

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I would like to share a true story with you.

Everyone at the State University knew that Donner Hall had the best parties. All-night dancing and beer guzzling attracted the largest weekend crowds by far – especially on the notorious second floor. By midnight every Friday and Saturday, the entire second floor was three inches deep in smashed beer cans, empty wine bottles, and stale potato chips. But by about 7:00 a.m. the next morning, all of the garbage was removed.

The second-floor residents assumed the conscientious school janitors came bright and early, before anyone woke up, to sweep up the mess.

Early one Saturday morning, Chris, still hung over from Friday night's party, stumbled out of his bed to head for the bathroom. Noticing a freshly vacuumed second floor, he mumbled to himself, "I guess the janitors came early again to get rid of the mess."

On reaching the bathroom, however, his nose warned him the mess wasn't completely eliminated. A trail of vomit soiled the bathroom floor, ending at the point where someone was just then mopping it up. Chris thought to himself, I'm glad the janitor is doing the dirty work, so we don't have to.

At the sound of Chris's shuffling, the supposed janitor looked up.

Shocked, Chris realized the person mopping up the vomit was Marco, his next-door neighbor.

"Marco, man, what are you doing?" Chris asked. Marco answered simply, "I'm cleaning up."
"Why?" You weren't even at the party last night." Marco answered, "Because I'm a Christian."

No janitor had ever cared enough to clean up every Monday morning.

It had been Marco the whole time. WOW!

Ask the person on the street what success is and you will find for the most part that people define success in terms of money, prestige, position, power or fame. Even churches are caught up in this mentality defining success in terms of number of members, size of budget or their public image. None of those things are evil in themselves, but when those things become the goal, the definition of success or the purpose of our lives, we have stepped away from godliness and into worldliness. We were created to reflect the truth about who God is.

The mother of James and John asked Jesus to allow her sons to sit on the right and left hand of him in his kingdom. They wanted the prestige of being the second and third most powerful, famous people in their world. But, do you remember Jesus' answer?

Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave ."

Success and/or greatness in the kingdom comes from being a servant and a slave. We are called to be slaves of Christ and servants of His people.

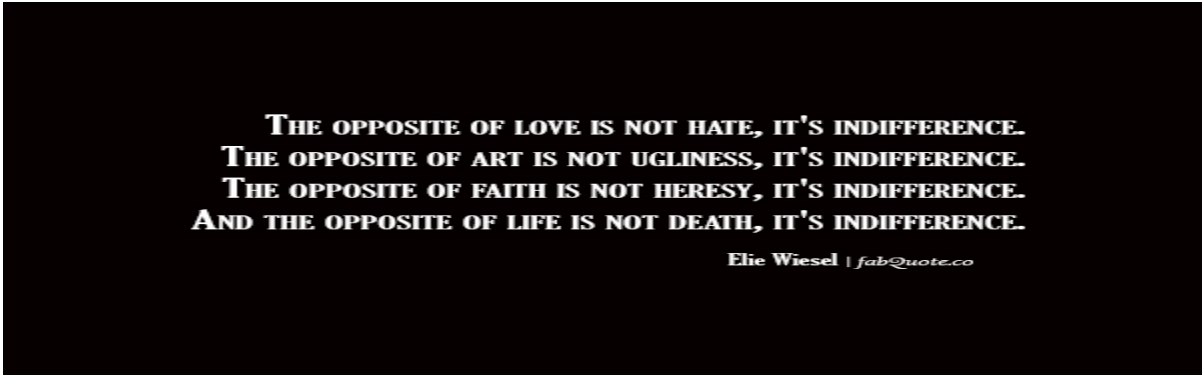
When we confess Jesus the Christ as our Lord and Savior, the power of the Holy Spirit begins to transform us into the likeness of the Christ. Our thoughts, beliefs, actions, interactions, and *being* are transformed. We learn to live as God has called us to live. We learn to talk as God has designed us to talk. We learn to love as God has taught us to love. In the image of God, we are made fresh and new.

Marco is a wonderful example. He lives what Jesus teaches. Perhaps one of our greatest challenges has to do with our desire and willingness to serve. Are we willing to serve others, even when it cost us something? Are we willing to do what Jesus would do, even if nobody knew it was us doing it? Will we humble ourselves before God and others, even when it is inconvenient?

May God grant us the desire to do His will and to abundantly glean from his teachings. May we discover our best selves through this process. May we embrace the totality of this amazing journey!

Shalom,

Dr. N. C. Wimberly



**THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE IS NOT HATE, IT'S INDIFFERENCE.
THE OPPOSITE OF ART IS NOT UGLINESS, IT'S INDIFFERENCE.
THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS NOT HERESY, IT'S INDIFFERENCE.
AND THE OPPOSITE OF LIFE IS NOT DEATH, IT'S INDIFFERENCE.**

Elie Wiesel | fabQuote.co

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

BREATHE (*inhale slowly, exhale slowly*)....

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

(Repeat 3 times.) SELAH...

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hal Payne

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, July 14th**, a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **was held** with the following ***Agenda***:

1. Presentation of the **2019 Nominating Report**;
2. **Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2019-2020.**

To the **MEMBERS OF THE HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH** (*By-Laws VII*): The Nominating Committee certifies that the following church members were nominated and voted on to serve in the various offices as listed. All Nominees have consented to serve if elected.

President of the Congregation
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurers
Church Clerk
Financial Secretary
Christian Ed. Coordinators

Peter Pepe
Michael McCarthy, CPA (contracted for one year)
Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias
Jim Ferris
Cheryl Pagano
Valerie McGilpin, Lori Carte

Trustees: Doris O'Rourke, Sean Loonan, Chuck Ogden, Hal Payne, Shelley Durkee, Robert Straut, Trustee Emeritus

Worship: Nancy Willett, Phyllis Straut, Lynn Bishop, Christine Burke\

(Head Usher – Grif Parry)

Membership: Bonnie Nadig, Phil Nadig, Diane Kerchner

Fellowship: Deanna Payne, Jodi Loonan, Pattie Zacharias, Cheryl Evans, Janet Wilson

Missions: Shirley Harney, Sue Ogden, Nancy Wilder, Mary Alice Clickner, Sandy Chambers, Pam Loeb

Outreach: Peg McArthur, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Scott Fraser

The 2019 Nominating Committee: Doris O'Rourke., Phil Farbaniec, and Noel Granger



Working together for the common good!

Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates

High School:

Brennan Corcoran – *Saratoga High School*, Grandson of Ken & Patty Zacharias

Andrew O'Rourke – *Glens Falls High School*, Grandson of Doris O'Rourke

Haley Straut – *Hudson Falls High school*, great-Granddaughter of Bob & Phyllis Straut

Conor Whalen – *Queensbury High School*, Grandson of Ken & Patty Zacharias

College:

Stephanie Carte has graduated from the *University of Albany* – Daughter of Chris & Lori Carte.

Thomas Straut has graduated from *Fairleigh Dickinson University* - grandson of Bob & Phyllis Straut.

Our Congratulation also to our 2019 Scholarship Winners

Stephanie Carte

Madison McDermid

Kayla Monroe



Fellowship

There **will be Coffee Fellowship** during the summer months **so don't forget to sign up** on Sundays!

Special July Dates:

7/04 – July 4th Holiday

7/20 – Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

Special August Dates:

Vacation Bible School - TBA



Worship Committee

Submitted by Lynn Bishop

We encourage you all **to participate in our summer worship and activities!** *Dinner Out*, the *Chicken BBQ* and our *Sunday services* help to keep this family together and maintain relationships with each other and God!

Please also **sign up for scripture reading** and **ushering!** The sign-up sheets are in Robinson Hall. If you have any questions regarding these duties, please see a member of the Worship Committee!

Worship Committee: Lynn Bishop, Phyllis Straut, Nancy Willett, Christine Burke

John 3:16-17 (MSG)

¹⁶ "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. ¹⁷ God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the



This month in our highlights, we spotlight **Jim and Shirley Harney**, two longstanding members of Harrisena. Shirley and Jim first started coming to Harrisena about 20 years ago. They moved to this area from Westchester County and raised their two daughters, Kathleen and Colleen, here.

Shirley (who was named after Shirley Temple) grew up in the Oneonta area where her love of animals was fostered. She barrel raced on horseback and trained a horse to perform multiple tricks, including jumping through a hoop of fire! Shirley jokes that she could ride before she could walk. In her later years she worked as a clerk for Bell Telephone, performed accounting duties, and also worked for public health and Planned Parenthood. Jim grew up in the Glens Falls area, and is well known for his ownership of *Achenbach's Jewelry Store* in Glens Falls. Jim took over this family business from his father and successfully operated the store for 40 years.

Jim and Shirley's **daughter Colleen** is a pharmacist, who is also married to a pharmacist. They have two children: a daughter who has inherited her grandmother's love of horses, and a son who works for the Department of Defense. The Harney's other **daughter**,

Kathleen, is a special education teacher who is married to a special education teacher. They live in the Unadilla area with their twin boys and a daughter.

Jim and Shirley have traveled quite a bit, including visits to Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland and a European River Cruise. They love to attend Dinner Theater events, hockey games at the Civic Center and lunch at the Seniors Center. Shirley and Jim have raised and trained five therapy dogs who have made regular visits to *Glens Falls Hospital* and to *Crandall Library*, where children read to the dogs. Their largest therapy dog, a mastiff named "Petie," weighed 237 pounds! Their current dog, "Bishop," has been trained as a therapy dog as well. Earlier in their married life, Shirley and Jim maintained a herd of 100 Dwarf Rabbits, which they showed at events in Canada. Shirley is also a gourmet cook, with a collection of almost 200 cookbooks.

Shirley has served on almost every committee at Harrisena Church and over the past several years has spearheaded our **Fundraising Committee**. Our Harrisena family is richer for the presence of these two wonderful individuals in our midst and we are grateful for all they have contributed to Harrisena and our community over the years. Thank you Shirley and Jim!

Annual Chicken BBQ
Saturday, July 20th, 4-7 PM



½ BBQ chicken
Corn on the cob
Coleslaw
Rolls
Beverages
Strawberry Shortcake
\$12 per person

Scholarship Bake Sale: 10 am-4 pm

Harrisena Community Church
1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury
(1/2 mile north of Route 149)
(518) 792-1902

July Birthdays

3- Jane Gould-Badger; **4-** Judy Sullivan; **5-** Sean Stewart, Katherine Sundberg-Authier; **6-** Belinda Sundberg, Kaylee Frank; **7-** Eric Conine, Evelyn Walker; **9-** Hanna Riccio, Erica Mattison, Hal Payne; **10-** Todd Norton, Robert Straut, Jr., Richard Straut; **11-** Christine Neuman; **12-** Jennifer Ferris, David Harvey, Keely Murphy; **14-** David Aust, Daniel Gallagher, Gay Smith; **15-** Nora Stark; **17-** Nicholas DeNooyer, Tammy McAuley; **18-** Kylie Lipinski; **20-** Larissa Gusek, Brenda Ferrie; **21-** Linda Muller, Richard Smith; **22-** Scott Cartier, Michael Muller; **25-** Madeline Kelly; **26-** Lisa McLaughlin; **28-** Violet J. Brown, BJ Sullivan; **29-** Cheryl Pagano, Rachel Davies, Janet Richard; **30-** Ashley Aust, Heather Barrett.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 AA@7:30	1 4 <i>Holiday</i>	2 5	3 6 7-12 <i>Cleverdale Bake Sale</i>
7 <i>Communion</i> @9:30 Leadership Development & Lunch 11:30 AM	8	9	10 AA @ 7:30	11	12	13
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August Birthdays

1- Laura Ferris; 3- Lauren Moon; 5- Phyllis Straut; 6- Valerie Curren; 7- April Higgins; 8- Cyrus Duggal; 9- Myrna Goodrich-Morehouse; 10- Wallace Loonan, Michele Staunches; 12- Linda Donahue; 13- Timothy McAuley; Michael Payne; 14- Sue Helffrich; 16- Teresa Esquivel; 18- Mike Barcy, Taylor Smith; 20- Dena Davies, Gigi Barrett; 21- Peter Brown; 22- Janelle Christopher, Daniel Stewart; 23- Doris O'Rourke, Tammy Aust, Karen Riccio; 24- John McPhee, Luke J. Mootz, Keith Irving; 25- Amber Mahoney; 26- Dawn Pliscofsky; 28- Kevin Aust, Josey Kelly; 29- Joshua Wilson; 30- Brian Harvey, John Ferrie, Colleen Butler; 31- Richard Jones.

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Long-Term Prayer Requests – July/August 2019

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

In Facilities

Jane Christensen – Glen Terrace
 Grace Clough – Seacoast Nursing Center, MA
 Theodore Gusek – Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
 Ann Healy – Fort Hudson Nursing Home
 Edward Hooker – Beacon Point Memory Center, Clifton Park
 Jane Lis – Eastern Star Campus, Oriskany
 Patricia Maddock – Assisted Living, Fort Edward
 John Matthews – Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga
 John Payne – Wesley Nursing & Rehab. Center, Saratoga

At Home

Maria Berg – Mother of Nicole Robinson
 Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon
 Lee Ann Clark – Daughter of Murial Clark
 Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
 Ingrid Engelhard – Friend of Debbie Shahay
 Collin Fuller (Veteran) – Son of Pastor Patti Girard
 Jane Henshaw – Friend of Joanne Beck
 Nancy Hoover – Member of Harrisena
 Randy Huber – Husband of Cindy Huber
 Fabiola Jabaut – Mother of Steve Jabaut

Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton
Carmen LeFebvre – Friend of Peg McArthur
Wendy Leyonmark – Sister of Cindy Huber
Joshua Louk – Nephew of Diane Matthews
McCane Family – Relatives of Bob & Phyllis Straut
Dylon McDonnell – Cousin of Rev. Patti Girard
Christopher Nobile – Son of Jim & Eleanor Nobile
Richard Smith – Member, husband of Donna D. Smith
Sharon Sturdevant – Daughter of Marilyn Somerville
Melanie Swinton – Friend of Sue Ogden
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Our Heartfelt Condolences *go out to the Families & Friends of:*

John Austin, friend of Melissa Ferrie-Healy; **Sarah Jerome**, mother of two students of Melissa Ferrie-Healy; and **Tammy Davis** sister of a friend of Nancy Wilder.



May the support
of your family and friends
be a blessing to you
in your grief.

With heartfelt
Sympathy

Members and Friends in the Military

Andrew Bigelow (Army), son of Karen Bigelow—serving stateside
Derek Dumas—stateside
Michael Gusek (Army), son of Kathleen & Tim Gusek – serving stateside
Gary Hogan (USAF)
Walter Howard (USMC) – serving on the Japan seas
Joseph Hubbard (Army) – stateside
Wes McQueen, nephew of Dodi/Rev. Robinson- serving stateside
Tony Mitchell (USAF) - serving in Afghanistan.
James Pearson (USAF)
Phillip Riccio (Army), son of Phyllis Riccio-serving in Germany
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
James Zito (Army Reserves), friend of Beck family—serving stateside

Please **update the status of anyone you know on this list as soon as information is available.**

