

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Maybe I shouldn't say this - I don't want to jinx anything - but I feel like we are hitting a good stride. There seems to be positive energy, projects and events are happening, and we seem to be enjoying each other's company. I hope you agree. Let me also say - I refuse to take any credit for any of it. While I appreciate the positive comments and such, I was simply the last piece of a puzzle that took a lot of time and energy by all of you. In a very real sense, I am jumping on YOUR bandwagon, and going along for the ride.

Our ride continues now with an array of activities and events all throughout the Fall. World Communion Sunday, Apple Festival, Parsonage Potlucks, And All Saints Eve. Keep your eyes and ears open and if you would like to be involved- just show up. We will make room for you!

The other side to church life in October is our planning for the new year coming up. This is where those not so fun words are used. Budget. Stewardship. As we speak, there are people breaking out pencils and erasers, and starting the daunting task of putting spreadsheets together and finding ways to keep this church as beautiful and meaningful into the future. And while yes- It's about money. NO, it's not all about money.

No, It's not the money. If you are excited about the church and its future, mention it. Inviting a friend is awesome. But it doesn't even have to be that. We tell our friends about the latest great restaurant or movie. Mention the church. They might sense your Spirit and decide to check us out.

Yes, the money. Yes, the economy is a mess. Yes, it is scary. The church is needed more than ever. SO, if you're in a position and you're feeling the Spirit, can you give more this year? Have you ever considered having the church be a beneficiary- leaving an amount in your will?

There are options out there. Perhaps a seminar on planning ahead might be something of interest??

As you can see, lots to think about .

It's been a great first few miles. Looking forward to many more.

In His Spirit
Rev David

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to Fall and to a new beginning for our church. We began our new church year with a great Rally Day! Our attendance was the highest we had seen in a very long time. I am sure that was due to many of our church members wanting to meet and listen to our new part-time pastor, Rev. David Poole. I am enjoying his weekly sermons. I find them meaningful and interesting to listen to. He relates biblical scripture to our every-day lives.

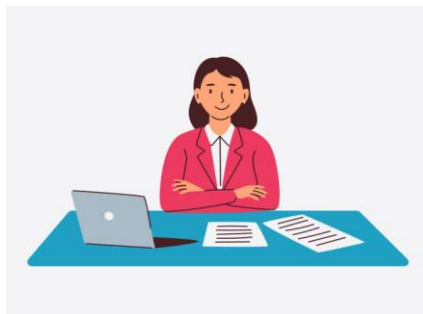
I am sure another reason for a successful Rally Day, was Rev. Poole's invitation to tour the Parsonage, or as he call it "your house." It was the first time for many of our members and friends to visit it. We also got to see all the work that many people had completed over the summer to repair and get "your house" ready for Rev. Poole.

As it has been said, *"feed them and they will come"* and they did. Many people did tour the parsonage and then enjoyed all the delicious food and the opportunity to just to talk to each other and Rev. Poole.

Our monthly Council meeting was another sign that we are off to a new beginning. Every Committee came with reports and new ideas for the coming year. I'm sure you will be reading about these in the HARBINGER, and from committee members during the year. These ideas can only work if the committees have our support.

We are off to a great beginning! I hope you will come, enjoy, and support our Harrisena Community Church – so it will continue to be a great place to worship and enjoy fellowship.

President,
Susan Ogden



MISSION'S REPORT

Thank you to all the people who continue to bring in the much-needed items for Family Services. Some new items are pop-top soups, single servings of oatmeal and granola bars. Peanut butter, tuna fish, cereals, pastas, and spaghetti sauce are always needed. (Diapers in any size are needed as well.

As of September 29th, we have served 4,025 meals to people in our community. Thank you to everyone who have helped to make these meals possible.

As always, we thank you for continuing to support the Mission's Committee with your monthly donations.

The Mission Committee:

Mary Alice Clickner, Patty Zacharias, Susan Ogden

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Thanks to **Brenda Ferrie**, **Phyllis Straut**, and **Barbara Mc Dermott** for the beautiful hydrangeas which look so lovely in the windows. And thanks to **Melissa Ferrie** for donating and planting the colorful chrysanthemums in the front of Harrisena.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At our September meeting, **Pastor Dave** joined us for lunch.

We want to thank **Ed Szmul** and **Carl Harris** for their support for the Women's Assoc. garage sale that was held in June at **Deborah Barthold's** home. Thanks also to **Kelly and Tom Smith** for transporting all the "*leftovers*" from the garage sale to the church storage shed. You will see these items for sale at Applefest this month!

The Women's Association was happy to put the **proceeds to good use helping to refurbish our parsonage**. In addition, we arranged for the cleaning of the parsonage before it was painted. We are looking forward to another productive year.

BAPTISM'S AT HARRISENA

We are happy to announce the Baptism of **Daphne Helen Campbell**, infant daughter of Adam & Amanda Campell!

Daphne's father, **Adam James Campbell**, was also baptized with his daughter!

Welcome to Harrisena Community Church to both of you!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Committee wants to give a "big" Thank You to the following people who donated a delicious, baked good for our weekly Summer Raffle: **Pam Loeb, Barbara Hickey, Pat Zacharias, Bonnie Nadig, Phyllis Straut, Melissa Ferrie-Healy, Pam Hunsinger and Rich Goodman.**

We also want to thank all people who bought raffle tickets – because of you we can add \$371.00 to our Scholarship Fund!

Finally, a Big **thank you to Joanne Beck** for her generous donation in memory of her husband, Bruce.

The Scholarship Committee: *Bonnie Nadig, Cheryl Straut, Pam Hunsinger, Ken Zacharias, Susan Ogden*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Fall is a busy time to Harrisena's **Financial Committee**. We are beginning the process to developing a **budget for the 2027 Fiscal Year**, which will be presented to the Congregation in advance of our Congregational Meeting – aiming for November 9, 2026.

In the meantime, we are **also working on a Stewardship Campaign** to encourage folks to pledge. By pledging, we have some idea of what to expect as monetary contributions from our congregation and can help us plan on how much

fundraising and belt tightening needs to be done. As long as I can remember, we have had a bare-bones budget and will do the same for this coming year to ensure our finances can support our beloved Harrisena Church.

In past years, **we have asked members and friends if they would like to share why they support our church and what it means to them.** If you would like to volunteer to say a few words during Stewardship Season, during our church service, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in our Finance Team composed of **Bill Loeb** (Head Trustee), **Ed Szmul** (Financial Secretary), **Rev. David Poole** (our Pastor), **Sue Ogden** (our Congregational President), and **Bonnie Nadig** (Treasurer).

Faithfully submitted,
Bonnie Nadig

SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO AMAZING CONCERTS!

The local 37-member senior citizen choir, ***Encore***, under the direction of our own **Dodi Robinson**, will present a concert at Harrisena Community Church on **Sunday, November 22nd, at 2 p.m.** The program will include a variety of choral pieces related to the theme: “***Sing Your Way Home.***” Suggested **donation: \$10.** *Note: proceeds from this concert will benefit both Harrisena and the Encore choir.*

The local a cappella choir, ***Garden Sound***, will return to Harrisena to present a winter concert on **Saturday, December 12th, at 7 p.m.** Suggested **donation: \$10.** *Note: proceeds from this concert will benefit Family Services and Garden Sound Choir.*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by Melissa Ferrie-Healy

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come! Come, raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

Our calendar tells us that **Thanksgiving Day is still weeks away - November 26th**, to be exact. But why wait until Thanksgiving? There's no time like the present for thankful people to gather and celebrate their blessings. We have a beautiful old church, an engaging new pastor, and a caring congregation. God has intentionally drawn us together in this time, and at this place. None of those facts should be taken for granted. Come. Worship. Give thanks and praise for a bountiful harvest. And prepare to share in all God has planned for us!

We can always use help on any given Sunday! Please consider:

- Being an usher
- Carrying the "*Light of Christ*" at the opening and close of worship
- Reading Scripture
- Providing fresh flowers for the altar
- Helping serve Communion (first Sunday of each month)
- Joining the choir
- Sharing special music

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

2025-26 Worship Committee Members:

Melissa Ferrie-Healy and Lynn Bishop.

TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE – Website Update

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 our Harrisena: church services, coffee fellowship, Tuesday meals, choir rehearsals, church meetings, church outings, church fundraisers (i.e. Apple Fest!), concerts, blood drives, food, fellowship, and even our gorgeous “campus.”** 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.**



OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co-Op	2 5:30 am Prayer:	3 5:30 am Prayer
4 5:30 am Prayer <i>World Communion Worship @930</i>	5 5:30 am Prayer	6 5:30 am Prayer	7 5:30 am Prayer AA-7:30	8 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co-Op	9 5:30 am Prayer:	10 5:30 am Prayer 10-3 – Apple Festival
11 5:30 am Prayer Worship @ 9:30	12 5:30 am Prayer	13 5:30 am Prayer; 7-COUNCIL	14 5:30 am prayer; Women's Mtg @12 AA @7:30	15 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co-Op	16 5:30 am Prayer	17 5:30 am Prayer
18 5:30 am Prayer Worship @9:30	19 5:30 am Prayer	20 5:30 am	21 5:30 am Prayer AA — 7:30	22 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co-Op	23 5:30 am Prayer.	24 5:30 am Prayer
25 5:30 am Prayer Reformation Sunday Worship @ 9:30	26 5:30 am Prayer	27 5:30 am Prayer	28:30 am Prayer AA- 7:30	29 5:30 am Prayer 9-4: Kingdom Co-Op	30	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> Halloween

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

10) Valerie McGilpin; 11) Ashley Staunches; 15) Brian Kibling;
18) William Loeb; 25) Diane Matthews; 29) Bonnie Nadig.

LONG TERM PRAYERS – OCTOBER 2026

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

In Facilities

Walda Blanchard – Washington Center, Argyle
Pat Dallas – River Mead, Peterborough, NH
Colleen Donohue – Fort Hudson
Manu Malkani – Fort Hudson
Marilyn Somerville – Elderwood, Ticonderoga

At Home

Laura Avent – member of Harrisena
Kathleen Dumont – Niece of Brandy Madon
Peter Eonis – Friend of Kathy Gusek
Rev. Patti Girard – Friend of Harrisena
Avery Graves – Friend of Shelley Durkee
Douglas Jones – Son-in-law of Art Norton
Lyndsey Robinson – Daughter in law of Dodi Robinson
Gay Smith - Member
Bob Straut, Jr. - Son of Phyllis Straut

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*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Families & Friends who lost Loved Ones
this past month: **Joanne Vaughn**, co-worker of Melissa Ferrie-Healy;
Ann Malkani, close friend and neighbor of Joanne Beck; and
Thomas Healy, uncle of Michael Healy.*



MEMBERS AND 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

Mark Wilson, has retired from the Army Special Forces!

