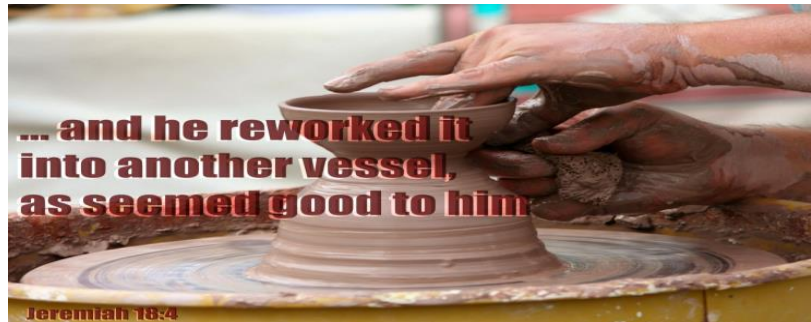


PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Jeremiah 18:1-6a NIV

I find myself coming so often to this passage. It gives me such hope. When I think of God molding me into a useful, viable vessel. A vessel made to the very specifications of God. I am hope-*full!* This means that God in all wisdom and power is thinking about me.

I am made in God's own image. I am created with purpose and by design. You are too!

At the beginning of each church year, each school year, each new year, I experience a certain level of excitement because of all the possibilities that each new day holds. In each new day I bring with me the wisdom, experience, and expertise of the day before. In each new day I have opportunities to try again. In each new day I encounter new ideas, new people, new experiences, new joy, new passion, and new love. In each new day I come to know God in new ways, and God teaches me more about myself and His world.

"Every day is an opportunity for a new life. Every day you stand at the tipping point of your life. And on any one day you can change the future..."

This past week, I accepted an invitation to co-chair the Anti-Racism Task Force for the American Baptist Churches, USA. I am so excited about this opportunity to work with individuals from all over this country. This is a wonderful new opportunity for me and for Harrisena Community Church. Thanks be to God!

Let us pray!

*I surrender to your skillful hands
I relax into your good plans
I offer you my cracked, broken marred pot
Please remake me, as seems good to you.
Amen and amen.*

Shalom,
Dr. N. C. Wimberly

A Message from the President

August has been a very busy month for some of us. Many families have reservations about sending their children off to college and recent news about the spread of the virus on campus seems to substantiate their concerns. Unfortunately, that news has given us a glimpse of what to expect as the regular schools begin a new year as well. My words of advice to everyone these days is to be smart about how we conduct ourselves outside of home. Regardless of what some might think, masks do work, but only if they are used where and when you need to use them. Social distancing and hand washing are imperative but like my father used to say when we were growing up and faced a decision of what to do: "Just use your common sense."

With that we need to consider what is constantly on the mind of everyone at Harrisena: When will we be able to return to in-person services? I've learned only this past week what being at church will now entail and it is not anything like what most of us expect.

My son and I are involved in producing a video and live-streaming the memorial service to the community for our recently deceased dear friend Ed Bartholomew. The service will be conducted at Christ Church Methodist in Glens Falls. Since the church's seating capacity is nearly 700, I was surprised to find that officials will only allow just 190 people to attend in person, hence the need for live-streaming.

Other guidelines that caught my attention were the facts that everyone entering the church must be documented, answer questions about recent travel or exposure as well as have their temperature taken before entering the church. Also the state does not allow songs to be sung or prayers to be spoken by church attendees. Masks of course are required, and social distancing guidelines absolutely must be followed. One way in and another way out and when leaving the church, sections of people are directed as to when they can depart the building to avoid close proximity to others. These new requirements for gatherings are absolutely necessary to control the spread of the virus but that does not mean we cannot gather for worship.

It seems that I have always found a way to accomplish the things I've wanted to regardless of the barriers that were in my way. Sometimes I've had to adjust my approach to the goals I had set and other times I had to adjust my goal a bit, but life taught me that all things are possible if we just pause before we act and use our common sense. We should all think carefully about what we need to do before resuming services in person, but remember that change is inevitable and one thing that is guaranteed in life is change.

Change is also coming to Harrisena in terms of leadership. This will be my last letter to you as President of our church. It has been an honor but it has also been an incredible lesson in human nature because of this pandemic.

As a congregation we did accomplish many things that once seemed unattainable. Chicken barbecues have been very successful for fundraising thanks to Hal and Deanne as well as many other who sold tickets. Friday meals were established and continue to be delivered thanks to the generous efforts of Sue Ogden, Hal Payne and a number of other dedicated members. We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Bob Kellogg for the repairs and upgrades to our education building, our church's landscaping and also the new parking lot lighting. These things have been a dream of ours for years and thanks to Bob they are now a reality. With thanks to Rev. Natalie, we now have internet service in the sanctuary so live-streaming and telepresence from one building to another is now possible. Thank you to Doris O'Rourke for having the dehumidifier problems taken care of in the church's lounge as well as the numerous things you

have done for Harrisena throughout the years. Please forgive me for not listing all of the other generous deeds that many of you have done for our church this past year, but my memory is not what it used to be and I apologize. I don't mean to offend anyone.

Most of all Thank God for Harrisena Community Church and all of the people who worship here. It has been a big part of my life for 24 years and I am grateful for the friendship you have all blessed me with.

Yours in Christ,

Peter Pepe

**THE NADIG FAMILY
A HARRISENA FAMILY
SHARES LESSONS AND FUN AT HOME WITH
THEIR GRANDCHILDREN KYLA, KENZIE,
AND CALEIGH!**



“Enjoying God’s world and watching God at work.”

“This is what we learned....”

GROWTH AND TRANSFORM...



Many cultures, both native and ancient, have used the energy and symbolism of the natural world to guide and teach.



In the **butterfly's** life cycle, there are four **stages** and this is only the second **stage**. **Butterfly** larvae are actually what we call caterpillars. Caterpillars do not stay in this **stage** for very long and mostly, in this **stage** all they do is eat.



The **pupa stage** is one of the coolest **stages** of a butterfly's life. As soon as a caterpillar is done growing and they have reached their full length/weight, they form themselves into a **pupa**, also known as a **chrysalis**.

Stage 4



All **butterflies** have "complete metamorphosis."

This means that the **butterfly** changes completely from its early larval **stage**, when it is a caterpillar, until the **final stage**, when it becomes a beautiful and graceful adult **butterfly**.

BUTTERFLIES ARE SYMBOLS OF LIFE AND HOPE

Asian	Native American	Christian
A legend tells of a young man who met his bride by chasing a butterfly into a garden, so butterflies represent love in Mandarin China.	Native Americans believe that a wish whispered to a butterfly will be granted when the butterfly flies up to the heavens.	Butterflies represent resurrection, since they are born as caterpillars and then become butterflies.
Butterflies symbolize long life, as the word for butterfly in Mandarin also means "70 years."	Native Americans celebrate renewal and hope with the Fancy Shawl Dance, which is derived from a butterfly dance.	Butterflies are especially potent symbols during the Easter season.

Chart from an article by Denise Handlon (January 2018)

**What are some highlights from your summer?
We invite you to share it with our HCC Family.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Committee



Harrisena Community Church is alive and well despite Covid-19 and the wake of closings and changes it has brought to us all. Still, we are fortunate to have our Wednesday prayer times, special prayer chain, Saturday meditation and Sunday services remotely and through Facebook Live. Various committees continue to meet through safe means and our Council meetings continue as well through conference calls.

If you know of anyone who is looking to join our church, please have them contact Reverend Wimberly. In the meantime, please feel free to spread the good news that Harrisena is alive and well!

Thank you,

Bonnie Nadig for Membership



Address Update:

For all of you who remember and keep in touch with member, **Nancy Cathers**, her new direct address is, 8 Baltimore Road, Apt. 219, Rockville, MD 20850.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee members are meeting to **begin the process of creating a budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for our Church.** This is always a difficult task, seeking to see into the future for possible repairs and unexpected expenses, as well as pledges and grants and other unforeseen circumstances. When we began this process last year, who would ever have expected what Covid-19 has brought to us?



Speaking of pledges, the **Finance Committee would like to remind everyone of the importance of sending in their offerings and pledges as faithfully as possible.** The expenses of our buildings and upkeep of the property continues despite our inability to physically attend church in our sanctuary or, even now, in our parking lot. We all look forward to the time we can congregate together to worship in our church, so we need to keep paying our bills so the lights and heat are on when we are back together. Please send your offerings to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, N.Y. 12804 - Attention: Cheryl Straut, Financial Secretary.

Hoping to see you all soon!

Your Financial Officers,
Bonnie Nadig
Ken Zacharias
Cheryl Straut





Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy & Pam Loeb

Thank you to ALL who helped make our summer blood drive a success! We achieved 140% of our goal!! Here are the figures we received from the American Red Cross:

Scheduled Appointments: 39
Presenting Donors: 35
of Deferrals: 3
of whole blood donations: 29
of power red donations: 3
Total Pints Collected: 25

A potential for a total of 105 Lives Saved!

Drive goal:25 pints - % of goal achieved: 140% !! AWESOME JOB!

Special thanks to Pam and Bill Loeb, Sue Ogden and Hal Payne, who were able to be there for me while I was vacationing. We couldn't have done this without them!

Please Continue to Share Your Updates:

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) & Peggy McArthur (518-793-2377 or 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, especially writing cards.

August 24, 2020 Blood Drive

Harrisena Community Church ran another successful blood drive by having 39 scheduled appointments, 29 whole blood donations, 3 power red donations, 3 deferrals and only 4 no shows! This exceeded our expectations and previous blood drives!!!!!! Fortunately, our AC was able to keep Fellowship Hall cool and comfortable. It was turned on Sunday night to make sure it worked and would cool off the area. We did have a glitch at 3 pm when a breaker tripped, and we had to shut down the power red machine. The good news is the AC was able to continue and we only had to cancel 1 power red donation. Good thing Bill was here to handle that issue.

This event was a great community outreach and it was wonderful to have Fellowship Hall open. Many thanks to **Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Pam Loeb for their organization to set up and run**

the drive. Under the direction of **Sue Ogden and her helpers (Mary Alice Clickner and Phyllis Straut)** the canteen served individually packaged fresh fruit salad and home baked cookies. These were a huge hit with the donors. In addition the **Red Cross workers who travel from Albany and work a 10 hour day were served a lunch of turkey and ham sandwiches with lettuce, tomato and pickles, chips, cookies and fruit.** Volunteers **Robin Dutcher, Doris O'Rourke and Bill Loeb** welcomed donors and manned the temperature and registration tables.

Please consider donating blood or working the drive at our next blood drive. Details to be announced soon.



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.

We are being very careful to keep the meal preparations within the COVID regulations, which means masks 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 requests. So, call anyway!

God bless all
Deanna





HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Would you like to join other HCC members as we pray together for others? If so, contact Bonnie Nadig and/or contact the church office at harrisenachurch@gmail.com. Join us as we continue to pray for our local and global communities and ourselves.



“Benefits of our PRAYER CHAIN @ HCC” by Christine Burke

I encourage all of us to take advantage of this group! A true believer in the power of prayer, & ready with 2 serious concerns to offer, I was disheartened that in the last 2 Sunday services our verbal prayer time was overlooked. Instead of staying sad, I brought them to Bonnie Nadig via email.

Looking for prayers for a recent surgery, I was elated to find in my mailbox, 3 lovely get well cards! Each from a church friend saying they were praying for my healing.

You too can share in this ecstatic feeling I have right now. Oh, BTW surgery was a complete success & feel confident a group of folks are praying for you. Go on... give it a TRY.



HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
6 9:30 am Sunday Worship in parking lot & Facebook Live! & Conf. call in	7	8	9 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AA @ 7:30 pm	10 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD	11 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING@7PM Conference Call- in	12 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
13 9:30 am Sunday Worship on Facebook Live! & Conference call in	14	15	16 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AA @ 7:30 pm	17 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD	18	19 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on FB Live
20 9:30 am ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING immediately following service. Facebook Live! & Conference call in &	21	22	23 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AA @ 7:30 pm	24 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD	25 Harbinger articles due for October	26 Weekly email blast & Saturday Meditation @3 pm on Facebook Live
27 9:30 am Sunday Worship in parking lot & on Facebook Live! & Conference call	28	29	30 PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD AA @ 7:30 pm			

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.

September Birthdays:

5) Bruce Lipinski; 8) Steven Greene; 9) William Resse; 11) Jim Nobile; 12) Doug Helffrich; 19) Madeline Bishop; 20) Evan Lipinski; 28) Noel Granger, Jane McLaughlin, Lynsey Urrico; 29) Nicole Nadig-MacDermid; 30) Sophia Kline.

Long-Term Prayer Requests – September 2020

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

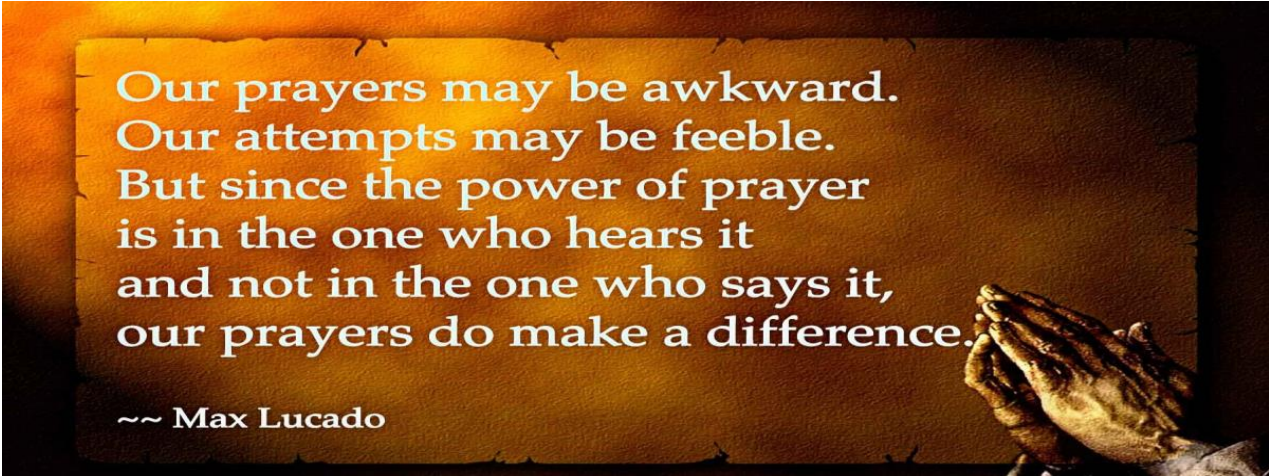
Nancy Cathers – Nursing Home, Maryland
Colin Fuller – Slate Valley Nursing Home
Theodore Gusek- Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
Linda Kennedy – Fort Hudson Health Services
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
Lillian McDonnell – Glens Falls Center
James Nobile - The Landing of Queensbury

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
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
Thomas Kerschner – relative of Allan Ferrie
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 Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends who lost loved ones this past month: **Charles Nassivera**, good friend of Susan & Peter Cartier; and **Marlene Roethke**, mother of Lynn Bishop.*



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

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

