church that joins in with God's laughing
as she rocks in her rapture enjoying her art:
she's glad of her world, in its risking and growing:
'tis the child she has borne and holds close to her heart.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's weeping
as she crouches, weighed down by the sorrow she sees:
she cries for the hostile, the cold and no hoping,
for she bears in herself our despair and disease.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's dancing
as she moves like the wind and the wave and the fire:
a church that can pick up its skirts, pirouetting,
with the steps that can signal God's deepest desire.

I dream of a church that joins in with God's loving
as she bends to embrace the unlovely and lost,
a church that can free, by its sharing and daring,
the imprisoned and poor, and then shoulder the cost.

God, make us a church that joins in with your living,
as you cherish and challenge, rein in and release,
a church that is winsome, impassioned, inspiring:
lioness of your justice, and lamb of your peace.

In Christ's service with you.

Shalom,
Dr. N. C. Wimberly



President's Message

Submitted by Doris O'Rourke

Something Old, Something New – this is a phrase you hear in relation to weddings. AND at Harrisena, The Women's Association has a NEW display case under the bulletin board showcasing some of our OLD treasures! John Harris' portrait is no longer in the lounge because of a dampness issue, but is hanging in the Ed. Building which is a drier area.

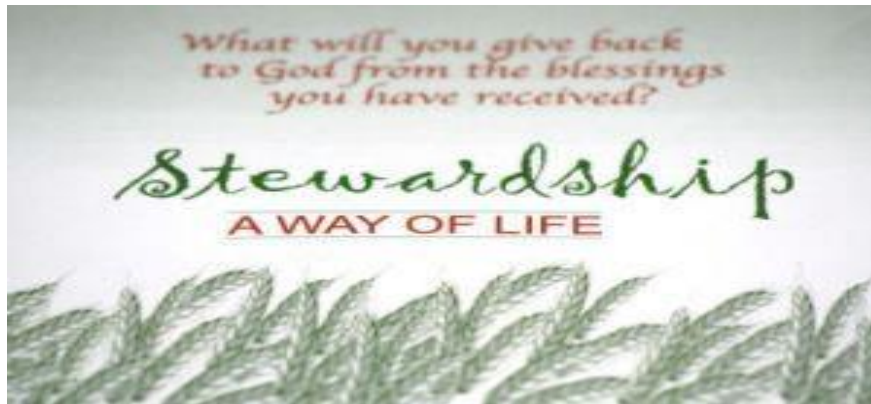
Recently, seven women of the church congregation came together to assess our historical items with the guidance of Mary Alice Clickner who has been our Church Historian. During our conversation, the idea was presented to **use one of the classrooms to display our historical maps and pictures**, and was greeted with great enthusiasm by the women present! A second thought **was to furnish the proposed Historical Room with unused building furniture** - - more enthusiasm!!

Rev. Wimberly remarked at the October Council meeting that we will be looking forward to celebrating our 155 years as a church soon. As this work-in-progress continues, you will be hearing more!



Submitted by Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias , Janet Wilson

The proceeds from the sale of the vacant lot have been placed in three CD's with the assistance of **Tim Gusek of Madison Wealth Management**. The "laddered" CD's will come due in 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months. As they mature, we will be able to analyze the economic situations and make a decision on whether to renew or choose another place for these funds. The money from this sale has **been designated for repairs of our aging infrastructure**. Should a situation arise where we need immediate use of the money, we can "borrow" from our savings and pay savings back when a CD matures. After research by the Finance Committee and given our uncertain economic times, it was decided this was the best way to make some money while keeping the funds safe.



STEWARDSHIP

With testimonials from members and friends of our congregation, we are hoping to remind everyone of the important role our church plays in the lives of so many.

November continues our Stewardship campaign with the vote on our proposed budget for 2022-2023 taking place on Sunday, 11/20/22. The income portion of our budget is a wish list, it takes everyone to reach our goals. The expense portion is a necessity, as with everything, there is an increase in cost. We have seen this year after year. God has always provided for us through the faithful and continued support of Harrisena's members and friends. **We are asking everyone to continue to support and invest in Harrisena with your time, talents and financial resources.** We have done so much good work at Harrisena, and with your help, we will continue to be the face of God, "The Little Stone Church on the Ridge with a Big Heart."

Pledge Sheets are included in this Harbinger and at the back pew of the church. Please give it your careful consideration, fill it out and return in the offering plate or at the church office at your convenience. *Thank You and God Bless!*



Harrisena Community Church
1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian Stewardship, I make this commitment for Harrisena Church and the ministry of the congregation.

MY/OUR commitment is: \$_____ per ___week ___month ___year

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ This is a first-time pledge

_____ I am also interested in pledging time and skills

_____ This represents an increase in pledge over last year



HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH
BUDGET FOR 2022 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023

INCOME	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Church Rental/Usage Income	--	500
Fundraising Income	6,000	7,000
Grant Income	50,000	50,000
Holiday Offering Income	--	100
Interest Income	200	250
Memorial Donations	5,000	5,000
Non-pledged offering income	10,000	14,000
Other income	1,500	500
Pledged Offering Income	60,000	50,000
Special Collection Income	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
TOTAL INCOME	133,400	128,050

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
EXPENSES		
Committees:		
Buildings Expense	8,000	2,000
Grounds Expense	7,500	6,500
Liability Insurance	8,000	3,500
Structural Repairs & Maint.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:	20,500	14,000
Christian Education	1,000	1,000
VBS	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CHRISTIAN ED	1,600	1,000
Communication		
Advertising	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL COMMUNICATION	500	500
Fellowship Committee	350	200
Finance	500	500
Stewardship Supplies & Expenses	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

TOTAL FINANCE, FELLOWSHIP STEWARDSHIP	1,150	1,000
Fundraising Expenses	3,000	3,000
Membership Committee	250	250
Music	500	100
Repairs	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Fundraising, Membership, Music	4,750	3,850
Outreach Committee	100	100
Worship Committee	<u>600</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Outreach & Worship	700	1,100
<u>TOTAL COMMITTEES:</u>	29,200	21,450*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Maintenance & Operations		
District Fire Taxes	375	350
Equipment Lease	1,600	1,600
General Supplies	300	100
Office Supplies	1,000	600
Postage	300	300
Printing	100	50
Supplies & Materials	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS	6,675	6,000*

UTILITIES	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Electric		
27103 (Church)	2,000	1,100
27107 (Parsonage)	2,000	2,300
27109 (Ed Bldg)	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>

Total Electric	5,500	5,400
Oil Ed Bldg.	4,500	8,000
Propane		
Church	1,500	3,500
Ed. Bldg.	2,000	2,000
Parsonage	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL PROPANE	6,000	8,000
TOTAL UTILITIES	16,000	21,400*
Telephone/Internet Expense	3,300	2,000*
Professional Fees	800	50*
PURCHASES	3,000	3,000*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
SALARIES, STAFF & PASTORAL		
Church Secretary	4,500	4,500
Minister-substitute	800	800
Organist	8,000	8,000
Organist-substitute	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
TOTAL SALARIES STAFF & PASTORAL	13,900	13,900*
PASTOR		
Add'l. Compensation	2,500	2,500
Housing	18,000	18,000
Medical	5,250	5,250
P/R Tax Allowance	4,425.53	4,600.88
Pension	4,992	5,190.70
Salary	39,850	42,272.88
Travel Allowance	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL PASTOR	76,517.53	79,324.46*
Payroll Expenses		
Disability Insurance	1,000	500

Payroll Administration fee	1,200	1,300
Payroll Taxes Exp-ER	2,800	670
Workers Comp Insurance	<u>2,300</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	7,300	3,470*
Uncategorized Expenses		2,000*
TOTAL EXPENSES	156,492.53	152,594.46
TOTAL INCOME		<u>-128,050.00</u>
		24,544.46
PARSONAGE ALLOWANCE		<u>- 18,000.00</u>
Deficit		6,544.46



**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK COMMUNION BRUNCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 10 AM**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6!
Make sure to "fall back" one hour on Saturday night, November 5.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

Thankful for the Blessing of Ministry

We are grateful to **Rev. Natalie** for her five plus years of ministry at Harrisena Community Church. We have accomplished many things through our partnership in service to God and community. We have added new members, developed the ability to record and livestream our services and host virtual Bible studies, added a Technology Committee, started a Friday Meal ministry, transitioned to a semi-catered chicken barbeque, resurrected our Apple Festival, and we have done all this despite severe limitations during the COVID pandemic. Though our “marriage” has come with some significant relationship challenges as well, God’s grace has enabled us to continue our Christian walk, growing in our ministry – together.

Thankful for the Blessing of Service

We are grateful for the **volunteers** who serve as ushers and scripture readers; who handle our finances and serve on our committees – fellowship, outreach, membership, worship, technology – especially our Trustees! We are thankful for our president, **Doris O’Rourke**, who continues to guide us through sometimes turbulent waters. We appreciate **Shelley Durkee**, our Head Trustee and “retired” custodian who continues to keep our church and Robinson Hall looking beautiful. We are thankful for those who provide rides as needed on Sundays and for special events. We appreciate those whose work may go unnoticed by others – we trust that God notices and cares.

We appreciate the creative handiwork of the **Nadig, Wilson, and Straut women** in completing our latest banners:



Thankful for the Blessing of Sacrifice

We gratefully honor the brave men and women who have chosen to serve and defend our country on Veteran’s Day, November 11th. The dedication of one’s own life is the supreme sacrifice.

Thankful for the Blessing of Hope – Advent is Coming Soon!

As the daylight hours grow shorter and the nights seem longer, we can gratefully take heart - the Advent is fast approaching! This is the season we celebrate the **LIGHT of Christ coming to shine forth in our dark world.** The formal anticipation begins at the end of this month, on November 27th and the excitement will continue to grow through the 12 days of Christmas, which begin on December 25th.

Please take note of the following special services during the coming holiday season:

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| 11/20 | Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday/HCC Budget Vote |
| 11/27 | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| 12/4 | Communion /Hanging of the Greens /Brunch |
| 12/10 | Women's Association Christmas Brunch |
| 12/18 | Children's Christmas Sunday |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve Services (6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.) |
| 12/25 | Christmas Day Worship Service (11:00 a.m.?) |

The Worship Committee is looking for church members to share a simple reading (provided by Rev. Natalie) and light the Advent candles each Sunday of Advent, as well as on Christmas Eve. Sign-up sheets can be found in Robinson Hall.

Please note that **Christmas Poinsettia order forms are now available**, as well!

As always, we welcome and encourage your feedback regarding any aspect of the worship experience at Harrisena Community Church.

2022-23 Worship Committee Members: Christine Burke, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Jodi Loonan, and Phyllis Straut.



TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS!!

I would like to ORDER ___ Poinsettia(s) at \$12 each. Please list as follows:

IN MEMORY of _____

OR _____

IN HONOR of _____

Name _____

Phone # _____ /Cell _____

Please make all checks payable to HARRISENA FLOWER FUND,
c/o Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

ALL Orders must be into the office by Sunday, December 11th!!

The Membership Committee

The Membership Committee received a request for reinstatement of a membership. Following an exchange of thoughts over telephone, the committee agreed that membership requirements have been met. The church office has been notified.

The following concerns are on our agenda for the coming year:

Re-establish committee orientation for new members,
Create and print new Welcome Cards,
Continue to update the directories.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Gelder-Bigelow, Brandy Madon, Sean Loonan, Cheryl Straut

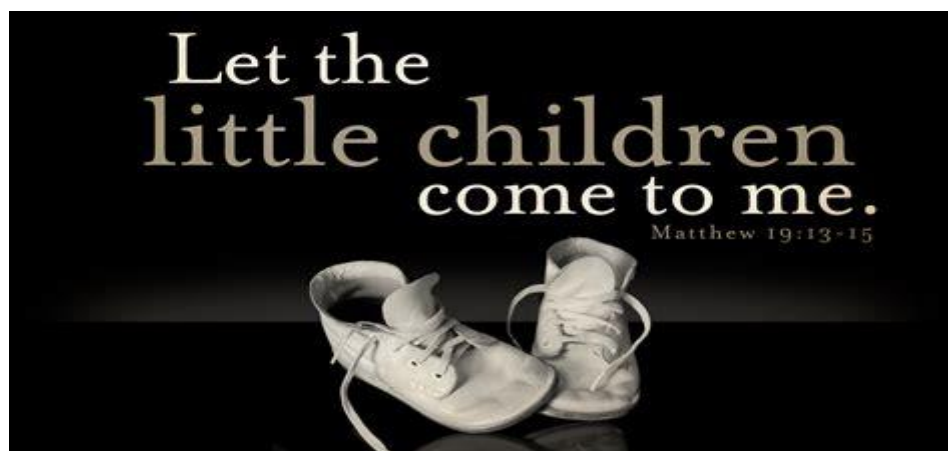


BIRTHS

May Avery Labrum born on September 19, 2022! May is the granddaughter of Jim and Laurie Ferris. (Parents are Jennifer and Joe Labrum.)

Aiden Robert Doster born on September 25, 2022! Aiden is the grandson of Robert & Ella Kellogg. (Parents are Brian & Megan Doster.) Aiden is the great-grandson of Carolyn KELLOGG!

We pray blessings for May and Aiden. May they grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and humanity.



NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Conversations @1	2 Bible Study/Lectio Divina at HCC @ 12:30 p.m. AA @7:30	3	4	5
6 Sunday Worship @9:30 Daylight Savings Time ends	7	8 Conversations @1 Council @7	9 Bible Study/Lectio Divinia @12:30 AA @7:30	10 Veterans Day	11	12
13 Sunday Worship @9:30	14	15 Conversations @1	16 Bible Study/Lectio Divinia @12:30 AA @7:30	17 Women's Assoc. Mtg @12	18	19
20 Sunday Worship @9:30- Christ the King Sunday ANNUAL MEETING	21	22 Conversations @1	23 Bible Study/Lectio Divinia @12:30 AA @7:30	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Festival of Trees Thru the 27th	26
27 Sunday Worship @9:30 1 st Sunday of Advent	28	29 Conversations @1	30 Bible Study/Lectio Divinia @12:30 AA @7:30			

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 9:30 a.m. in the Harrisena Community Church sanctuary and conference call-in at 1-313- 209- 8800. The ID# is 796-8500, then press #. Also, join our worship service via livestream at Harrisena.org. Click on the link to the livestream of the service.

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.

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.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY
FIVE YEARS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH!
DR. NATALIE C. WIMBERLY
THANKS BE TO GOD!**





Long-Term Prayer Requests – November 2022

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 - Hospital
Linda Kennedy – Fort Hudson
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
Manu Malkani – The Terraces
Art Norton – Slate Valley 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
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 – 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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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

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

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

