

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

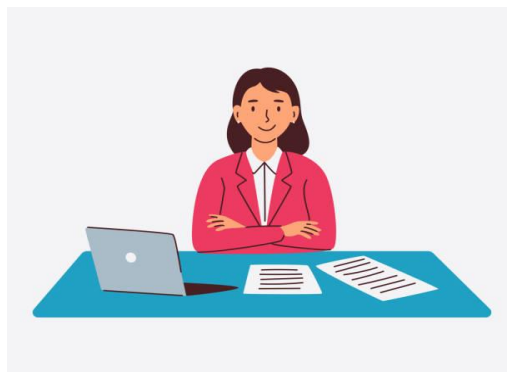
As I was trying to think about what to write this month, I remembered the sermon Rev. Poole gave on his last Sunday with us. His title was, *"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People."* Rev. Poole's passing was a bad thing that happened to his family and the families and friends of Harrisena Church. His arrival had brought new hope for our church.

Two other saying come to mind, *"things happen for a reason"* and *"God has a plan for us."* I think we need to have faith and believe in these two sayings. Rev. Poole's passing must have happened for a reason. And we must have faith in God that He has a new plan for us. **Harrisena has faced many challenging changes in the past and with everyone's support and prayers we have met all of them.**

As we now face the work of finding a new part-time pastor, we must have faith that God will guide in his plan for us.

I am asking for your support and prayers as we meet the new challenges ahead of us in our future. Harrisena Church will continue to be a spiritual place for people to worship and enjoy fellowship together.

Susan Ogden,
President



MISSION'S REPORT

Your Mission Committee as able to give Rev. Poole's children some much needed help during the sudden death of their father last week. So, during their stay in the parsonage, **we gave them \$400 in gift cards to use as needed.** We also gave them **an additional sum of \$500 to help them with any expenses they might have** while living at the parsonage. Alison, Ben and Amanda were very grateful for our support, and were overwhelmed by our love and prayers.

Christmas time is coming and again this year we sent \$500 to help with **the Family Services Programs.** Please continue to bring in food and personal items – they are much needed in our community.

Thank you for your monthly support. Harrisena is a very caring church always willing to help when we are able.

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

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At our October meeting, we voted to **transfer \$3,000.00 dollars into our Calvert Investment Fund.** An important part of our mission is to support Harrisena Church with heart and hands, and **give financial support toward specific projects.** We hope to earn some more dividends through our investment fund that will increase our donation to the **resurfacing of the parking lot planned for the Spring.**

The WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH will be held on Saturday December 12th, 10 am-2 pm. Bring an entrée or dessert and join us for this special part of the Christmas Season!

Doris O'Rourke

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are all missing Pastor Dave terribly.

But just a note, our Sunday attendance is very strong and has a lovely diverse group attending.

One of these Sunday's we will be acknowledging former members who desire to reinstate their member status .All it takes is to sign your name to a form we provide. Please see me, Christine Burke, and I can make it happen.

Pastor Poole had planned 4 different pot luck dinners at the parsonage to get to meet every one of us. This was JUST about to happen.. And MEMBERSHIP sees no reason why this momentum ought to end so this effort will continue ... We then will get to meet each other, and get to know better those we see all the time!

My one request in honoring Pastor Dave:

When **we gather after the memorial service, it would be nice to have a BROWNIE BAKE-off!** Here's where THAT comes from:

When I would let him know I would make a SIGN-UP sheet for the pot-luck meals - I would get this answer: *"No. if everyone brings brownies, we are eating brownies!"* I think he would've liked the idea of a BROWNIE BAKE-OFF... And we can have fun too. best voted brownies gets a package of REGULAR Oreos!

In Memory of the devout & fun Rev. David Poole,
Christine M. Burke

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

"God is Good, All the Time"

Thanks to Rev. Steve Butler for sharing that mantra: *God is good, all the time*. It's an especially helpful phrase to keep in mind when bad things happen to good people – such as losing your pastor a few short months into his ministry. Things were going so well with Rev. Poole at the helm! Harrisena was glowing with a spirit of hope for a bright future! We were learning, and growing, and really looking forward to sharing the coming seasons with our new pastor. Then, all of a sudden, BAM! Rev. Poole was no longer with us. Yet GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME...

While it does seem like we're right back where we started a year ago, that simply can't be true. We are definitely not the same church we were a year ago. We welcomed new members to our church family. We opened our doors to a wide variety of musical guests throughout the community. We benefited from a year's worth of guest pastors and their unique perspectives. We had a year's worth of walking together with God; a year's worth of trusting God's promises. Plus, we enjoyed a few bonus months of time well spent with Rev. Poole, who led by example, pouring his heart and soul into making this church a HOME. No, we are definitely NOT the same church we were a year ago.

The good news? God is still here and God is still good. We still have a beautiful stone church, built on a foundation of love. We now have a parsonage and grounds that have been lovingly cared for and made ready to share. We have an active and compassionate congregation. We have a community – an entire world - that NEEDS us. We are not here by chance - God has intentionally drawn us together in this time, and at this place. And by the grace of God, we can make this world a better place.

Let's continue to COME. Let's continue to WORSHIP. Let's continue to GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE for all God has done. Let's celebrate the legacy of Rev. David Poole as we prepare for the new future God has planned for us.

Guest Pastors for November

Let's WELCOME the wonderful guest pastors God has graciously provided this month:

- November 1st - Communion Sunday: **Rev. Dr. Patrick Wrisley**
- November 8th - **Rev. Don Shuler**
- November 15th - **Rev. Don Shuler**
- November 22nd - Thanksgiving Sunday: **Rev. Bill Church**
- November 29th - First Sunday of Advent: **Rev. Kent Busman**

Christmas Flowers!

The Flower Committee will be ordering Christmas poinsettias to brighten our church during the Christmas Season. Please consider ordering a plant **(\$15 each)** in honor or in memory of a loved one. **Orders will be accepted from November 22nd - December 13th.** *Be on the lookout for order forms!*

Please consider playing a more active role in worship by:

- Being an usher
- Carrying the “Light of Christ” at the opening and close of worship
- Reading Scripture
- Providing fresh flowers for the altar
- Serving Communion (on the first Sunday of each month)
- Joining the choir! (We really miss Rev. Poole’s strong bass voice!)
- Sharing special music

Sign-up sheets are located in the Education Building, outside Robinson Hall.

2025-26 Worship Committee Members: Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Lynn Bishop

TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Website Coordinator

We could use some good photos of church life at HCC!

One way we can keep our website looking fresh and exciting is by continuing to add good photos of all that goes on at Harrisena.

Please consider taking photos at the following events:

- Pulled Pork Dinner (November 6th)
- Thanksgiving Fellowship (November 15th)
- Encore Concert (November 22nd)
- *Women’s Christmas Brunch (December 12th from 10 am-2 pm)*
- Hanging of the Greens Sunday/Brunch (December 6th)
- Garden Sound Concert (**December 12th at 7 pm**)
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We could also use photos of what goes on in a typical week at Harrisena:

- Sue Urrico at work in the Church Office
- Tuesday Meal preparation and delivery
- Communion service for shut-ins
- Weekly Choir rehearsals
- Monthly Council meetings
- Trustees at work (everywhere and anywhere!)
- Sunday Worship and Fellowship

Please continue to take good photos and send them - along with important announcements, calendar additions/updates, and any further suggestions - to our website coordinator, **Melissa Ferrie-Healy**. (text 518-932-1596/ email: mlfmusic@yahoo.com)

*Also, please continue to “**LIKE,**” **FOLLOW** and **SHARE** on Facebook!*

If you would like to see something church-related posted on our new Facebook page (**Harrisena Community Church 2025**), please contact **Noreen Szmul**.

THE HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMORY TREE

Have you ever noticed our *Memory Tree*, located in Robinson Hall? Did you know it contains leaves engraved in honor or memory of some of our most beloved "*Oaks of Harrisena*?" Did you know that you can help secure the future of Harrisena Community Church by purchasing a leaf on our Memory Tree?

For a donation of \$100, you can honor the memory or presence of a loved one at Harrisena. Donations can be made online or by submitting a check made out to Harrisena Community Church and **clearly labeled** "***Memory Tree Donation.***" Once payment has been made to our Finance Committee, simply contact the Church Office to arrange for the personalized engraving of your leaf.





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 _____

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 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH!

TRESURER'S REPORT

It is that time of year again when we need to do some self-reflection on how important Harrisena Community Church is to us. **It is Stewardship season, a time when we ask our congregation to pledge their financial support.** Once again, we are asking volunteers to stand up for a short time during our Sunday service to share thoughts on Harrisena and what it means to them.

We are hoping to hold our CONGREGATION MEETING, to approve the Budget, on Sunday, 11/15/26. Pledge cards, a copy of the Budget, and the proposed By-Law Changes have all been sent by email (10/29/26). There is an additional pledge card attached to this page.

Faithfully,
Bonnie Nadig (nadig@aol.com)

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM 2026

Harrisena Community Church
1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian Stewardship, I make this commitment for Harrisena Church and the ministry of the congregation.

MY/OUR Commitment is:

\$_____ per _____ **WEEK** _____ **MONTH** _____ **YEAR**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ This is a first-time pledge

_____ This represents an increase in pledge over last year

_____ I am also interested in pledging time and skills

NOVEMBER 2026 *(Native American Heritage Month)*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>All Saints</i> Worship @9:30 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 5:30 am- Prayer	3 5:30 am- Prayer	4 5:30 am- Prayer AA @7:30	5 5:30 am- Prayer; 9-4: Kingdom Co- op	6 5:30 am- Prayer	7 5:30 am- Prayer 4-6 Pulled Pork Dinner
8 5:30 am Prayer Worship @9:30 2-Memorial Svc- Rev. Poole	9 5:30 am Prayer	10 5:30 am Prayer COUNCIL @7	11 5:30 am Prayer: Women's Mtg @12 <i>Veterans Day</i> AA @7:30	12 5:30 am Prayer: 9-4: Kingdom Co-op	13 5:30 am Prayer:	14 5:30 am Prayer
15 5:30 am Prayer Worship @ 9:30 Budget Vote	16 5:30 am Prayer	17 5:30 am Prayer	18 5:30 am Prayer AA @7:30	19 5:30 am Prayer: 9-4: Kingdom Co-op	20 5:30 am Prayer.	21 5:30 am Prayer
22 5:30 am Prayer Worship @9:30	23 5:30 am Prayer	24 5:30 am Prayer	25 5:30 am Prayer AA @7:30	26 5:30 am Prayer: Thanksgiving Day	27 5:30 am Prayer:	28 5:30 am Prayer
29 5:30 am Prayer 1st Sunday of Advent -Worship @ 9:30	30 5:30 am Prayer					

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 9:30 a.m. in the Harrisena Community Church Sanctuary. Our Sunday Morning Service are at 9:30 AM and may also be viewed on our YouTube Channel: *harrisenalive2024*.

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.*

November Birthdays:

7) Laura Avent, Kristen Shahay-Mootz; 11) Carl Avent, Peter Pepe; 12) Sydney Parry; 20) Danielle Brown, Rachel Straut, Lynn Bishop; 23) Jeffrey Cartier, Patrick Resse; 24) Timothy Gusek; 29) Kristi Helffrich-Chen.

Long-Term Prayer Requests – November 2026

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

In Facilities

Walda Blanchard

Colleen Donohue – Fort Hudson Health Center

Manu Malkani – Fort Hudson Health Center

Marilyn Somerville – Elderwood, Ticonderoga

At Home

Laura Avent – Member of Harrisena

Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon

Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena

Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton

Lyndsey Robinson – Wife of member Sean Robinson

Gay Smith – Members of Harrisena

Robert Straut, Jr. – Son of Phyllis & Bob Straut

Stacey Winters – Friend of Christine Burke

*Our Deepest Condolences go out to the Families & Friends of **Rev. David Poole** and*

Pat Dallas who died this past month.

Rev. David was our part-time pastor who died unexpectedly;
and Pat was the friend of Joanne Beck and Shirley Harney.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

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)

Braden Stormer – serving stateside

