

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

### HONOR ROLL

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."* Hebrews 11:1-

3 NIV

Did you know there are several honor rolls in the Bible? One of them can be found in the Book of Hebrews. We hear about people such as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, the people who passed through the Red Sea, and Rahab. We learn that the walls of Jericho fell by faith. Then we read these words, *"I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of them.... **These were all commended for their faith.**"* (Hebrews 11:32b – 38a NIV) WOW!

***Harrisena Community Church is building an honor roll of faith.***

**During the pandemic the church thrived** under conditions none of us had ever experienced before. The Board of Trustees' ministry became very challenging. They had to navigate the ever-changing statistics from Warren County Health Department and the CDC to make the best possible decisions regarding church attendance and safety. **Thank you**, Hal Payne, Sean Loonan, Bill Loeb, Shelley Durkee, and Chuck Ogden. WOW!

As a church community, **we discovered new ways of continuing our services. We never missed a Sunday of worship** (virtual, conference call-in) and **we heard the call to new ministries. The Friday Meal Program** developed during the pandemic! Sue Ogden and Deanna Payne pulled Fellowship and Mission Committees together. To date, this ministry has served over 1000 meals. Harrisena hosted three (3) **successful Chicken BBQ's** and raised over \$3000. Hal and Deanna organized and implemented these BBQ's so well that other churches and organizations began to see the possibilities and followed the HCC example. With hearts filled with love, these fundraisers became mission projects. **Meals of Love** were given to the Veterans' Home, NYS Troopers, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, and Bryan's House. Over 90 meals were donated. WOW!

***Harrisena kept believing and kept serving!***

Jim Ferris (president of the congregation) kept us focused on **HCC's mission and vision** in our monthly council meetings. HCC kept its focus and kept serving. The Fellowship Committee

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supported our Christian Education program, and we were able to put on a **live nativity**, celebrate the **Hanging of the Greens**, invite the community to participate in the **HCC Christmas Eve Festival of Lights**, and participate in the **North Country Festival of Trees**. We decorated a Christmas tree that sold for \$90 with the proceeds donated to the Prospect Center at the Center for Disability Services. WOW!

Our Financial Officers (Ken Zacharias, Bonnie Nadig, and Janet Wilson) made sure the HCC finances were receiving the **highest interest rates** possible. They even attended financial training to learn to better serve HCC and its members. Their efforts yielded great results such as interest earned on accounts, **bills paid on time, no late fee occurrences, monthly financial reports** and evaluating HCC's holdings in order to make **wise and appropriate financial management accordingly**. WOW!

The HCC Outreach Committee (Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Pam Loeb, and Peggy McArthur) hosted **Blood Drives** and stayed connected to our members and friends by sending cards and making phone calls. Our Mission Committee (Sue Ogden, Mary Alice Clickner, Phyllis Straut) **continued to fund** three international children through **Plan International** with a \$366 yearly donation. Monthly donations of \$100 are sent to **Family Services Association** and the **Open Door** and \$500 to **Hudson Falls Primary School** to help fund their **Backpack Program**. The Mission Committee also continued to help needy families through **Family Service Association** during the holiday season by donating \$500 this year. WOW!

An anonymous donor decided to celebrate HCC's vision, mission, and ministries by taking all those who made pledges out to a **Prime Rib Dinner**. This was a delicious celebration! Robert Kellogg and his mother, Carolyn Kellogg donated time, resources, and energy to keep our **campus lawn well-manicured** and our **parking lot brightly lit**. Ralph Wilson went back to school to learn how to update the **cemetery and renewed** much of the cemetery. Members and friends of Harrisena sent **offerings and special gifts** to continue the ministries of HCC. WOW!

So, for all of those people who made all of this possible, here is the **HCC Honor Roll**: Jim Ferris, Hal and Deanna Payne, Shelly Durkee, Phil and Bonnie Nadig, Susan and Roy Urrico, Sean and Jodi Loonan, Sue and Chuck Ogden, Kyla, Kenzie, and Caleigh Wilson, Wallace Loonan, Aleana Martin, Ajani Wimbley, Dr. Bob and Cheryl Evans, Donna Davidson-Smith, Peter and Suzanne Cartier, Carolyn Kellogg, Ken and Patty Zacharias, Bill and Pam Loeb, Robert Kellogg, Ralph and Janet Wilson, Donna Gelder-Bigelow, Laura Avent, Joanne Beck, Christine Burke, Sandra Chambers, Mary Alice Clickner, Robin Dutcher, Shirley Harney, Brandy Madon, Peggy McArthur, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Doris O'Rourke, Art Norton, Phyllis and Cheryl Straut, Nancy Willet, and Nancy Wilder.

There were also others who prayed, made phone calls, helped out, and showed up. **These all are commended for their faith in God**. We thank God for the continued support of these and many others too numerous to name, as Harrisena Community Church continues to lead with love and make a difference for Christ in the world. WOW!

**THANK GOD!**

**THANK YOU!**

In Christ's Service with you,  
Dr. N. C. Wimberly

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Joy and Hope for the New Church Year!*

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to lead you as the congregational president over the past year. It has been a privilege for me, and please know that I appreciate your trust.

I am very excited about the upcoming year. Our community is in need in so many ways. I know our Pastor and congregation has the talents, resources, and strength not only to continue to help as we have in the past, but to look and find new God inspired missions that will bring our Lord's light into the lives of many and create real and profoundly positive change to the people of our area that so often struggle to find hope and vision for the future.

May God bless us all as we walk together into the new year that I am sure will be filled with joy of doing God's work.

Jim Ferris





## FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Harrisena has completed two thirds of its fiscal year. Twenty- four Harrisena members have made pledges for 2021 totaling \$37,369.00 and are faithfully fulfilling those pledges. Non-pledged income to date is \$9,560.00 which is more than twice the amount budgeted for the entire year for unpledged income. It appears that, although having not pledged, many Harrisena friends and members are continuing to support Harrisena Community Church. However, it is predicted that the total of pledged and non-pledged income will fall approximately \$10,000 short of the amount budgeted for the year for those two categories.

Because Harrisena Community Church is designated as one of seven non-profits supported by the Ross Grant, we have received \$40,000 this year from the Grant. This Grant money is being used out of necessity for operation of the church.

To date our expenses total \$67,540.00 for two-thirds of the fiscal year. Expenses are being carefully monitored so that, when possible, savings can be realized. The separate Harrisena Savings Account presently has a balance of \$195,000.00. However, it will be necessary to withdraw large sums of money from that account in order to pay expenses for the remainder of the year. It is possible, depending on expenses, that \$20,000.00 or more may need to be withdrawn from that account.

To summarize: the approved 2021 budget estimated there would be approximately a \$15,000.00 deficit for the year. As of September, it appears that deficit prediction may be accurate.

As has been done for the past two years and according to the by-laws, The Finance Committee composed of your Financial Officers, Rev. Wimberly, the Council President and a Head Trustee will be meeting in September to develop a proposed budget for 2022. This budget will then go in October to the trustees for their approval before being presented in November to the congregation for their approval.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to consult any of the Financial Officers

Your Financial Officers, Janet Wilson, Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

### **September Outreach Focus:**

Encouragement! September is a time of transition. It marks the end of summer and the beginning of fall. For our young people (and teachers) it marks the end of summer vacation and the start of a new school year. The Jews celebrate their New Year (Rosh Hashanah) this month. At Harrisena, we celebrate Rally Day, calling our new officers and committee members to service. In consideration of these multiple, significant transitions, please take time to encourage those around you, especially our young people and teachers, as well as those who have agreed to serve our church, with kind words, phone calls, notes, and – most importantly – your prayers - as we navigate this blessed month.

### **Out with the Old, In with the New:**

Thank you to Peg McArthur for faithfully serving with me (Melissa Ferrie-Healy) on the Outreach Committee for the past several years. Thank you also to Shirley Harney for consistently helping us write cards. Please join me in a prayerful welcome to our NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Jim Ferris, Shirley Harney & Donna Davison Smith**. Many hands make light work! Please let us know if you'd be interested in joining us or assisting us in any way, especially with writing cards and/or updating our HCC website!

**Please Continue to Share Your Prayer Concern Updates** -We encourage you to contact a member of the Outreach Committee and/or the Church Office to let us know of any names/situations you would **like added to or removed from** our Prayer Concerns and Long-Term Prayer lists. We also need to be made aware of any address changes and/or changes in contact information. Thank you! As always, we welcome and encourage your feedback...

*Summer Blood Drive:* Our *Summer Full of Love Blood Drive* was a grand success. We had 35 scheduled appointments (thanks to our personable and persuasive caller, Bill Loeb), 30 presenting donors, 25 whole blood donations and 2 power red donations. We collected 29 pints of blood - a potential to save 87 lives! We served a taco lunch, complete with fruit and home baked cookies/brownies, to our volunteers. The food was greatly appreciated by the staff!

No power outages this year, but we did have a scare when there was no running water at Robinson Hall on the morning of the drive... Thank you to Chuck Ogden for helping us get the water up and running, to Sue Ogden for baking, as well as manning the refreshment table, and to Suzanne Cartier for baking. A HUGE thank you to Pam and



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Bill Loeb for set-up (especially regarding AC and power routing), food preparation, and being present to welcome and check-in our donors. Melissa Ferrie-Healy helped where needed. Thank you to members of our parish who were able to donate their blood. Please save the date for our **Winter Blood Drive: January 28, 2022!**

June/July 2021 **OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

***Who Can You Honor & Encourage This Month?***

Our flag had a birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated the fathers in our lives –past, present and future – on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated our graduates at various times throughout the months of May and June. We celebrated our Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. How will you express your appreciation for these special occasions? There is nothing like your time, presence, and conversation. If those are not possible, a written card can be kept forever. If you would rather go paperless, flowers, plants and trees can pay living tribute. There is also the option of a phone call, FaceTime, text, or email. Whatever method you choose, the most important thing is that you take action to express whatever love and appreciation you feel in your heart. Seize this opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact!

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***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)).***





**CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!!**

**Elizabeth Gusek**

**Madison MacDermid**

**Morgan MacDermid**

**Andrew Payne**

**Bright futures awaits you!**

**Congratulations parents and grandparents!**





## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the May Chicken Bar B Q. It was our 4th successful SELL OUT, earning us over \$1,100, and yes - that is clear profit. All bills were paid and \$1,100 went into the general account. CONGRATS to the eager volunteers that made this event a FUN WEEKEND!

June 6th we welcomed LANCE BRADEN FUILON LOONAN, with a baby shower after church service. What a wonderful way to reopen the Education Hall with Communion and actually celebration a new life with a new baby. Lance was born May 26, 2021.

Tuesday, July 12, a "Mid Summers Morning" - Clean Up be held.





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**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CARED AND SERVED IN 2020 – 2021! Words seem inadequate for all you have done to keep us during these trying times. We are grateful to you! We thank God for you and your service and ministry!**

**We celebrate this new year with the INSTALLATION OF 2021-2022 CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Officers/Committee members**

**Congregational President**

Church Clerk

Financial Secretary

Treasurers

Christian Education Coordinator

Doris O'Rourke

Pam Loeb

Janet Wilson

Bonnie Nadig and Ken Zacharias

Open

**Trustees**

Hal Payne

Chuck Ogden

Bill Loeb

**Shelley Durkee**

Steve Greene

Nancy Willette

**Worship**

Melissa Ferrie -Healy

Kathleen Gusek

Phyllis Straut

**Head Usher**

Grif Parry

**Fellowship**

Shelley Durkee

Pam Loeb

Janet Wilson

**Membership**

Donna Gelder Bigelow

Brandy Madon

Cheryl Straut

**Outreach**

Shirley Harney

Donna Davison Smith

Jim Ferris - onboarding

**Missions**

Sue Ogden

Mary Alice Clickner

Sandra Chambers

## SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> AA @7:30	<b>2</b> Conversa- tions@9:30; Pray Together at noon	<b>3</b> Living Resources 9-1	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Sunday Morning Worship in-person	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AA @7:30	<b>9</b> Conversa- tions@9:30; Pray Together at noon	<b>10</b> Living Resources 9-1	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> RALLY DAY Sunday Worship in- person	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Council @7	<b>15</b> AA @7:30	<b>16</b> Conversa- tions@9:30; Pray Together at noon	<b>17</b> Living Resources 9-1	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Congregation Mtg after worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AA @7:30	<b>23</b> Conversa- tions@9:30; Pray Together at noon	<b>24</b> Living Resources 9-1	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Sunday Morning Worship in-person <b>Installation of HCC 2021-22 Officers</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AA@7:30	<b>30</b> Conversations @ 9:30; Pray together @noon		

**Our SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 AM.**

### 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.**

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

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## **Long-Term Prayer Requests – September 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  
Sally Busted – friend of the Cartier family  
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 **Collin Fuller, Abigail Evans and Jim Nobile** who transitioned from this life to the next these past months. Collin was the son of Patti & Frank Girard; Abby was the daughter of Cheryl & Bob Evans; and Jim was a Harrisena Member.*



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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 69<sup>th</sup> 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 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

