#### THE HARBINGER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

With the start of October, Harrisena Church families and friends will be introduced to having the weekly sermon delivered by guest ministers. This will continue until we find a part-time minister.

I want to thank Melissa Ferrie-Healy for all the work she has done to see that we have a guest minister every week until the New Year! I hope we, as members and friends will try to come every week to welcome and support these ministers.

If you have been to church lately, or just driven by, you will have seen all the work that has been done to make our church grounds really look nice. Thanks to all who had such a big part in this beautification project!

Please, everyone try to come to church and get involved as we move forward to make God's plan for our church successful!!

President, Susan Ogden



# MISSION'S REPORT

The Mission's Committee has decided to **challenge the people of our church to <u>Donations</u>** toward Family Service's Christmas Program! The committee will match what is collected during the months of October and November.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have delivered 3,538 meals! Our thanks to Pam Loeb and Ed Szmul for volunteering to provide transportation for these meals. We now have four Teams helping to prepare these meals! We are always looking for volunteers to provide part of each meal. So, if you are willing, please contact any of the members listed below.

We are **continuing to collect food and personal items** for Family Services. **Thank you always** for your monthly contributions!

Mission Committee: Mary Alice Clickner, Patty Zacharias, Susan Ogden

# **SCHOLARSHIP"S REPORT**

This past Summer we decided to expand the Pie Raffle to include your favorite desserts. We had ten (10) bakers who donated cookies, pies, brownies, and a cake. We want to thank the following bakers: Bonnie Nadig, Shirley Harney, Shelley Durkee, Doris O'Rourke, Nancy Willett, Donna Davison-Smith, Mary Alice Clickner, Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Pam Hunsinger! We also want to thank Joanne Beck, Peter & Suzanne Cartier, and Shirley Harney for their generous donations! Because of these people and the many people who bought Raffle Tickets, we were able to make \$1,992.00 toward next year's scholarships.

Thank you all!
The Scholarship Committee



#### WORHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

# Welcoming Our Guest Pastors for October

As October begins, we find ourselves without a full or part-time pastor at Harrisena. But, as the back cover of our weekly bulletin so aptly states, we ALL are the ministers, (and we trust that GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!) We have been blessed with many wonderful spiritual guides over the years: Rev. Lamont Robinson, Rev. Leah Goodwin, Pastor Patti Girard, and most recently Rev. Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly. We now have the opportunity to be blessed by a colorful "patchwork quilt" of guest pastors as we search for someone willing and able to serve as a permanent pastor at Harrisena Community Church.

In the meantime, as we continue our Christian journey together, I hope you will join me in giving a warm Harrisena welcome to our guest pastors for the month of October:

- October 5<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday: Rev. Patti Girard
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Michael Barron
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Peter Aust
- October 26<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday: Rev. Bill Church

# The Worship Committee can ALWAYS USE HELP:

- Ushering/Greeting
- Transporting the "Light of Christ"
- Reading Scripture
- Presenting a Children's Story
- Sharing fresh flowers
- Sharing special music
- Serving as an active member of the Worship Committee

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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!

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

# **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – October 2025**

Our first meeting of 2025-2026 was held on Wednesday, September 10th. Shirley Harney and Doris O'Rourke have agreed to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer. We are grateful to Sue Ogden for her previous service as Assistant Treasurer. Joanne Beck has accepted this position and we are happy to have her. Kathleen Gusek and Brenda Ferrie have volunteered to plan seasonal activities for our members. Our thanks to you both. Hick's Orchard is our first venture on October 8th. We will carpool from the church. More details to come.

We voted to **donate up to \$1,000.00 toward the Pulpit Committee** as they search for a part - time pastor.

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed a fruitful meeting. Submitted by Doris O'Rourke



# FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Shelley Durkee, Ron Henderson and Pam Loeb

The Fellowship Team has organized an **OUT TO EAT event for** Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 pm. Come and join us at **The Tavern**Hope to see you there!

# TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE – Website Update

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Website Coordinator

#### Please continue to share!

Now that we have a new look for our Harrisena website, we must continue to develop and maintain it. As members, guests, and visitors explore the site, we need to make sure the information is up-to-date and accurate. For that, we need YOUR help! Please send church-related photos, important announcements, additions/updates to our calendar, and further suggestions to our website coordinator, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, at <a href="mailto:mlfmusic@yahoo.com">mlfmusic@yahoo.com</a>, so our website can continue to grow and thrive.



We have a new Facebook page! Please "like" and follow us at Harrisena Community Church 2025. This page will be updated frequently with the latest Harrisena news, updates, and events. If we can get 100 followers, our services will be able to be live streamed on Facebook in addition to our YouTube channel. So please tell your friends and get the word out!

# MEMBERSHIP's GOOD NEWS

As your Membership Committee, I am thrilled again and again to inform you it's awfully difficult to keep a stock of new visitor welcome bags in the sanctuary. For I give them to new guests almost each and every Sunday. Many have been from nearby, others- equal in number- have been here for summer vacation. All have been very curious about "That cute church "& "wanted to try it." From the smiles alone, I think these people have really enjoyed their visits & may come again. They certainly do join us in Fellowship time.

# GREAT CHANGE (again) IS IMMINENT for HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

**PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL, at this time.** We must pray while the Pulpit committee does the legwork.

"Lord, please be with Rev. Natalie as she endeavors into searching for a new parish to serve. As you guided her to us, please use your voice, so she may hear you loud and clear & know what is right.

"Dear Lord, your voice is what we as a parish need. Please direct the Pulpit committee in finding just the right pastor figure who was meant for us here in our need."

# SIMPLE PRAYER WITH THE BREATH (think FULL deep calm happy breaths) Please try this as you read, no closing eyes necessary, but at your discretion later:

INHALE: Please Lord draw near - speak it slowly to last a long breath..

EXHALE: Help us find a new pastor

repeat, (get creative with your own few words.)

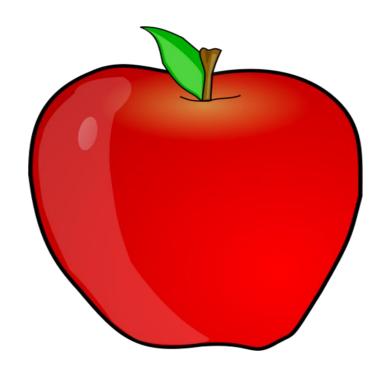
And Really FEEL His presence as you ask for it.

INHALE: Lord, please hold me steady (OR) Be with me Lord

EXHALE: For I am fearful of this change ahead (OR) I feel the warmth of your love...

Harrisena Community will stand strong . together we will remain our church , together- in prayer.

Yours in loving confidence, Christine Burke



# APPLE FESTIVAL Saturday, October 11, 2025, Robinson Hall 10 AM – 3 PM

Join us for: Silent Auction, Lunch, Craft Vendors, Basket Auction, Bake Sale and Much More!

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Shirley Harney (518) 832-7306 or Email sjjhruby2@outlook.com

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# OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30 am Prayer 7:30 AA	2 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	3 5:30 am Prayer: 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	4 5:30 am Prayer
5 5:30 am Prayer World Communion Worship @930	6 5:30 am Prayer	7 5:30 am Prayer; 10- Oneida Bible study;	8 5:30 am Prayer Women's Mtg @12 AA-7:30	9 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	10 5:30 am Prayer: 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	11 5:30 am Prayer 10-3 – Apple Festival
12 5:30 am Prayer Worship @ 9:30	13 5:30 am Prayer	14 5:30 am Prayer; 10- Oneida Bible study; 7-COUNCIL	15 5:30 am prayer; LGGC @12 AA @7:30	16 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	17 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co- Op	18 5:30 am Prayer
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Our SUNDAY MORNING WORHIP SERVICE will continue at 9:30 AM on Facebook Live and by Conference CALL-IN at: 1) Dial+1 (313) 209-8800; 2) Enter Conference ID 796-8500 and press the pound key.

#### 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: 9) Aleana Martin; 10) Valerie Mc Gilpin; 11) Ashley Staunches; 15) Brian Kibling; 18) William Loeb; 25) Diane Matthews; 29) Bonnie Nadig

#### **LONG TERM PRAYERS - OCTOBER**

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

Manu Malkani – The Terraces
Phil Nadig – Glens Falls Hospital
Marilyn Somerville – The Terraces

#### **At Home**

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena
Celine & Bob Boulé – Daughter/Son-in-law of Brandy & Wally Madon
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
Robert Marshall – Friend of the Straut family
Roger & Gay Smith - Members
Fran Tucker – Mother of Robert Tucker

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Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends who lost Loved Ones this past month: Wallace "Wally" Madon, friend of Harrisena, husband of member, Brandy Madon.



# MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

Keegan Bacon (USAF), grandson of Shirley Harney -serving in Saudia Aribia
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

