

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to welcome all of you to a new year at Harrisena Community Church!

During the last few months our church family has seen many changes, some are very new and others are familiar. We have enjoyed the weekly sermons delivered by our guest ministers. We will continue to have guest ministers until the Search Committee finds a part-time pastor to fill the pulpit.

A delightful change to our Sunday service is seeing **Dodi Robinson** back directing the choir. Music has always been an important part of our weekly service, and we are grateful for this newest change!

The most meaningful and happy change for me is greeting new people and seeing familiar people back in our church! With these changes, I know Harrisena Church is on its way to a brighter future! Along with these changes, many people are working hard to support them and to make sure our church continues to move forward.

I especially want to thank **Melissa Ferrie-Healy** for arranging for the guest ministers every week. Also, thanks to **Noreen Szmul** for doing a great job of introducing them and starting our service with such welcoming moments!

Our church Council is working together to see that our church can continue to run smoothly and can meet each challenge as it comes along. **The Finance Committee** has a big job of presenting a budget that will support these changes.

I hope you will all come and support these changes that are happening at *"The Little Friendly Church on the Ridge."*

Wishing you and your families a blessed and healthy New Year.

President,

Susan Ogden

MISSION'S REPORT

The Mission Committee want to thank EVERYONE who has brought in food and personal items, especially the diapers!

The ladies at **Family Service** are always glad to see us and are so appreciative of our donations. Please keep them coming! We are also supporting **The Open Door's Code Blue Program** during the winter months.

We are always grateful for your monthly donations!

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

HARRISENA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Submitted by Doris O'Rourke

The Women's Association will hold a Communion Brunch on Dec. 6th. This event takes the place of the monthly meeting. January 2026 will be our first meeting of the new year on **Wednesday, Jan. 14th.** Our meeting time is the **second Wednesday of the month at noon** in Robinson Hall.

We have voted to **underwrite costs of the Pulpit Committee pastoral search up to \$1,000.00.**

This is another way the W/A helps support our church. We are in the process of replacing the shades in the entry and possibly Robinson Hall in the future. A new Christian flag for the church is being ordered as the current one has become discolored.

Remember the Women's Association is open to all women of our church and the community!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE
Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

A Season of Hope

Welcome to Advent 2025! We have arrived again at the beginning of our journey through the Christian year. Without a permanent pastor, we may seem as unsettled as the characters of the Nativity: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the Wise Men. Yet we, like those faithful characters of old, have been given a directive to proceed according to plan and remain HOPEFUL, trusting God to handle the details. Just as God so graciously handled the miraculous birth of his precious son, so will he handle the lives of his precious children at Harrisena. *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11.*

To make this year’s seasons of Advent and Christmas extra exciting, we will have a new face, with a new voice, and a new perspective sharing God’s message each week! Let us remain HOPEFUL as we experience this magical time of year – this new beginning - at Harrisena Community Church. **And let us be inspired to invite our friends and family to COME HOME TO HARRISENA, where God continues to do great things!** *“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6*

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

Dec. 7th – Hanging of the Greens/Communion Sunday: Rev. Patti Girard

Dec. 14th – Third Sunday of Advent - Michael Barron

Dec. 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent/Advent Solstice – Richard Kline

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:00 – Michael Barron

Dec. 28th – A Service of Songs and Prayers for Christmastide - Christine Oden

Let us proceed with HOPE, ready to encounter Jesus in new and exciting ways! *“May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.*

There's a Song in the Air!

We are THRILLED to welcome our former long-time choir director, Dodi Robinson, back to Harrisena, along with our beloved Harrisena Choir! These

angelic voices will bless our worship services with beautiful music throughout the Advent/Christmas season and will hopefully continue into the New Year. Half-hour choir rehearsals are currently taking place immediately before and after worship services. ***Anyone who feels called to add their voice to the choir should speak with the director, Dodi Robinson.***

We are also excited to be hosting the Sound Garden Choir's Winter Concert on Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 PM. This amazing acapella group, under the direction of local music teacher and musician Tommy Socolof, regularly performs at their home space, St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls. They have **graciously agreed to present their Winter Concert at Harrisena to help raise funds for Warren County Family Services.** There will be a reception with hot cocoa and cookies in Robinson Hall immediately following the concert. Suggested donation to attend: \$15.

Opportunities to Assist with Worship:

Ushering/Greeting

Lighting the Advent Candles

Transporting the "Light of Christ"

Reading Scripture

Presenting a Children's Story

Sharing fresh flowers

Sharing special music

Serving Communion

** 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.

2025-26 Worship Committee Members: *Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Diane Henderson; Doris O'Rourke- Flowers.* ***We welcome and encourage your constructive suggestions.***



TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE – Website Update

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Website Coordinator

Please continue to share!

We now have an active link to our amazing new FaceBook page (*Harrisena Community Church 2025*) on our church website (<https://harrisena.org>). **Thanks to Noreen Szmul** for her steady stream of engaging posts. Please “like” and FOLLOW us on FB and continue to share updates with Noreen!

To keep our new website looking fresh and up to date, 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!



FLOWER COMMITTEE

The Season of Advent is upon us! **The poinsettias that we order** will be decorating our church and Hall.

We hope you will all notice the **Flower Order Form** in the Worship bulletins and the Harbinger and place your order (*with money attached*) in the office mailbox or in the Collection plate on Sundays.

Thank you so much & have a very Merry Christmas!



DECEMBER FINANCE REPORT

If you have not already received a copy of the proposed budget for 2026, they are available in the Sanctuary or by requesting one from Ed Szmul and myself, Bonnie Nadig.

This year's budget was particularly difficult to formulate since we currently are not paying a pastor's salary or the benefits. We do, however, pay our guest speakers. While the budget for 2026 is looking pretty good, **we must keep in mind that there is the possibility we will be back to paying a new pastor sometime during 2026, although it will be a part time position.** The exact amount for the new salary will be determined based on whether the parsonage is part of the package. When we are in that position, we will share all information with the congregation. **The budget vote will take place after our regular church service on 12/14/25.**

In the meantime, **please consider filling out a pledge card to give us some idea of what we might expect as income.** Pledges can be returned in the basket in the front of the church or by mailing or placing them in the Treasurer's Box outside of the church office.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Committee with any questions regarding the proposed budget. Thank you in advance for supporting God's work at Harrisena.

Finance Committee: *Susan Ogden, William Loeb, Ed Szmul, Bonnie Nadig.*



TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS!!

I would like to ORDER ____ Poinsettia(s) at \$15 each. Please list as follows:

IN MEMORY of _____

_____ OR

IN HONOR of _____

Your Name: _____

Phone # _____/Cell # _____

Please make all checks payable to *HARRISENA FLOWER FUND*,
c/o Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

ALL Orders must be into the office by Monday, December 15th!



DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30 am Prayer	2 5:30 am Prayer 1- Conversatio n	3 5:30 am Prayer	4 5:30 am Prayer	5 5:30 am Prayer.	6 5:30 am Prayer 10 – Women's Communion & Brunch
7 5:30 am Prayer Hanging of the Greens Worship @9:30 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8 5:30 am Prayer	9 5:30 am Prayer; 1- Conversatio n	10 5:30 am Prayer; AA @7:30	11 5:30 am Prayer;	12 5:30 am Prayer.	13 5:30 am Prayer
14 5:30 am Prayer Worship@ 9:30 Budget Vote	15 5:30 am Prayer	16 5:30 am Prayer; 1- Conversatio n	17 5:30 am Prayer; LGGC AA @7:30	18 5:30 am Prayer	19 5:30 am Prayer	20 5:30 Prayer 7-"Sound Garden"- in Sanctuary
21 5:30 am Prayer All Music Worship @9:30	22 5:30 am Prayer	23 5:30 am Prayer;	24 5:30 Prayer 4- Christmas Eve Service AA @7:30	25 5:30 am Prayer Christmas Day	26 5:30 am Prayer	27 5:30 am Prayer
28 5:30 am Prayer Worship @ 9:30 & 7 pm	29 5:30 am Prayer	30 5:30 am Prayer; 1- Conversatio n	31 5:30 Prayer Watchnight/New Year's Eve			

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 9:30 a.m. in the Harrisena Community Church sanctuary. Our Sunday morning worship Service at 9:30 AM, may also be viewed on our *YouTube Channel*: **[harrisenalive2024.](#)**

December Birthdays: 5) Patricia Girard; 6) Judy Barcy; 14) Tatum Chase; 15) Doug Irving; 18) Erik Robinson; 19) Peter Cartier, Robin Dutcher; 20) Brynne Chase, Susan Urrico; 24) Dodi Robinson; 25) Barry Jones, Robert Tucker, Jr; 30) Stephanie Carte, Melissa Ferris, Natalia Helffrich.

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 PRAYER REQUESTS -DECEMBER 2025

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 – The Terrace
Marilyn Somerville – The Terrace

At Home

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena
Walda Blanchard – member of Harrisena
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena
Randy Huber – Husband of Cindy Huber
Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton
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

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Family & Friends of member **Beth Amy Robertson**, who died this past month. Beth was the daughter of members Joan & Hammond Robertson.*

Our love and prayers are with you all this Holiday Season!



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

Wes McQueen, nephew of Dodi/Rev. Robinson- serving stateside

Tony Mitchell (USAF) - serving in Afghanistan.

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

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

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

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

Braden Stormer – serving stateside

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND COME SAFELY HOME!

