

# **The Messenger**

## **Palmyra Reformed Church Newsletter**

*February, March 2018*



### **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

- 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m. - Nursery
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee & Goodies
- 11:30 a.m. - Sunday School

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# Lent Holy Week Easter

The liturgical season of Lent begins with the solemn observance of Ash Wednesday and continues for six weeks, culminating with the church's joyous celebration of Easter. Also, during the period of Holy Week, which begins with Passion/Palm Sunday, churches around the world have special worship services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and on Saturday--the Great Vigil of Easter.

The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime, which is a literal translation of the lengthening of the days. In the early church, the Lenten period was used as a time for preparing new converts for Baptism on Easter Sunday. Today it is a time for preparation, reflection, growth, and change.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple, a solemn color, a color for royalty and repentance. The liturgical color for Easter Sunday and the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost is white, signifying purity. White is the liturgical color also for Christmastide and All Saints' Day (November 1).

**Shrove Tuesday**, the eve of Lent, has become a time for celebrating. Also known as Fat Tuesday, it is a traditional day to serve pancakes and eat all the foods that will be forbidden during the fasting of Lent. "Shrove" is derived from the Latin word for "shriven" or "confessing of sins."

**Ash Wednesday** is the official beginning of the Lenten season. It is a day of prayer and public confession of sins. In some churches the sign of the cross is made with ashes on the foreheads of believers.

**Palm or Passion Sunday** is a day of change from the joyful celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the solemn knowledge of what lies ahead for him in the coming week.



**Maundy Thursday** (from the Latin word "mandates" or "commandment") focuses on the Lord's Supper and the new commandment to love one another.

**Good Friday** was probably first called God's Friday. On this day we remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

**Easter** is celebrated by Christians around the world to remember that Jesus died on the cross so that the sins of humanity would be forgiven. Matthew says when the women visited the tomb of Jesus an angel tells the women "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said he would.

# Palmyra Reformed Church<sup>1</sup>



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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Consistory	First Wed. of the mo.
Women's Mission Ministry	First Mon. of the mo.
Prayer Meeting	Last Wed. of the mo.
Christian Education	Second Sun. of mo.
Youth Group	

## CHURCH DIRECTORY:

### CONSISTORY AND COMMITTEES:

Rev. Willard Barham	President	585-319-8729
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Superintendent	Lisa Premyslovsky	315-597-4877
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## FOR PRAYER SUPPORT:

- Call Rev. Barham at 585-319-8729
- Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- Fill out a Prayer Request Form (in tract rack)
- To have the Prayer Chain started, call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayers Are Asked For:

- ♥ Virginia Wilson
- ♥ Leah Haynes (friend of Linda & Bob VanderMere)
- ♥ Judy O'Daniel
- ♥ Rev. Ed Allatt
- ♥ Elsie VanGee
- ♥ Chuck Lehman
- ♥ Charlie Meck
- ♥ Cheryl Opdyke
- ♥ Larry Murphy
- ♥ Gene Bucknam
- ♥ Carolena Mariconti
- ♥ Chuck Hanna (Carol Wandersee's friend)
- ♥ Lisa Eldridge (Cody Majewski's girlfriend's Mother)
- ♥ Kailee (Anita Manuel's granddaughter)
- ♥ Those of our church family facing personal challenges
- ♥ PRC members in assisted living facilities
  - Lillian Barham (Hill Haven, Webster)
  - Jean Craft (Wayne County Adult Home)
  - Clara DeNearing (Wayne County Home)
  - Ann Milliman (Wayne County Adult Home)
  - Ruth Moore (Wayne County Adult Home)
  - Phil Proeto
- ♥ Our Armed Services - those currently in active service
- ♥ Faithful veterans
- ♥ The victims of natural disasters
- ♥ Our work here at PRC and our wonderful members
- ♥ Missionaries locally and around the world
- ♥ Our political leaders, may God be their guide
- ♥ Palmyra/Macedon Food Pantry
- ♥ Good Neighbor Fund
- ♥ Meals-on-Wheels



### Updates (cards are always appreciated):

- Virginia Wilson is home after a short stay in the hospital
- Judy O'Daniel is at home, 61 Prestige Dr., Clifton Springs, NY 14432
- Gene Bucknam (Cal's brother, has been placed in the Light Hill Hospice Home at 5160 Parrish St., Canandaigua NY 14424.)

- **Larry Murphy** is home but recovery is slow (Mysty Wadsworth's son), address 200 Canal St., Apt. 402, Palmyra, NY 14522
- **Rev. Ed Allatt** was in a car accident and has 9 broken ribs. His address is 2319 Baird Rd., Penfield, NY 14526.



**Address Changes:**

**Charlie Meck's** apartment is 129 at 1320 Parkwood Estates, Macedon, NY 14502.

**Welcome home:**

**Jacob Bucknam** is home until his next duty station is assigned. So nice to have you home Jake.

**Traveling Mercy:**

**Ron & Alannah Bushart and family** have arrived safely at their next duty station in Ft. Hood, Texas.

**Grieving**

- Please keep the 4H leader, **Holly**, in your prayers – her father, **Mr. Fehr**, passed away.
- We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Roy Vanderwall and his family** on the recent loss of his brother **Earl Vanderwall**.

**Congratulations:**

**Lisa and Tom Thompson** welcomed their baby boy, Derek Logan, on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. He was 8 pounds 4 ounces and both mom and baby are doing well. Their address is 3134 Crestwood Dr., Palmyra, NY 14522. Blessings on this addition to your family. This makes 10 grandchildren for **Jack & Deb Thompson**

**Happy Birthday** (Please contact Carol Fanelli for corrections or additions)

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|------|----|-------------------|
| Feb. | 1  | Joan Bucknam      |
|      | 4  | Brian Quick       |
|      | 5  | Andy Moroz        |
|      | 8  | Karen Swartele    |
|      | 10 | Charlie Ike       |
|      | 10 | Zoe Premyslovsky  |
|      | 13 | Brinn Castrechini |
|      | 14 | Deb Wood          |

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| 15 | Roy Vanderwall    |
| 15 | Whitney Welch     |
| 19 | Sharon Taber      |
| 22 | Chastity Thompson |
| 24 | Sharon Dayton     |

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| Mar. | 1  | Brianna Diliberto  |
|      | 3  | Sarah Marsille     |
|      | 4  | Audrey Hohenboken  |
|      | 6  | Skylar Thompson    |
|      | 7  | Colleen Thompson   |
|      | 8  | Emily Lehman       |
|      | 9  | Kristen Jones      |
|      | 11 | David Premyslovsky |
|      | 13 | Ella Lange         |
|      | 15 | Deb Thompson       |
|      | 17 | Caleb Thompson     |
|      | 17 | Carol Wandersee    |
|      | 19 | Jack Milliken Sr.  |
|      | 21 | Jackie Quick       |
|      | 21 | Julie Welch        |
|      | 25 | Mia DeVey          |

**Happy Anniversary**

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| Feb. | 19 | Scott & Chastity Thompson |
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**Lord, please bless all of these families!!**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to those who sang in the **choir** at Christmas.

Thank you **Emily and Alan Pulcini** for the special music.

The **Praise Band** at Christmas was a pleasant surprise. Thank you to the members and their leader, **Lonnie Hohenboken** for sharing.

There are a lot of people to thank for our **Christmas luncheon and Children's Program**.

Thank you:

- If you made cookies
- If you decorated and packed the cookies
- Those who bought gifts and wrapped them
- Those who organized the play
- If you brought food
- The Christian Education Committee
- If you came and shared Christmas with us

The **Cookie Baking Day** was awesome. We needed a bigger kitchen. We had chocolate chip, cut out, sugar drop, peanut butter blossoms plus others. Both ovens were going with cookie sheets covering all racks. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PROVIDED AND HELPED.** The cookies were



shared at the church Christmas Party. Thank you to **Chastity Thompson and Lisa Thompson**.

**Thank you to those who have been helping everyone with the snow and ice.** Notice no icicles this year! Thank you, Consistory!

Our thanks to all who helped with the Chili Cook-Off. What fun! We wiped out 8 pots of chili. The winner this year was **Chastity Thompson**. She received a \$10 gift certificate for Dunkin Donuts.

Thank you to those who donated to the **Pal-Mac-Farmington Food Pantry** during Christmas.

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Cal Bucknam is the author of the following. He did a remarkable job of saying Thank you to Steve!

“In my opinion he has done so much for our church, an additional church and school plus the entire Palmyra community. I just don’t know where to start – but here goes.

To ease your suspense, I am speaking of Steve Marsille. The question is, what has he done to assist and help nearly everyone he comes in contact with? I feel he has truly saved and held our church together in many difficult times. He led our consistory as it dealt with the many issues, one of which dealt the securing what was believed to be a new chosen leader that most unfortunately did not succeed. Under guidance of Classis procedure, he followed many steps involving much time and effort. Regretfully it wasn’t meant to be. However, he continued to persevere and with our Lord’s guidance lead us to our most fitting, deeply Bible based soul, who now leads our membership nearly every Sunday morning, holds monthly Bible Study and so does so many personal visitations at hospitals, homes and wherever he is needed, Rev. Barham. I believe Steve has been called not by Palmyra Reformed Church but by God to lead everyone he comes in contact with.

Now Steve chose to step aside from the heavy leadership responsibility mainly because of too much stress affecting his health. A wise decision! However, while our church needed his assistance he was also most heavily involved with still another church and church school – East Palmyra Christian Reformed. He has done so much for his former school in coaching, instruction in classroom, and has now stepped up as President of the School Board. Truly a most giving soul.

Going back to our church he has consistently been a member of church choir, lead opening announcement time at morning services and most frequently assumed responsibility of the

Children’s Sermon during our weekly services. Of course, he has taught various Sunday School classes too. Oh yes, I should not overlook he has even conducted and brought our morning messages as a lay preacher when called upon.

Camp Fowler volunteer, cabin counselor and participant in spring preparation for the camping seasons. Then we should not overlook his expertise of photography, sound system, and computer. He has a big heart with many children in his neighborhood and quite often befriends them by exposing them to the Christian way of life by encouraging them to come to church and Sunday School. How can one individual do so much, I frequently ask myself? If only the world would be filled with more individuals so dedicated to our Christian way of life.

One more outstanding undertaking he was most involved with, was when fire struck Palmyra’s Main Street a few years ago and many individuals found themselves homeless and in great need. He nearly put his life on hold and along with many other volunteers and Rev. Nancy Farrell assumed leadership to jump in to their rescue for housing, food and nearly everything to bring them back to their previous life. He spent many hours of his time working on this humanitarian project. I suspect taking vacation time and all free time coordinating the needs of these people. A truly outstanding dedication to the service of others regardless of his own time and that of his family. Just how much more can one individual have done. Steve, you are truly one rare Christian man sent by God to assist so many others that you have come in contact with. I am sure I have missed many other things you have done during your walk in this most weary and sin sick world we call our home. Palmyra has been truly blessed. Your parents, though now deceased, I am sure are looking down upon you and are truly proud. I sincerely wish I could come close to your strong giving attitude but I fall far short of your accomplishments.

I am glad I have taken the time now to sing of your praises rather than at the service when the Lord takes you home.

Well done, Steve Marsille, good and faithful servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Membership classes start February 4 at 11:30am.** These classes are open to all. Ever wondered about: The history of RCA? What does RCA stand for? If you have ever had these questions or others, this is the class for you.



## Mission of the Month and Mission Program:

- February 4 for Evangelism
- March 4 for Children Around the World
  - A special offering will be taken during the Offertory for each service
  - The Missionary Program will be presented by Lisa Premyslovsky during Sunday School time at 11:30

## Bible Study/Prayer Meetings at 7:00pm - Open to all!

February 28 and March 28

“Prayer” - The world’s greatest wireless connection!

## Pal-Mac Food Pantry is in need of cereal, bread and milk in addition to:

Spaghetti sauce	All soaps	Hygiene items
Canned/boxed meals	Pasta	Jelly
Pancake mix & Syrup	Juices	Canned fruit

Please leave all donations in the kitchen on the recycling shelves.

**Good Neighbor Fund - Cal Bucknam** is stepping down from his position as a volunteer for this benevolent organization. If you could help fill this spot, see Cal for details.

**Work as a missionary**, bring in the following items (boxes and containers are in the kitchen):

- Food Pantry donations
  - Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
  - Used greeting cards – VA Hospital
  - General Mills box tops for education
  - Pull top tabs from beverage cans – helps pay for dialysis
  - Bring used magazines to Newark Hospital
- Please note that the Campbell program has been discontinued.

## Women’s Ministry 4:00pm –

Feb. 4 - Lisa Premyslovsky has devotions and topic with Carol Fanelli serving refreshments. We will send out valentines to the sick and shut-ins and discuss the Valentine breakfast and soup luncheon.

March 4 – Elma Fox is on for topic, devotions and refreshments. Discussion will be the corned beef luncheon.

**ALL ladies are invited to these meetings.**

## Valentine Family Breakfast Feb. 10

from 9:00-11:00am - The Women’s Group invites all for breakfast! Bring



nothing but yourself and an appetite (family, friends and neighbors are welcome also). Egg casseroles, waffles, fruit, bagels and more are on the menu.

**Sunday School teachers are needed** - We currently have 3 teachers but need 2 more. Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith with our children. Training classes will be held for those interested.

**Lent** - Six readers are needed for the 6 Sundays of Lent (starts Feb. 18). See Carol Fanelli to sign up. The material is arranged, you only need to read.

**East Palmyra Christian School** has a teacher opening for Mon., Wed. and Fri. afternoons—12:30 pm to 2:45 pm each day. Responsibilities include monitoring students in several study halls and teaching a lower-level Math class—Consumer Math—to a dozen students, three periods per week. If you are interested in this position or would like more information, contact Keith Vanderzwan at [keith@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](mailto:keith@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com).

**Soup Luncheon Feb. 25** - A long-standing tradition at PRC is warming the month of Feb. with soup. Bring in a pot of soup or a dish to pass and your table service. This is a tradition started by Alma & Louis Haak probably 45 years ago.

## Communion Sunday - March 18

- Rev. Will and the Elders are available to serve communion to those unable to receive it at church. If you wish, call Rev. Will or an elder.
- Gluten-free bread is available for those with special needs

**Corned Beef Luncheon March 18** - Using St. Patrick Day as an excuse to have lunch. All are invited to a corned beef lunch following the morning service. Corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage and beverage are provided, just bring a side dish to pass and table service. Ya all come!

## Easter Celebration April 1<sup>st</sup>

starts at 6:00 a.m. with a beautiful Sun Rise service at the Friends Church in Farmington.

**PRC service begins at 10:00 a.m.**—

Fellowship Time will be held but Sunday School is cancelled.

**The children’s Easter Egg Hunt** - held for the children in the yard next to the church. Please invite your children, grandchildren and neighbor’s children. **ALL children are welcomed!**



## HELPING HANDS

See Carol Fanelli if you would like to help in any of these areas (i.e. flowers when there is an opening)

### Greeter(s):

Feb. 4 Bill & Emily Smith  
 Feb. 11 Jack & Deb Thompson  
 Feb. 18 Scott & Chastity Thompson family  
 Feb. 25 Cornelius VanderWerf

Mar. 4 Barham family  
 Mar. 11 Cal & Joan Bucknam  
 Mar. 18 Chris Bucknam & family  
 Mar. 25 Doug & Janet Bushart



### Flowers:

Feb. 4 Bob & Linda VanderMere in loving memory of their son Stephen & his wife Amy VanderMere

Feb. 11 Chuck & Sandy Lehman in loving memory of their daughter Eileen Lehman

Feb. 18 OPEN

Feb. 25 Alma Haak in loving memory her husband Louis, son Sp4 Donald and daughter-in-law Linda Haak

Mar. 4 Dave & Carol Fanelli  
 Mar. 11 Jack Milliken in loving memory of his wife Susy Milliken  
 Mar. 18 Lenny & Roberta Main



Mar. 25 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of her parents Rev. Bob and Louise Ondra

### Nursery:

Feb. 4 Deb Thompson, Hana Premyslovsky, Emily Pulcini  
 Feb. 11 Deb T, Hana, Quinton Holcomb  
 Feb. 18 Deb T, Hana, David Premyslovsky  
 Feb. 25 Deb T, Hana, Kaylie Thompson



Mar. 4 Karl & Carrie Nies, Thomas Premyslovsky  
 Mar. 11 Karl, Carrie, Quinton Holcomb  
 Mar. 18 Karl, Carrie, Emily Pulcini  
 Mar. 25 Karl, Carrie, David Premyslovsky

### Refreshments:

Feb. 4 Audrey Hohenboken  
 Feb. 11 Tina Haak  
 Feb. 18 Roberta Main  
 Feb. 25 Soup Luncheon

Mar. 4 Karl & Carrie Nies  
 Mar. 11 Lisa Premyslovsky  
 Mar. 18 Corned Beef Luncheon  
 Mar. 25 Emily Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 4 – Missionary Sunday with Mission Program

Feb. 4 - Membership classes

Feb. 5 – Women’s Ministry 4:00pm

Feb. 7– Consistory Meeting at 7:30pm –

Feb. 10 – Valentine Family Breakfast

Feb. 11 – Christian Education Meeting

Feb. 12 – 4H meeting at 6:00pm

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday  
 Valentine’s Day

Feb. 18 – First Sunday of Lent

Feb. 25 – Second Sunday of Lent  
 Soup Luncheon

Feb. 26 – 4H meeting at 6:00pm

Feb. 28 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

March 4 – Missionary Sunday  
 Mission Program  
 Third Sunday of Lent

March 5 – Women’s Ministry meeting

March 7 – Consistory meeting

March 10 – Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour

March 11 – Christian Education Meeting

March 12 – 4H meeting at church

March 18 – Communion Sunday  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 Corned Beef Luncheon

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 25 – Palm Sunday

March 26 – 4H meeting

March 28 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

March 30 – Good Friday

### Looking Ahead:

April 1 - EASTER  
 Sun Rise Service  
 Easter Service  
 Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

April 12 – Rummage Sale set-up

April 13-14 – Rummage Sale

April 23 – Ham Loaf Dinner fundraiser





## The Funny Page

### A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Owen the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

So, because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices, and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet, and the way it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete (certified), so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me?

I told her no, I had stopped to go to the bathroom on a fire hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

This is fitting and worth repeating – I used it in 2014:

### **YOU KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE UPSTATE NEW YORKER WHEN:**

You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching.

You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend/wife knows how to use them.

You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction

You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.

You find 10 degrees "a little chilly." And 55 is shorts weather.

You actually understand these jokes, and you share them with all of your Upstate New York friends and to those who used to live here and left (chickens!).





## Billy Graham's - Prayer For Our Nation

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us free. Amen!

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, 'The Rest of the Story,' and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called 'One nation under God.'

(I thought this was worth passing on as our prayer for the New Year)

## For the Kids

Bible Brain Teasers

Jesus Dies and Rises Up

### Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!

