

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NLT

EQUIPPED TO TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN!

J. B. Phillips writes in the preface to *The Young Church in Action*, that one cannot spend several months in close study of this book, "without being profoundly stirred and, to be honest, disturbed. The reader is stirred," he says, "because he is seeing Christianity, the real thing, in action for the first time in human history.

Here we are seeing the Church in its first youth, valiant and unspoiled... a body of ordinary men and women joined in an unconquerable fellowship never before seen on earth." But the reader is also disturbed, "for surely," he adds, this "is the Church as it was meant to be. It is vigorous and flexible, for these are the days before it ever became fat and short of breath through prosperity, or muscle-bound by over organization.

These women and men did not make acts of faith, *they believed*; they did not say their prayers, *they prayed*. They did not hold conferences on psychosomatic medicine, *they simply healed the sick*.

By modern standards they may have been naïve, but perhaps because of their very simplicity, perhaps because of their readiness simply to believe, to obey, to give, to suffer, and, if necessary, to die, the Spirit of God found that He could work in them and through them, and so they turned the world upside down!

This Sunday we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost! On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down to permanently dwell in Christ's followers. Through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit the church began. In John 14 and 16, Jesus speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world and in their lives. In chapter 14, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to be their guide, advocate, counselor, and comforter. He also assures them that he will not leave them alone. The Holy Spirit will teach them everything they needed to know and remind them of what He had taught them. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit will *convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness and of the coming judgment*.

The Holy Spirit's conviction led them to repentance, and 3,000 Jews put their faith in Jesus as their Savior and were baptized that day. The church was born! It grew from 120 to 3,120 in one day! Talk about exponential growth – and this was just the

beginning! That's the difference the Holy Spirit makes! When the Holy Spirit comes, lives are changed! The Day of Pentecost was the birthday of the Church!

I wonder... if we began to allow our hearts and souls to speak louder to us than the dictates of our modern age, what would be the impact on the world. In believing, would we not also pray and heal those who are sick? A bigger question *may be*: *Are we willing to risk not knowing what possibilities, what wonders, we, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are capable of?*

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, is God with us. It is God loving us so much that God dare not leave us alone. It is God's blessing us, so that we too may bless others. It is God's love given to us, so that we may love others. This would certainly turn our world upside down or maybe right side up!!! Will we dare?

Shalom,

Rev. Dr. N. C. Wimberly

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

The Breath Prayer

"But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 NIV

Breath Prayers are simple prayers. Short. Easy. They can be spoken in a single breath and repeated numerous times throughout the day. The Desert Fathers, monastic Christians in Egypt in the third and fourth centuries, often prayed prayers like this.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to come, to dwell in and with you, constantly... into your situations, circumstances, and struggles...all of life...

EXHALE.... then INHALE...

COME, HOLY SPIRIT COME...

EXHALE slowly...5...4...3...2...1
INHALE intentionally...1...2...3...4...5...

EXHALE....., then INHALE...

EXHALE slowly...5...4...3...2...1
INHALE intentionally...1...2...3...4...5...

EXHALE....., then INHALE...

COME, HOLY SPIRIT COME...

BREATHE...

Repeat as often as you would like throughout your day and at night.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!

As I'm writing this my head is spinning. I have just come from a Fundraiser Committee meeting and there are so many plans, and so much to do. Lots of good ideas and many good people willing to take on a lot of work.

My heart is full and I'm drawn to Romans 12:5 & 6:
So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all of the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

This scripture keeps dancing in my head as I'm looking forward to the excitement as we plan the Chicken BBQ.

Romans continues in verse 6: *"We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us".*

Then Romans continues to instruct us that whatever your gift is that you should share. But don't forget you're not the only one with a gift, don't forget to lighten your load by allowing others to share their gifts. NEVER TURN AWAY A GOOD VOLUNTEER! That being said, if you know you're not going to be turned away, then there's no reason for you to not volunteer. There'll be lots of signup sheets to be signed.

Remember you're special to God and you're special to Harrisina, please share your gifts.

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Romans 12: 9-13: *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another above yourselves.*



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hello and welcome to June and the start of summer!! As we do each year at this time, Harrisena is busy building its slate of Church Officers and Committee Members for September 2019- August 2020. If you are looking for a way to serve our church family and to get to know your fellow congregants better, serving on a committee is an ideal way to do so. We have evolved over the years to communicating more by phone and e-mail, cutting down on the number of meetings. Committees also have developed specific tasks, so no one person is overwhelmed. It is truly fun, a great way to build relationships, and it is an invaluable service for Harrisena. If you are interested, we have openings for Church Clerk, Worship Committee, Christian Education, Fellowship, Outreach, and Head Usher. Please contact any of the following if you are interested – and we thank you for your support and your volunteerism!!!

Nominating Committee:

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Doris O'Rourke dorisorourke55@gmail.com (518) 793-8842

Phil Farbaniec pfarbaniec@nycapp.rr.com (518) 240-6009



FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Committee is very happy to welcome Janet Wilson to our committee for 2019 - 2020. Thank you Janet for making this commitment and we're looking forward to working with you.

We are very happy to say that the Fellowship Committee now has a Full Slate of six members. But don't worry you'll have your chance to join in all the fun when we put out list for volunteers to help cover different events throughout the year

"OUT TO EAT"

JUNE 13th. 5:30
Algonquin Restaurant
4770 Lake Shore Drive
Bolton Landing

Please sign up on the list in the education building or call Deanna 518- 761- 0133

We hope you'll be able to join us for our next outing which will be July 18th at Wiawaka, 6:00.

This is still on the drawing board, but I'm hearing rumors of TACO SUNDAY LUNCH, after church some week in August. Keep posted for more details. Also We are looking for volunteers for this event.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Lynn Bishop

It is time to plan for next year's Worship Committee and we are **eagerly seeking individuals who would like to join us!** If you have any questions please let Phyllis Straut, Nancy Willette or Lynn Bishop know. We would be happy to have coffee together and explain some of the commitments involved with this group!!

We are also encouraging any and all congregants to join in with the **Scripture readings** each Sunday. Again - we are here to answer any questions and as Christine Burke has reiterated - it really is very easy and you receive the readings prior to the Sunday you sign up for so you can get any practice in!!

If you notice during the holidays (Easter and Christmas) we have banners that are hung in the Sanctuary. We were wondering if there **are any crafters out there who would be willing to make a banner for ordinary times.** Let us know if you would like to help out with this!

We would like to thank the Choir, Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Nancy Wilder for all their hard work this year. Though sometimes the number of singers were few... they always pulled together to provide music for our service. We are so fortunate to have that talent here at Harrisena!

The Summer Service will continue at 9:30 a.m.!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

submitted by Shirley Harney

God Bless those who have donated to help Brandy and Wally Madon after their house burned. Tragic events like this help draw us together as a congregation.

Due to lack of funds, Missions may have to cut-back on our contribution to our sponsored children overseas.

Family Services is in need of #6 diapers and personal items. As always, they were thrilled to receive our donation of food, etc. this month.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INVITATION

Submitted by Robin Dutcher

All women are welcome to attend **Women's Association** year-end meeting on **Thursday, June 13** in Robinson Hall at **12:00**.

Please bring a bag lunch, dessert and a beverage will be provided.

This is an important meeting as we will be discussing our *Women's Communion Meal* in December as well as electing our officers for next year.

Hope to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Bonnie Nadig

Warm, inspiring, friendly, intelligent, compassionate, knowledgeable – meet **Marian Philo**.

Marian Philo has been an inspiring member of this church for many years. She and her husband, Dick, joined Harrisena Community Church in the 1980's at the invitation of

Marian's sister, Metta Hooker, who was already a member. Prior to that, they were active members in the *Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd* in Glens Falls where their four children, Rick, Cathy, Jeff and Jane were confirmed. They lived in South Glens Falls, Dick's hometown. He was an outstanding athlete, playing semi-pro football with the Green Jackets and basketball with Massie's Olympics. He attended *Ithaca College* on athletic scholarships where he played college ball while studying to be a coach. Later he served in the Navy and took a position in Quality Control at Scott Paper Co.

Marian transplanted the last few weeks of her senior year and graduated from both *Glens Falls High School* and *Draper High School* in Schenectady. She met her future husband through mutual friends, married in 1947 and began a love story that lasted 64 years until Dick's death in 2011. **Marian has been a volunteer in the criminal justice system since 1981**, facilitating programs that offer opportunities to gain life skills to inmates.

The family moved to a house in Kattskill Bay in 1964 which has remained their homestead. Through the years they have enjoyed the joys and challenges of Life: Graduations, New Beginnings, Losses and Endings. These life changing experiences have strengthened their roots and increased their faith.

Marian feels *Harrisena Church* is a warm and welcoming community and an inspiring place to grow during this journey called life. Marian continues to offer a chance to get to know each other better every **Thursday morning from 9:30-11 AM in the Conversations Group** held in the church lounge. All are welcome to come and grow and see first-hand the wonderful qualities this exceptional woman offers.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Dear Harrisena Friends,

I want you to know how much Lou and I appreciated all your cards and good wishes during his illness. I can't even express what it meant to me the day before he died that Harrisena friends came to be with me and with Lou at *The Pines*. I truly have never had the support of a church as much as the support I received from all of you.

Harrisena is a very special place and we are fortunate to have such a caring Pastor as we have in Pastor Natalie. Pastor Natalie has been my special angel in this difficult time.

Love,
Donna Rae Gelder-Bigelow

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



🌐 **June 9: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

🌐 **June 11: CHURCH COUNCIL @ 6:30 PM**

▪ **CRASE TRAINING @ 7:00 PM**

Harrisena Community Church is sponsoring the CRASE training course on June 11th, this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Taught by **Undersheriff C. Shawn Lamouree**.

The **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)** course is designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event.

🌐 **June 16: FATHER'S DAY**



🌐 **June 23: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

Bring your families and friends. The children are so excited to lead the congregation in worship.

Also, we need volunteers for our activities afterwards for all the fun and food! Please contact Valerie or Lori if you are willing to help.



We have so much fun planned!

🌐 **June 31: BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRADUATES ON A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Ascension Sunday/ Communion @9:30	3	4	5 AA @ 7:30	6 Conversations @9:30; Bible Study @11	7	8
9 Pentecost Worship @9:30 HYF @6	10	11 Church COUNCIL @6:30 PM CRASE TRAINING Course w/ Undersheriff Lamouree @ 7:00 PM	12 AA @ 7:30	13 Conversations @9:30; Bible Study @11; Women's Mtg@12	14	15 Funeral @2
16 Father's Day, Sun. Worship @9:30; HYF @6	17	18	19 AA @ 7:30	20 Conversation @9:30; Bible Study @11	21	22
23 Children's Day @9:30 30 Baccalaureate Sun. @9:30	24	25	26 Choir Rehearsal @7:15PM; AA @ 7:30	27 Conversation @9:30; Bible Study @11	28	29

JUNE Birthdays:

1) Harrison J. Raesley; 4) Kate Ackner, Lilly Gallagher, Shawn Herrick; 5) Joanne Beck; 6) Thomas Jones; 7) Patrick Lynch, Kay Walter; 8) Debbie Hoag, Nancy Wilder; 9) Hilary Cartier-Brown; 10) Janie Fitzgerald; 11) Jordyn Conway, Margaret Munoff, Hannah Pliscofsky; 12) Christian Huber; 13) David Mattison; 14) Sarah Mones-Friedman; 15) Christopher Mellon, David J. Patton; 16) Carolyn Sundberg; 17) Ethan Monroe, Philip Riccio, Ethan Herrick; 18) Debbie Doetsch, Steven Jones; 19) Kristen Dingman, David Jones; 21) Heidi Helffrich; 22) Scott Kathe, Deborah Smith; 23) Jocelyn Einzig-Bacon; 25) Todd Matthews, Christopher Mele, Matthew Wildermuth; 26) Lynn Ogden, Deanna Payne; 27) Connor McAdam, Kelly Shahay-Roberts, Roger Smith, Kayla Wilson; 28) Melissa Ferrie-Healy; 29) Carl Harris, Melanie Stimpson; 30) Tim Alger, Nancy Christopher, Peter Fraser, LaMont Robinson, Yvonne Siano.

Long-Term Prayer Requests – June 2019

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

In Facilities

John Austin – Fort Hudson Nursing Home
Nancy Cathers – Health Facility, MD
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 Rehabilitation Center, Saratoga

At Home

Maria Berg – Mother of Nicole Robinson
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon
Christine Burke – Member of Harrisena
Lee Ann Clark – Daughter of Murial Clark
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Ingrid Engelhard – Friend of Debbie Shahay
Collin Fuller (Veteran) – Son of Rev. 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
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 of Harrisena
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 **Philip Harris** who died this past month. Phil was a friend to many at Harrisena Church.

Members and Friends in the Military

Andrew Bigelow, Army – stateside
Derek Dumas – stateside
Michael Gusek, Army – Fort Hood, TX
Gary Hogan, USA
Walter Howard, USMC – stationed in California
Joseph Hubbard, Army – stateside
Wes McQueen, USAF – stateside
Tony Mitchell, USAF
Breanna Moore, USAF – stateside
Todd Payne, Army – stateside
James Pearson, USAF
Philip Riccio, Army – stateside
Pete Ruscitti, USN
Brian Schneider, Army – Afghanistan
Kelly Thompson, US Health Service
Dan Urband, USNG – Afghanistan
Mark Wilson, USNG/Spcl Forces – stateside
James Zito, Army Reserves – stateside

Our Special Prayer for peace & health in our time, O Lord.

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

