
HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS GOD'S HANDWRITING

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." Psalm 139:16 ESV

Some years ago, prior to her death, Mother Teresa was introduced to speak at a prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C. The person who introduced her said, "I now have the pleasure and privilege of introducing to you the greatest woman in the world, Mother Teresa." There was a round of applause as people stood to their feet.

As the 4' 11" woman stepped to the podium, she was so short that she had to stand on a box so that she could be seen. As the people continued to applaud, she lifted her frail arms and said, "Please, please be seated." After everyone was seated and it was quiet, she said, "I believe that if I was indeed the greatest woman in the world, God would have made me somewhat taller than I am. No, I am not the greatest woman in the world. I am but a pencil in the hands of a writing God who writes love letters to the world through people like me and people like you."

"I am but a pencil in the hands of a writing God, who writes love letters to the world through people like me and people like you." What an amazing way of understanding who we are! What a wonderful identity! What a secure place to be, positioned in the hands of God!

"... all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!" Psalm 139:16b-17 NIV

I continue to be amazed at God's plan and intimate knowledge of us. God's plans for us are always for our good. God's kind thoughts, God's continuous care, God's love for each one of us goes beyond anything we can imagine and yet we can experience God's presence, day by day, moment by moment! WOW! THANKS BE TO GOD!

This will be my final Harrisena Community Church Harbinger article and my final month serving as your pastor at Harrisena Community Church. I have reached a tentative agreement with the church regarding the months of August and September on a part-time basis. This will help with a smooth ending to my time with you and your transition into part-time ministry. This is the beginning of an amazing new chapter for us all!

I am so excited about what God has written for my life, as I also anticipate the story God has written for each of you and for this church. I pray that the message of God as author of our past, present, and future continue to be one of healing, restoration, devotion, and service. I pray that all you do and all you become, as individuals and as a church, is to the glory of God. May God's fingerprints be evident in our stories as they continue to unfold in this wonder-filled journey we call life. SHALOM!

In Christ's service,

Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you are all enjoying the warm summer weather. God has provided us with such a beautiful area here in the Adirondacks. The mountains and lakes are great places for us to see and enjoy this beauty.

Since the Congregational Vote of Sunday, May 4th to go to a part-time pastoral position, the Transition Committee has been working very hard to make sure this move goes smoothly. **The Transition Committee will be working with the Worship Committee** to assure all that Harrisena will continue to provide a place for all to come and worship. Your support at this time is very important to the future of our church.

I encourage everyone to come to church, and to bring friends, to worship in the *Little Friendly Church on the Ridge!*

President,
Susan Ogden



HARRISENA CHURCH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, July 19, 2025 - Beginning at 4 PM

**½ BBQ Chicken
Baked Potato
Coleslaw
Rolls
Brownie**

\$15 per person-Call (518) 260-5337 to reserve your ticket.
Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury
(1/2 mile north of Route 149)

MISSION'S REPORT

Our project for July, August & September will be to collect **food and personal items for Family Services**. (i.e. peanut butter, jelly, tuna, mayonnaise, cereals, canned meats, vegetable & fruit soups, toothpaste and deodorants) – all greatly needed!

Thank you for your continuing support and your monthly donations.

Mission Committee: *Mary Alice Clickner, Pat Zacharias and Susan Ogden*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – July/August 2025

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

Let Us Break Bread Together...

We will continue to serve gluten free Communion (traditional and all-in-one packages) in our classy glass communion cups on the first Sunday of every month. **Please mark your calendars: July 6th and August 3rd.**

There's a Song in the Air!

In addition to our hymns and service music, we have special music to look forward to over the next few months! **Noreen Szmul has kindly offered to share the gift of her lovely voice on the following Sundays:**

- **July 20th**
- **August 10th**
- **September 14th**

Come one, come all – you won't want to miss this special treat!

Opportunities Abound!

We can always use help with the following duties at our weekly Worship Services:

- Sharing a floral arrangement from the bounty of your garden!
- Ushering
- Carrying the *Light of Christ* to and from the altar
- Reading Scripture
- Serving Communion
- Leading the congregation in song
- Sharing special music

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

Please know that your help is always welcome as the Holy Spirit moves you, whether you're officially signed up or not!

2025-26 Worship Committee Members: *Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Diane Henderson.* We are here to faithfully serve God, this Parish and our Community.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE 2025

The Harrisena Community Church Summer Blood Drive will take place on Friday, August 15th from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM in Robinson Fellowship Hall.

HELP WANTED:

- Spread the word on your social media
- Hang a poster where others in the community can see it
- Pray for the safety and availability of our donors and volunteers
- Assist with set-up or clean-up
- Work as a greeter
- Bake some goodies or help make a meal for our volunteers

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Pam Loeb, Bill Loeb, or Melissa Ferrie-Healy.

SCHEDULE A BLOOD DONATION: Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can easily be scheduled ahead of time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org.



ARTICLE FOR HARBINGER FROM TRANSITION TEAM

At Council on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, **the Transition Team recommended the following action be taken with regard to a part time pastor.**

Due to our financial situation, we are seeking a part time pastor, which action was voted on and approved by our congregation. Rev. Wimberly is welcome to apply.

In the meantime, Rev. Wimberly has agreed to serve in a temporary part time position for the months of August and September, 2025 while we accept applications. This offer would include a 20-hour work week for \$400 per week with no benefits except the use of the parsonage, with all the house expenses included. This temporary part time position would require a weekly report to the Council noting the duties done during a 20-hour work week. **On September 30, 2025 the temporary part time position ends**, including all benefits, and we will be offering \$200 for guest ministers to conduct Sunday services.

Rev. Wimberly provided ***“Hours of Service Worksheet for 20 Hours/Week”*** for the Committee’s review, as well as an Agreement outlining what she would expect as a part time pastor. The Committee is currently reviewing these documents and will keep the congregation advised when a formal agreement is worked out.

Please keep Harrisena in your prayers, especially that these steps will be enough to see us through these difficult financial problems so we may remain a beacon of light for our congregation and community.

Respectfully submitted,

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IT'S THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Submitted by Doris O'Rourke, Flower Committee

We welcome anyone wishing to bring in fresh flowers from their garden to beautify the inside of our sanctuary! There will be a sign-up calendar in the Ed building.

Outside - anyone wishing to help weed would be greatly appreciated! We have an abundance of locations to choose from; **the lily garden along the parking lot, the area with the beautiful stone bench, along the walkway to the Ed building, or the little garden in front around the sign.**

Many hands have helped beautify our church grounds in the past. **The Lake George Garden Club (LGGC) -whose awesome women cleared the garden by the front steps, the Women's Association -who generously contributed funds for clearing the "ravine," Joanne Beck -who gave a generous donation for the shrubs, and Melissa Ferrie Healy -who contributed the colorful hydrangeas.** In addition, thank you to Bill Loeb, our super Trustee, for installing the "drip hose" that is sustaining the new plantings!

Please join in if you are able to help keep our churchyard looking its best.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The scholarship Committee was happy to award a total of \$4,000.00 to the following students:

Connor Bacon, son of Scott & Kathleen Bacon and Grandson of Shirley Harney. He will continue his studies in Sustainable Marketing Practices at Alfred University.

Isabella Cartier, daughter of Jeremy & Leslie Cartier and Granddaughter of Peter & Suzanne Cartier. She will continue her studies in Sport Psychology at Ithaca College.

Molly Corcoran, daughter of Brian & Stephanie Corcoran and Granddaughter of Ken & Pat Zacharias. She will continue her studies in Business Analytics at Bryant College.

Ryan Healy, son of Michael & Melissa Healy and Grandson of Brenda Ferrie. He will continue his studies in Sport Management and Marketing at the University of Delaware.

Lydia Thrall, daughter of Jamie & Dannean Thrall and Granddaughter of Donna Davison Smith. She will continue her studies in Business Management at Sienna College.

Ajani Wimbley, son of Charisse Rupert and Grandson of Rev. Natalie Wimberly. He will continue his studies in Mathematics & Computer Science at Talladega College.

Congratulations to all these students and Best Wishes to you in your future studies!

Scholarship Committee: *Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias, Cheryl Straut, Dr. Timothy McAuley and Susan Ogden*

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Isabel Ann Burke graduated from the *University of Miami* – Niece of Christine Burke

Molly Corcoran, graduated from *Stonehill College* – granddaughter of Ken & Pat Zacharias.

Benjamin Fraser, graduated from *Notre Dame* – nephew of Scott Fraser & Christine Burke.

Fiona Maureen Monahan, graduated from *Columbus College* – niece of Christine Burke.

Andrew Payne, graduated from *Utica University* – grandson of Hal & Deanna Payne.

Matthew Healy, graduated from *Glens Falls High School* - son of Michael & Melissa Healy.

Wallace Loonan, graduated from *Queensbury High School* – son of Sean & Jodi Loonan.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE GRADUATES AND
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!**

**HAVE A
WONDERFUL SUMMER!!**

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:30am PRAYER 5:30-8 - Kingdom Co- op Mtg	2 5:30am PRAYER 10-Lectio Divina AA @7:30	3 5:30am PRAYER	4 5:30am PRAYER	5 5:30am PRAYER
6 5:30 prayer 9:30 Communion	7 5:30am PRAYER	8 5:30am PRAYER Conversations @1 7- council	9 5:30am PRAYER 10-Lectio Divina AA @7:30	10 5:30am PRAYER	11 5:30am Prayer	12 5:30am PRAYER
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27 5:30 am Prayer 9:30- Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent	28 5:30am PRAYER	29 5:30am PRAYER Conversations @ 1	30 5:30am PRAYER	31 5:30am PRAYER		

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.

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3) Jane Gould-Badger; 9) Hal Payne; 13) Marlie Thrall; 14) David Aust; 8) Kylie Lipinski; 20) Larissa Gusek; 29) Cheryl Straut, Janet Richard.

AUGUST 2025

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August Birthdays:

1) Laurie Ferris; 5) Phyllis Straut; 6) Valerie Curren; 10) Wallace Loonan, Michelle Staunches; 13) Tim McAuley; 14) Sue Helffrich; 20) Gigi Barrett; 23) Sue Cartier, Doris O'Rourke; 24) Luke Mootz.

Long-Term Prayer Requests – JULY/AUGUST

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

In Facilities

Pat Dallas – Rivermead, Peterborough, NH

Manu Malkani – The Terraces

Marilyn Somerville – The Terraces

At Home

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena

Walda Blanchard - Member

Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon

Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena

Randy Huber – Husband of member, Cindy Huber

Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton

Ann Malkani – Neighbor of Joanne Beck

Lyndsey Robinson – Daughter-in-law Monty & Dodi

Gay & Roger Smith – Members

Robert Straut – Son of member, Phyllis Straut

Fran Tucker – Mother of Robert Tucker

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*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Family & Friends of **Edward Donohue**,
uncle of Michael Healy.*



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

Joseph Hubbard (*Army*) – stateside

Tony Mitchell (*USAF*) - serving in Afghanistan.

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

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

James Pearson (*USAF*)

Mark Wilson (*Army Spcl Forces/Reserves*), husband of Andrea—serving stateside

Braden Stormer – serving stateside

