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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### THE HARBINGER NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Welcome to the Season of Lent!*

There are three important things that we as Christians should try to do during the *Forty Days of Lent*. They are – **praying, fasting** and **Almsgiving**. Doing these things can make Lent more of a personal journey.

**Praying** should be part of our daily life. It's a very personal time between you and God. As you pray, you can thank Him for your blessings and ask for directions in your life. It is also a time when you can ask for help for others. Sometime praying is just talking to God.

**Fasting** is abstaining or changing yourself sometime for a period of time. Fasting during the *Forty Days of Lent* represents the time Jesus spent in the desert without food and facing many temptations. We should try to give up something that is meaningful or important to us.

**Almsgiving** is the voluntarily donating of money, goods or time to help the needy. This is something that you, at Harrisena, are doing already. Our donations to **Family Services, Open Door**, and the **delivery of Tuesday's Meals** are examples of giving to the needy in our community.

As we journey through the *Forty Days of Lent*, let's try to take time to involve ourselves in these three important things: **Praying, Fasting and Giving**. This will bring more meaning of Lent into our lives.

President,  
*Susan Ogden*

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## **MISSION'S REPORT**

The Mission's Committee wants **to thank for your continuing support!**

**Pam Loeb** has taken two trunk loads of food and personal items to Family Services. Please continue to bring in these items, there is a great need for them in our community.

As of February 24<sup>th</sup>, we have served **3690 Tuesday's Meals**. We are looking for volunteers to help us continue this program!

**Noreen Szmul and I** will be delivering **Communion on the third Saturday of each month**. If you know of anyone who would like this Communion service, let one of us know.

**Thank you for your monthly monetary support** as well!

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

## **SPRING FORWARD!**

We will be rushing into Daylight Savings time on **Saturday, 3/07/26**. So set your **clocks ahead** to be on time for **Worship on Sunday, 3/08/26!**



**COMING SOON: *Scholarship Applications FOR 2026!***

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## UPDATE FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

The Pulpit Committee charged with the search for a part time pastor has consulted with **Advokate** to assist us in forming a job posting. The posting is attached.

Since we have only received four applications, we have decided to expand our search. We are currently in the process of arranging Zoom calls with the applicants who have already submitted applications.

**At this point we need your help.** PLEASE send us at least three things you feel are important in a part time pastor. We have communicated our progress in many Council minutes, emails and the Harbinger and requested your ideas, suggestions and comments. Now we ask you to tell us what you think.

Looking forward to hearing from you on this matter.

With respect,

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### Job Posting: Part-Time Minister Harrisena Community Church — Queensbury, NY

Harrisena Community Church, an independent, non-denominational congregation in Queensbury, New York, is seeking a Part-Time Minister (20 hours per week) to lead the church in worship, discipleship, and community engagement.

#### Position Overview

This position is tentatively structured as follows:

- **10 hours per week for sermon, preparation and leadership of Sunday worship services**
- **10 hours per week for adult education, pastoral care, and visitations**

The Minister will work with church leadership to strengthen the congregation's vision of discipleship, support outreach to the greater community, and creatively share the church's overall ministry.

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## **Qualifications**

Applicants must meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- **Ordained or certified minister from an accredited institution**
- **Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree**
- **Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree**

Candidates should also:

- Embrace diversity in modern Christian thought
- Be comfortable with both traditional and contemporary forms of worship
- Support active outreach to the greater community
- Demonstrate creativity, compassion, and collaborative leadership in ministry

## **Housing (Parsonage Provided)**

A parsonage is available:

- Four-bedroom, 1.5-bath, two-story home with garage
- Located in the Lake George School District

## **About the Area**

Queensbury is located in Upstate New York near Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains and offers year-round outdoor recreation, strong schools, and convenient access to Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, and the greater Capital Region.

## **Application Process**

Please email a cover letter, resume and a link to view one of your sermons to the Search Committee at: *[pamelajloeb@gmail.com](mailto:pamelajloeb@gmail.com)*

## **For additional information, contact:**

**Pam Loeb**

**Phone: 518-792-1759**

**Email: *[pamelajloeb@gmail.com](mailto:pamelajloeb@gmail.com)***

**Visit: <https://harrisena.org/>**



## EASTER FLOWERS

It is time to think about **ordering Flowers** to decorate the church for Easter. Please use the form below to let the **Flower Committee** know your wishes (*please enclose payment by check with your order*). Thank you.

I would like to order # \_\_\_ plant (s) at \$15 each. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please list as follows:

**"IN MEMORY"** of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OR  
**"IN HONOR"** of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR Name & Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: *Harrisena Flower Fund*.

*Please place orders in the* **COLLECTION PLATE** *on Sunday; in the* **FLOWER COMMITTEE MAILBOX** *downstairs in the Ed. building; or mail to:* **HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by *Melissa Ferrie-Healy*, Worship Chair

### *Welcome to Lent!*

Get ready for an educational adventure! We get to spend 40 days wandering in our custom-designed “wilderness,” discovering what it is God needs us to learn in order to fulfill His purpose in our lives. Hooray! (?) Does that sound more daunting than fun? Fear not! Jesus, who has already “*been there, done that,*” will be our guide!

Lent is a time for us to reflect on the lessons Jesus taught through his life, his ministry, and his sacrifices. FASTING, PRAYER, and ALMSGIVING are all opportunities for us to step away from distraction, assess our priorities, and grow in our understanding of God’s will for our lives. Walking with Jesus during Lent helps us better appreciate the significance of Easter, when Jesus, the Light of the World, overcame the ultimate darkness of death through His glorious resurrection.

And if you still need inspiration to embrace the season of Lent, we have an extra special bonus for 2026: the **Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and Lent all began at the same time this year!** Is this alignment a mere coincidence? Or could it mean something big is happening in our world? Either way, it is a perfect opportunity for us to practice **WALKING TOGETHER in PEACE and SOLIDARITY** to make our world a better place.

*Enjoy your wilderness adventure!*

*We GRATEFULLY welcome our guest pastors for the month of March:*

- **March 1st** – Communion Sunday - Beatrice Sanders
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Richard Kline
- **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Peter Aust
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Christine Oden
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday - Rev. Jason White

**SAVE THE DATE: *MUSICAL TENEBRAE SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, at 7:00 p.m.***

We have planned an extra special Musical Tenebrae Service for *Maundy Thursday*, featuring cellist **Demetria Koninas** (founder of the Cello Experience) and the **Harrisena Choir**. You won’t want to miss this beautiful and deeply spiritual experience of Jesus’ passion!

*Opportunities to Assist with Worship:*

- Ushering/Greeting
- Transporting the “*Light of Christ*” at the opening/closing of worship
- Reading Scripture and/or the Liturgy of the Lenten Cross
- Presenting a Children’s Story
- Sharing fresh flowers
- Sharing special music
- Serving Communion

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\* *Christine Burke has graciously offered to help anyone with a desire to approach the lectern with CONFIDENCE and SKILL. We would love to hear God's word spoken with YOUR voice! Sign-up sheets are in the Education Building, outside Robinson Hall.*

## **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](mailto:mlfmusic@yahoo.com).

### **April Blood Drive 2026:**

The Harrisena Community Church **WINTER BLOOD DRIVE** will take place on **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, from 12-5 PM** in Robinson Fellowship Hall.

*Is God calling you to help?*

- Spread the word on your social media – VERY HELPFUL!
- Pray for the safety and availability of our donors and volunteers
- Pray for good weather – no snow or ice, please!
- Assist with set-up or clean-up for the drive
- Work as a greeter at the drive
- Bake some goodies or make a pot of soup/chili for our volunteers

**The MOST IMPACTFUL WAY FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE is to DONATE YOUR BLOOD!** ALL blood types are needed! Walk-ins are welcome, but **appointments can easily be scheduled ahead of time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).**

**OUR GOAL: 33 donors** (*which means trying to fill all 40 of our time slots!*)

**For more information,** please contact Melissa Ferrie-Healy or Pam Loeb.

## MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 5:30am PRAYER 9:30 Communion <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>3</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>4</b> 5:30am PRAYER AA -7:30	<b>5</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>6</b> 5:30am Prayer	<b>7</b> 5:30am PRAYER
<b>8</b> 5:30 prayer 9:30-Worship <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>  <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	<b>9</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>10</b> 5:30am PRAYER 1-LGGC Mtg <b>Council @ 7</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30am PRAYER <b>12-Women's Mtg</b> AA @7:30	<b>12</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>13</b> 5:30am Prayer	<b>14</b> 5:30am PRAYER
<b>15</b> 5:30 am Prayer 9:30 Worship: <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>17</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>18</b> 5:30am Prayer 12-LGGC AA @7:30	<b>19</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>20</b> 5:30am Prayer	<b>21</b> 5:30am PRAYER
<b>22</b> 5:30 am Prayer 9:30-Worship <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>24</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>25</b> 5:30am Prayer AA @7:30	<b>26</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>27</b> 5:30am Prayer	<b>28</b> 5:30am PRAYER
<b>29</b> 5:30 am Prayer 9:30- Worship <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30am PRAYER	<b>31</b> 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](http://Harrisena.org). Click on the FACEBOOK link at the top right-hand side of the website to the livestream of the service.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** 4) Liz Moon; 5) Casper Romanowski; 6) Thalia Matthews–Chase; 9) Walda Blanchard; 12) Patty Zacharias; 14) Brandy Madon, Griff Parry; 15) Natalie Robinson, Jamie Thrall; 16) Sue Ogden, Tyler Monroe; 17) Kathleen Gusek; 20) Jonathan Stauches; 21) Dennis Moon; 28) Bruce Lipinski; 30) Peter Aust.

### 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.

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## **Long-Term Prayer Requests**

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

### **In Facilities**

**Pat Dallas – River Mead, NH**  
**Colleen Donahue – Fort Hudson**  
**Manu Malkani – Fort Hudson**  
**Marilyn Somerville – Elderwood, Ticonderoga**

### **At Home**

**Laura Avent – Member of Harrisena**  
**Walda Blanchard – Member of Harrisena**  
**Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon**  
**Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena**  
**Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton**  
**Brandy Madon – Member of Harrisena**  
**Ann Malkani – Neighbor of Joanne Beck**  
**Lyndsey Robinson – daughter-in-law of Dodi Robinson**  
**Gay & Roger Smith – Members**  
**Bob Straut, Jr. – son of Phyllis Straut**  
**Fran Tucker – Mother of Robert Tucker**



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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**, son of Kathleen & Tim Gusek – stateside

**Joseph Hubbard** (*Army*) – stateside

**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

