

### PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*Therefore, remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. (Ephesians 2:11-14 ESV)*

William Booth had just stepped into the pulpit when members of his congregation started their vocal protest. They were angry that their pastor continued to invite street people into their sanctuary and church home. These unsavory people belonged elsewhere, but not in their church. Before William Booth could respond, his wife Catherine answered for him. She yelled from the first row of the balcony, "Never!" She was telling the congregants they would never stop inviting the homeless and downtrodden into the church. They would never stop inviting their brothers and sisters who had little to offer in material things into the church. They would never stop loving their sisters and brothers who needed their love the most. They would never stop opening their doors. They would never stop opening their hearts to God! This was one of several incidents that convinced the Booths to leave "fashionable" religion, leading them to the establishment of The Salvation Army.

*So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 ESV)*

The Apostle Paul's message is timeless. Paul writes this letter during a time when Christians in Ephesus were living under the iron rule of Rome. Rome's emperors saw themselves as divine. They enforced their will on the people through military dominance and when necessary, the threat of crucifixion. Consequently, those gathered to hear Paul's letter put themselves in danger, but they were committed. Never would they allow the empire to separate them from the love of God. Never would they give up on their call to be built together into a dwelling place for God by God's own Spirit. Paul's message and the faith of these believers are relevant for us today.

Today the church is facing a huge missional, spiritual, evangelical, and theological uphill climb. To this Paul yells from the balcony of heaven, "Never!" Whether self-identified as Protestant, Pentecostal, non-denominational, or independent redefined by dogmas,

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liturgy, ordination questions, immigration, human sexuality, and a host of many social, political, economic, and cultural injustices. Paul yells, “Never!”

God has called the church to be a celebration of unity in diversity never a church divided by human ideas or imaginations. God’s love is the heartbeat of the Gospel of Jesus, never of hatred. The beauty and majesty of people and their diversity speaks to the vision of a world living together in unity as brothers and sisters in Christ, never strangers or aliens. The cross undermined the wall dividing Jew and non-Jew, but that was only the beginning. The death and resurrection of Jesus made it possible for the creation of a new humanity where all people, every nation, every tribe will live together in a relationship of peace and conciliation. Psalm 133:1 says, “*How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!*” The Message Bible puts it this way, “*How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!*”

The church is summoned today to reconsider ways we can live together without walls of hostility between us. Worship of God is not simply a spiritual routine of a weekly “time out” on Sundays. The building of a holy temple is the daring and bold practice of faith. It is a counter-cultural way of being in this world — a different kind of power, the self-outpoured, boundary-crossing power of Jesus’ cross. This is resurrection power — a living faith! Faith focused on living the love of God. Faith focused on doing the will of God. Faith focused on becoming a dwelling place for God.

This new church year is a new beginning for Harrisena Community Church. It is an opportunity to move forward. It is a time to see as God sees.

Maybe, just maybe the lives of the Apostle Paul, William and Catherine Booth, and the Church at Ephesus give us an audacious response to the world today. Maybe it is time for us to say, as they said, “Never!”

We too, must *never* stop the bold practice of faith in Jesus by sharing love, kindness, and compassion with everyone. We must *never* seek our own ways, or our own thoughts more than we seek God’s ways and God’s thoughts. We must *never* stop seeking God. We must *never* stop loving God and neighbor. We must *never* stop the process of becoming loving sisters and brothers! We must *never* stop learning to listen and hear as we communicate with one another. We must *never* abandon the divine mandate to build the Kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven.

God has amazing plans for Harrisena Community Church!

Shalom,  
Dr. N. C. Wimberly



## UPCOMING DATES

**RALLY DAY** – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 - *INSTALLATION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS & OFFICERS*

**COUNCIL MEETING** – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, AT 7 PM IN ROBINSON HALL ORIENTATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (*Request*)

Due to a flooding issue in the downstairs bathroom in the Sanctuary, and water left running in the Education building, we are requesting that **the last person who leaves the Sanctuary**, and the **last person to leave after Coffee Fellowship** check the sinks and the toilets to see that the water is not still running in each place.

Water is a necessity that we use each day, but our well only holds so much. Please take care of our buildings!

Thank you.

### **SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

Our **Summer Blood Drive** on August 19<sup>th</sup> was one of our best! We registered 36 donors for 41 possible slots and collected 39 pints of blood! Thank you to those who baked cookies for our canteen, prepared lunch for our volunteers, greeted and registered our donors, and helped with set-up and clean-up: Pam\* and Bill\* Loeb, Phil and Bonnie Nadig, Susan Ogden, Christine Burke\*, Sandy Chambers, and myself\*. *A special thank you to those who were able to donate blood, as well. \**

Noteworthy donor stories:

- A father, his 2 daughters and a boyfriend donating together as a family
- A young man who signed up because it was “his time” and we were the closest location to where he was vacationing in Schroon Lake
- An elderly gentleman who had donated 18 GALLONS of blood (so far) during his lifetime!

*God sure does wonderful things! Thanks to everyone for the prayers!*

**SAVE THE DATE (and your blood) for our WINTER BLOOD DRIVE:**

**Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-5:30 p.m.**

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**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy



***WANTED: Scripture Readers***

God's word is especially powerful when read aloud. This is one reason that Scripture readings are included during every worship service at Harrisena. We are fortunate to have several people who regularly volunteer to read Scriptures each week. However, we would like to have more folks play an active role in this valuable ministry. Is God calling YOU to join the ranks of Scripture readers at Harrisena? If you are on the fence about signing up, just remember all the great things God was able to do through Moses, who was initially reluctant to serve as God's spokesperson. 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!*

***Coming Soon: Beautiful New Banners!***

We have been busy as bees building new banners to grace the walls of our Sanctuary. Our first will be revealed on Rally Day. It will feature the "family crest" of Harrisena. You may have seen this design etched in wood by Todd Matthews and displayed at the front of the church. It also appears as the Harrisena logo in our Weekly Bulletin and on our website and Facebook page. Now, you will be able to enjoy it in full color during Sunday Worship!

We have more colorful surprises coming your way, so be on the lookout!

***Please let us know if you would be interested in joining us or assisting us in any way: ushering, serving Communion, reading Scriptures, creating a banner and/or sharing fresh flowers.***

***We welcome and encourage your feedback!***

***Worship Committee Members: Christine Burke, Melissa Ferrie-Healy & Phyllis Straut.***



### **THE BAPTISM OF CASPER MATTHEW ROMANOWSKI**

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

On August 21, 2022, Casper Matthew Romanowski was baptized into the household of faith at the Harrisena Community Church!

We thank God for Casper and his parents Matthew and Kayla Romanowski!



***“For God will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.”***  
(Psalm 91:11 NLT)

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH



### **MATTHEW AND KAYLA ROMANOWSKI!**

Kayla grew up in South Glens Falls with her parents, two brothers, and grandparents. She went to SUNY Adirondack for Business Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship and has been working in the non-profit industry for over 6 years. She currently works at The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls as a Development Coordinator, assisting with the museum's fundraising efforts, events, and membership program. For fun, Kayla loves to write screenplays and create films with local filmmakers. Most of all Kayla loves spending quality time with her family and is enjoying every moment of motherhood.

Matthew (Matt) was born in Austin Texas and grew up with his adoptive family in Queensbury NY. After graduating Matt attended SUNY Adirondack and studied information technology. Thereafter Matthew got a job working in admissions at the college he attended. Matt discovered he had a genetic condition that causes colon cancer and tumors. Due to this he had to stop working. He is still undergoing treatment but is enjoying his time being a stay-at-home dad taking care of his and Kayla's baby Casper.

Matthew and Kayla Romanowski are the parents of Casper Matthew Romanowski.



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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH COVENANT



Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, we do now end the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to cheerfully sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute as much as possible regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotion; to educate our children in the Christian faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dwellings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our department; to avoid all unkind personal references and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that if we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2022

Isabella Cartier  
Elizabeth Gusek  
Madison MacDermid  
Morgan MacDermid  
Andrew Payne  
Olivia Payne  
Kiley Whalen

**Isabella Cartier**, is the daughter of Jeremy & Leslie Cartier, and granddaughter of Peter & Suzanne Cartier. Isabella will attend Robert Morris University to study Sports Psychology.

**Elizabeth Gusek**, is the daughter of Timothy & Kathleen Gusek. Elizabeth will attend Dartmouth College as a Russian Major with a Minor in Economics.

**Madison MacDermid** is the daughter of James & Nicole MacDermid, and the granddaughter of Phil & Bonnie Nadig. Madison will attend the University of Alabama for a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

**Morgan MacDermid** is the daughter of James & Nicole MacDermid, and the granddaughter of Phil & Bonnie Nadig. Morgan will attend SUNY Adirondack for a degree in Nursing.

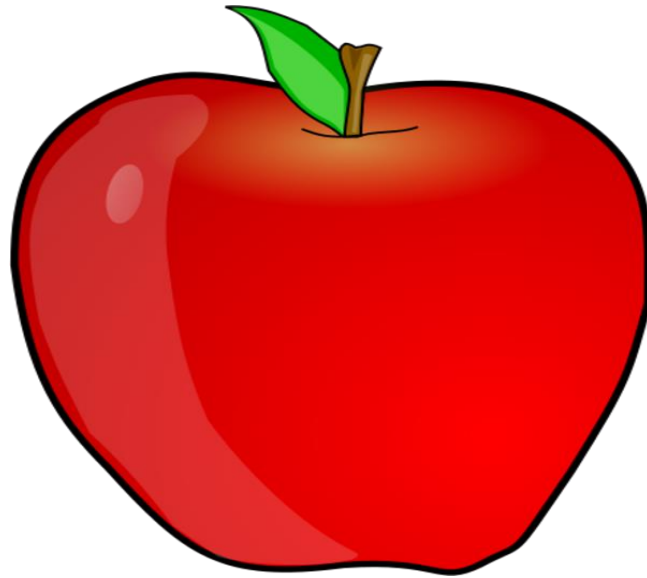
**Andrew Payne** is the son of Michael & Angela Payne, and the grandson of Hal & Deanna Payne. Andrew will attend Utica University for a Master Degree Health Profession and Education.

**Olivia Payne** is the daughter of Gregory Payne & Betsy Scurr, and the granddaughter of Hal & Deanna Payne. Olivia will attend Colorado Mesa University for a degree in Biology in Forensic Detective work.

**Kiley Whalen** is the daughter of Patrick & Andrea Whalen, and the granddaughter of Ken & Patty Zacharias. Kiley will attend Albany Medical College for a Master Degree in Physician Assistant studies.







## **APPLE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> , Robinson Hall  
10 AM – 3 PM**

**Join us for: *Silent Auction, Lunch,  
Craft Vendors, Basket Auction,  
Bake Sale and Much More!***

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### FELLOWSHIP:

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our summer fellowship.

### SPECIAL THANKS

**The Friday Night Meals Ministry for providing meals throughout the pandemic. We are also excited that these meals will continue starting again this fall.**

**Thank you!**

**Thank you to Jean Meyers and her family for inviting Harrisena Community Church to your home! We enjoyed such a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun. Thank you!!!**



## SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Conversations@10:30	2	3
4 Communion Worship @9:30	5 Labor Day	6	7 <b>Lectio Divina- 12:30 pm on ZOOM</b> AA @7:30	8 Conversations@10:30	9	10
11 <b>RALLY DAY</b> Sunday Worship @ 9:30 – <b>Installation Svc</b>	12	13 Council @7	14 <b>Lectio Divina- 12:30 pm on ZOOM</b> AA @7:30	15 Conversations@10:30	16 Friday Night Meal Prep. Begins	17
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### Our SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** in the HCC sanctuary and conference call-in: 1-313-209- 8800. The ID# is 796-8500, then press #. Also, you can join our worship service via livestream at [Harrisena.org](http://Harrisena.org). Click on the link to the livestream of the service.

### 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; 20) Evan Lipinski; 21) Michael Healy; 28) Noel Granger, Jane McLaughlin, Lynsey Urrico; 29) Nicole Nadig-MacDermid.

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## **Long-Term Prayer Requests – September 2022**

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

### **In Facilities**

Cindy Farbaniec – Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga  
Linda Kennedy – Fort Hudson  
Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany  
Manu Malkani – The Terraces  
Art Norton – Slate Valley Center

### **At Home**

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena  
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon  
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  
Teagan Klingenburg – Student of Melissa Ferrie-Healy  
Wendy Leyonmark – Sister of Cindy Huber  
Ann Malkani – Neighbor of Joanne Beck  
Robert Marshall – Friend of the Straut family  
Christopher Nobile – Son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile  
Marie Scarseletta - Friend of the Straut family  
Gay Smith - Member  
Marilyn Somerville – Member  
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville  
Fran Tucker – Mother of Robert Tucker  
Doloras Van Detta – Friend of Marie Scarselletta  
Joan Walker - Member

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*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends who lost Loved Ones these past months: **Linda B. McCollister**, member; **Jane L. Crannell**, former member; **Sam Lown**, relative of Janet Wilson; and **Karen Bailey**, friend of Cheryl Straut.*



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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

**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

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

**Griffith Parry** (*Army*), nephew of Grif Parry – serving in Germany

**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

