

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was **National Volunteer Month**. Our church has a great group of volunteers. They help keep our church successful and make it possible for us to move forward into the future. People are giving of their time and talents to help make Harrisena Church an important part of our community.

Our church Council Members work together to make important decisions for Harrisena: decisions on financial matters, as well as, the maintenance of our church are just part of what they accomplish. The volunteers on each committee make it possible for these council members to carry out their commitment.

With the decision to go to a **part-time pastor**, the Worship Committee and the Search Committee are spending countless hours trying to find the right person to lead our church services. Many people have also volunteered to take part in our weekly services.

The Financial Team of volunteers have provided the Council with the information it needs to make sure our church makes the right decisions to be successful. The Mission Committee has the biggest group of volunteers. Missions decides where your donations go to help and support the people of our community. These important volunteers not only help provide the weekly **Tuesday Night Dinners** to those in need, but also a friendly visit.

One group of **volunteers that bring much joy to our weekly services** is the Choir! Many Thanks to Dodi Robinson and the lovely voices, our church is alive with music!

There are many more people who are volunteering to make our church what it is and will be.

I want to thank all of you who are now volunteering and invite everyone to help make Harrisena's future stronger and brighter.

President, *Susan Ogden*



UPCOMING HARRISENA EVENTS:

July 18th – **Annual Chicken BBQ** (4-7 pm)
August 22nd – **Blue Grass Concert**
October 10th – **Annual Apple Festival** (10 am-3 pm)

ADIRONDACK VOICES AND LAKE GEORGE COMMUNITY BAND

Will present - "**BEYOND THE STARS**" **Tuesday, May 5th at 7 PM,**
At the Christ Church United Methodist,
54 Bay Street, Glens Falls, NY.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 (cash or check) or at PayPal online.
For more information call 518 538-4510.

PULPIT COMMITTEE UPDATE – MAY

Please **join us for Sunday Service on May 10,2026.** Rev. David Poole has applied for the position as part time minister and will be giving the sermon.

As reported previously, we have only received four applications. The Pulpit Committee has been **working with Advokate to post the part time position information to Seminaries on the East Coast.** We hope this outreach will result in more applications for the position.

Feel free to contact any of the Pulpit Committee members with your comments, or suggestions. We appreciate your support and prayers in this difficult process.

Pulpit Committee Members:
Shelley Durkee, Pam Loeb,
Bonnie Nadig, Susan Ogden
Doris O'Rourke, Ed Szmul

MISSION'S REPORT

The Mission Committee along with your donations continue to support **Family Services**. Some items have been added to our donation list: **Canned Spaghetti Sauce, and Pasta**. There is always a need for Peanut Butter, Cereal, Personal items, soaps of any kind (except bar soap), and diapers.

We have decided to continue the Tuesday Night Dinners for the Summer months of July and August. But we will need **volunteers to help two of our teams**.

If you can help out one Tuesday in each of the Summer months, please let Susan Ogden know. It is a great way to help the people of our community.

We appreciate your continued monthly donations!

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Just a reminder, scholarship applications are available online at: www.harrisena.org and are **due Friday, May 29th**. If you have received one of our scholarships in the past, ***we encourage you to apply again.***

This year we are asking that the completed applications to be emailed to Susan Ogden at: ogden64@roadrunner.com.

Your Scholarship Committee

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – May 2026

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

A Season of Transitions: Eastertide to Pentecost

Once the risen Christ made sure his disciples believed in the resurrection, it was time for him to return to the Father. Before he left, he shared the gift of the Holy Spirit, complete with the sound of rushing wind and tongues of fire. **The disciples were finally equipped to minister in Jesus' name; it was the birth of the Church!** As Eastertide draws to a close, let us prepare our own hearts and minds to accept the gift of the Holy Spirit and take our love and ministry to the next level!

Let us also prepare to accept and cultivate the PEACE of Christ:

“Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

We gratefully welcome our guest pastors for the month of May:

- May 3rd - Richard Kline
- May 10th – Mothering Sunday - Rev. David Poole
- May 17th – Walter Craft
- May 24th – Pentecost/Memorial Sunday – Pastor John Hill
- May 30th – Peter Aust

Share the Memories!

In recent years, **we have shared a slide show on Mothering Sunday (May 10th) featuring mothers and mother figures, past, present, and future.** If you would like to add photos of YOUR mother figures, please **send them to Ed Szmul (eszmul@roadrunner.com) by Thursday, May 7th at the latest.**

On Memorial Sunday (May 24th) we share the names and light candles to honor those who have transitioned from this life to the next during the past 12 months. If you would like to have the name of a departed loved one printed in our bulletin, **please notify the church office or Melissa Ferrie-Healy by Tuesday, May 19th at the latest.**

Please consider assisting the Worship Committee...

If you would like to JOIN the Worship Committee, please let one of us know immediately, so we can notify the Nominating Committee. “Many hands make light work!”

If you are unable to commit to JOINING the Worship Committee, we can always use help with the following duties at our weekly Worship Services:

- Ushering
- Transporting the “*Light of Christ*” at the opening and close of worship
- Reading Scripture
- Presenting a Children’s Story
- Providing Fresh Flowers for the Altar
- Serving Communion

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

2025-26 Worship Committee Chair: Melissa Ferrie-Healy



TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Website Coordinator

Please continue to "LIKE," FOLLOW and SHARE!

If you would like to see something church-related posted on our new FaceBook page (Harrisena Community Church 2025), please contact Noreen Szmul. Also, please remember to LIKE and FOLLOW us on FaceBook!

And please **continue to send church-related photos, important announcements, calendar additions/updates, and any further suggestions to our website coordinator, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, at mlfmusic@yahoo.com.**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUBMITTED PHOTOS OF OUR AMAZING CHOIR IN ACTION!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Happy Springtime! The many faces we are seeing on Sundays, may be unfamiliar to you. Despite this, please remember - These people are our CHURCH FAMILY! It is the aim of your MEMBERSHIP committee that we all come to know & love one another as family. We are ONE - One family in Christ!

At church we are still reeling from our glorious Eastertide celebrations. Thus, I am very happy to report that on Easter day in the sanctuary we had nearly 50 attendees!

It has been obvious to me, as I look around, we do not know each other. Currently our members come from many ERAS of our church family. (Personally, I've witnessed this evolution of change in my 20 years as a member.) As you attend a Sunday service, the faces you see are NOT all new.

We are the following :

- some who have remained throughout Revs. Patti & Natalie days .(& covid)
- those who enjoy our church & peek in now & then.
- a short few are new members in the last year. (& very involved)
- With the return of the choir around Christmastime. We saw a large influx of former members visiting in great number. (we are now seeing these folks renewing their membership) allowing us to boast a larger number of Harrisena parishioners!

I hope to introduce activities we can engage in to " GET - to - KNOW- me!". For now, we'll begin with a **2026 Harrisena Community Church DIRECTORY**.

Grateful & appreciating every single one of you!
Your Membership Chair, *Christine Burke*

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Christian Home Month/American Heritage Month					1 5:30am Prayer May Day	2 5:30am Prayer
3 5:30 am Prayer Morning Worship @9:30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	4 5:30am Prayer	5 5:30 Prayer	6 5:30am PRAYER AA @7:30	7 5:30am Prayer	8 5:30am Prayer	9 5:30am Prayer
10 5:30 am Prayer Morning Worship @9:30 am Mother's Day	11 5:30am PRAYER	12 5:30am Prayer Council @7	13 5:30am Prayer Women's Mtg @12 AA @7:30	14 5:30am Prayer	15 <i>5:30am Prayer</i>	16 5:30am Prayer Armed Forces Day
17 5:30 am Prayer <i>Morning Worship @ 9:30 am</i>	18 5:30 am Prayer	19 5:30am Prayer	20 5:30am Prayer; 12- LGGC AA @7:30	21 5:30am Prayer Ascension Day	22 5:30am Prayer	23 5:30am Prayer
24 5:30 am Prayer <i>Morning Worship @9:30 am</i> Pentecost Sunday 31 <i>Morning Worship @9:30 am</i> Trinity Sunday	25 5:30am Prayer Memorial Day	26 5:30am Prayer	27 5:30am Prayer AA @7:30	28 5:30am Prayer	29 5:30am Prayer Kingdom Co-op Open House/evening	30 5:30am Prayer 4 – Hall in Use

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.

May Birthdays: 2) Christine Burke; 5) Billy Brown; 6) Kayla Monroe; 12) Mary Alice Clickner; 15) Peggy McArthur; 20) Pamela Loeb; 22) Linda Havens; 26) Lance Fuilon Loonan; 27) Mercedi Loonan; 31) Ryan Healy.

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

LONG-TERM PRAYERS – May 2026

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

In Facilities

Walda Blanchard – Glens Falls Hospital, Tower 2/Room 3
Pat Dallas- River Mead, Peterborough, NH
Colleen Donahue – Fort Hudson Health Center
Manu Malkani – Fort Hudson Health Center
Marilyn Somerville – Elderwood, Ticonderoga

At Home

Laura Avent – Member of Harrisena
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Peter Eonis – Friend of Kathleen Gusek
Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena
Avery Graves – Friend of Shelley Durkee
Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton
Brandy Madon - Member
Ann Malkani – Friend of Joanne Beck
Lyndsey Robinson – Dodi Robinson's D-I-L
Gay & Roger Smith – Members of Harrisena

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*Our Deepest Condolences go out to the Families and Friends of **Connie Huffman** and **George Woodell** who died this past month. Connie was a friend of member, Christine Burke; and George was a close family friend of the Durkee family.*



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

Joseph Hubbard (*Army*) – stateside

Tyler Monroe (*USAF*), son of Cheryl Pagano – serving at Sheppard AFB

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

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

Daniel Urband (*USAF*), grandson of Alice Urband—serving stateside

Braden Stormer – serving stateside

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

