

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As a look back over the last few months of 2025, I see many changes which make me believe that Harrisena Church has a bright and strong future ahead. The biggest change, and most important, a financial-one, is the decision to go from a full-time pastor's position to one of a part-time one. The **Pastoral Search Committee** has worked very hard in reaching out to various areas where there might be a candidate for this new position. They have also developed an application which we feel states **what we are looking for, and someone who would be a good fit for our church**. We also want to know what he/she has to offer to us.

While we are waiting to fill this part-time position, there will be guest pastors and various programs during our weekly services. **Special thanks again as this month to Melissa for contacting and scheduling these guest pastors, and to Noreen for working with them.** Noreen's introduction of each pastor and her special way of starting each Sunday service is a great way to start our time together.

A special change we have seen and heard is **the return of our choir!** Their voices add so much to our services, especially during this past Christmas Season. I have enjoyed seeing many familiar faces and even some new ones in our choir!

The biggest and most meaningful change to **me has been the growth of the number of people in our congregation!** Seeing familiar, and new, faces each Sunday makes me feel that Harrisena has a bright and strong future! We all know that a church is only as strong as the people who support it.

As we begin a New Year, I encourage everyone to come and see, and hear, the changes that are happening at Harrisena!

President,  
*Susan Ogden*

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## MISSION'S REPORT

The Mission Committee has a lot of good news to report for the year 2025! **Because of your generous support we were able to donate a total of \$2,250.00 to Family Services.** Their money went for \$400.00 to "Schools Out Where Is Lunch" program; \$400.00 to school supplies for children in need; and \$1,000.00 towards their Christmas Program. In addition, we were able to give them a check **for \$450.00 from the donations given at the Garden Sound Choir concert!**

Family Services is always grateful for all our donations of food and personal items, especially the much-needed diapers.

**The Tuesday Meal Program served 596 meals this past year, and a total of 3,699 meals since the program started! A big Thank You to the four teams that make these meals possible-** Hal, Deanna & Shirley, Pam & Ed; Suzanne, Donna & Shirley; Mary Alice, Phyllis and Susan. Sandy Chambers also volunteers when needed.

We continue to support Open Door's Code Blue program and three international students. Our committee is very grateful for your continuing support of these programs to help the people of our community.

Mission Committee:

*Mary Alice Clickner, Pat Zacharias, Susan Ogden.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT-January, 2026

**The Finance Committee would like to thank the members of the congregation for supporting the budget for fiscal year 2026.**

While the Pulpit Committee works to find a part time pastor, **the Worship Committee has done an excellent job filling the pulpit with guest pastors.** We continue to pay these fine folks for their Sunday services, and are still currently saving money with this temporary arrangement. **Big thanks to Melissa Ferrie Healy and Noreen Szmul who have done such a great job arranging and assisting our guest ministers.**

**With Council support, I have been discussing with Tim Gusek ways to generate more interest income from the cash we currently have with Osaic Wealth** (Tim Gusek's firm). Tim is currently arranging a fund that yields a better interest rate

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than CDs. Cash from our investment account will be invested for a three-month period. We still have CDs and can then compare which investment yields a higher return. Tim has generously offered to heavily discount any commissions for investing and selling.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Nadig

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE – January**

We **continue to send cards monthly to those who are on our Long-Term list**. We also continue to visit those who are shut in and those who are in nursing facilities. **Since we are able and willing to visit, please let us know if you are aware of anyone (or you yourself) would like a visit by calling 518 832-7325**. Also, if you know someone who would like a “Thinking of You” – “Birthday,” or “Get Well” card we would be happy to mail one out for you!

*Shirley Harney and Joanne Beck*

### **WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**

The Harrisena Community Church Winter Blood Drive will take place on **MONDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 PM at 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).

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***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.**



## **WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

**12:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

*AT*

**Harrisena Community Church - Robinson Fellowship Hall**

1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury NY 12804

Contact information: ***Melissa Ferrie-Healy, 518-932-1596***

***GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE !!***

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE – January 2026

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

### Joy to the World!

*“Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!”*

These familiar lyrics, written by English minister and hymn writer Isaac Watts in 1719, are perfect for celebrating the birth of Jesus! *But do they really matter, now that Christmas is over?* They sure do, at least for all who plan to claim God’s precious gift of the Christ child. Emmanuel, “God WITH US,” provides JOY to the world year-round!

Indeed, Psalm 100:1-2 encourages us to ***“Make a JOYFUL noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!”***

We are not called to be *happy* all the time. Perpetual happiness may sound appealing, but it’s not realistic. Happiness is largely dependent upon circumstances, and we all know that bad things happen in life. **Sad things happen in life. There are times when we feel lonely, disappointed, or even scared. That’s where JOY comes into play.** Emmanuel is God’s promise to be WITH US, no matter what, and that is some GOOD NEWS – the type of good news that inspires an overwhelming sense of JOY, regardless of our circumstances!

**Furthermore,** *“...we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.”* Romans 8:28. *“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.

**So, let’s strive to keep that Christmas JOY alive throughout the coming year, beginning with the cold, dark month of January!** Let’s intentionally cultivate an attitude of JOY, celebrating the abiding presence of Emmanuel, God WITH US!

### ***Many Thanks for Helping Hands***

I am incredibly grateful to all who worked so tirelessly to make the Advent and Christmas season extra special this year at Harrisena – **Noreen and Ed Szmul, Susan Ogden, Shelley Durkee, Pam and Bill Loeb, Mary Alice Clickner, Carl Harris, Bonnie Nadig, Christine Burke, Sue Urrico, Dodi Robinson and the Harrisena Choir, the Garden Sound Choir, Doris O’Rourke and her Flower Angels, our wonderful guest pastors, including our very own Richard Kline, and**

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**especially to everyone** who actually came HOME TO HARRISENA to worship at the “*Little Stone Church on the Ridge.*” *Praise God for a beautiful, sacred season of hope and joy!*

***Is God Calling You to Lift Your Voice in Song?***

If God has gifted you with a strong singing voice and a desire to lift that voice in song, you would fit right in with the Harrisena Choir! The ability to read music is helpful but not required. We rehearse every Sunday morning prior to worship, at 8:50-9:15, and immediately following worship, at 10:30-11:00. If God is calling you to join, please speak with our choir director, Dodi Robinson.

We JOYFULLY welcome our guest pastors for the month of January:

- January 4<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany/Communion Sunday: Walter Craft
- January 11<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Steve Bulter with the High Peaks Bluegrass Band
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – MLK/Justice Sunday – Rev. Dr. Don Shuler
- January 25<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Bill Church

Opportunities to Assist with Worship:

- Ushering/Greeting
- 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 Chair: Melissa Ferrie-Healy**

*Gratefully here to serve God and our parish!*

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

***Thank you to everyone who ordered a Christmas poinsettias!*** I think we all can agree our church looked beautifully adorned.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

More than twenty women enjoyed fellowship at our **Communion Brunch** in December. We are looking forward to our **first meeting of 2026 on January 14th**. Our Secretary, Shirley Harney will send out a reminder. Hope to see you all there.

***Happy New year!***

## 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!

Also, 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).



## JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Prayer @5:30 am New Year's Day	2 Prayer @5:30	3 Prayer @5:30
4 Prayer @5:30 am <i>EPIPHANY</i> Worship @9:30	5 Prayer @5:30	6 Prayer @5:30;	7 Prayer @5:30 AA@7:30	8 Prayer @5:30	9 Prayer @5:30	10 Prayer @5:30
11 Prayer @5:30 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Worship @9:30 am	12 Prayer @5:30	13 Prayer @5:30 <b>Council @7</b>	14 Prayer @5:30; <b>Women's Mtg @12</b> AA @7:30	15 Prayer @5:30	16 Prayer @5:30	17 Prayer @5:30
18 Prayer @5:30 Worship @9:30 am	19 Prayer @5:30 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	20 Prayer @5:30	21 Prayer @5:30; <b>LGGC @12</b> AA @7:30	22 Prayer @5:30	23 Prayer @5:30	24 Prayer @5:30
25 Prayer @5:30 Worship @9:30 am	26 Prayer @5:30 <b>ARC Blood Drive: 12-5</b>	27 Prayer @5:30	28 Prayer @5:30; AA @7:30	29 Prayer @5:30	30 Prayer @5:30	31 Prayer @5:30

**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](#)**.

**January Birthdays:** 5) Debbie Cartier; 9) Roy Urrico; 12) Jay Petrequin; 14) Donna Gelder-Bigelow; 15) Danielle Nadig-Cooper, Sandy Jabaut; 16) Matthew Romanowski; 17) Kyle Irving; 18) William Brown, Richard Kline, Dan Donovan; 19) Cameron Brown, Matthew Healy; 21) Andrea Nadig-Wilson; 22) Ajani Wimbley; 24) Shelley Durkee.

### 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 – January 2026

*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 – 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  
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

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Family and Friends of **Randy Huber, Frank Munoff, and Linda Higgins** who died these past few months. Randy was the husband of long-time member Cindy Huber; Frank was a long-time Harrisena member, as was Linda Higgins.*



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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

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

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

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

James Pearson (USAF)

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

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

Braden Stormer – serving stateside

