

# *The Messenger*

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

*September, October 2020*



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**Reformed Church of Palmyra**  
236 Canandaigua St.  
Palmyra, NY 14522



# Remember This?

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June 29, 2020

Dear Congregation of the Reformed Church of Palmyra,

“GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED” PS 48:1

It is with great pleasure to announce that the consistory has made the decision to reopen our doors to public worship service on Sunday July 5, 2020. This decision was made with careful consideration and prayerful consideration. New York State has done a good job of keeping Covid 19 cases somewhat low and has allowed religious groups to start worshiping, in reduced capacity, at this time (PRAISE BE TO GOD).

Having said that, the consistory is very concerned with the health and well-being of our congregation. This was an important discussion in determining if we should reopen. Those people with health issues or concerns should weigh the decision as whether to attend or stay home and/or watch it via our website or Facebook page.

In keeping with CDC guidelines there will be some changes for a while:

**Temperature:** Before entering the church, your temperature will be taken. This is done for your safety.

**Masks:**

- We are asking you to bring a mask and please wear it while moving around the building. Masks are available if you do not have one.
- When seated the mask can be taken down.
- When singing masks must be worn. Please do not sing if your mask is down.

**Sanitary precautions:** When you come in the building please be aware of physical contact, such as handshakes, and keep a safe distance from each other.

**Hand sanitizers:** Sanitizers will be available at each entrance for your use.

**Traffic flow:**

- Temperatures will be taken as you approach the church.
- Then you can enter by the elevator door in the Fellowship Hall or use the west door by the stairways.
- Leaving - When leaving the Sanctuary, use the elevator if needed, or leave by the front door or the door at the base of the first flight of stairs. Please do not use the Fellowship Hall to exit as that will be used by the people using the elevator. For people who have exited the building and then need to come back in, please use caution and remain at a safe distance from others.

**Seating:** Bulletins will be placed in designated seats to allow for proper distancing. Ushers will be available to help seat people if needed. Please take your bulletin with you when you leave.

**Elevator:** The elevator will have a designated operator to assist people getting to the sanctuary. He will sanitize after each use. Please be patient if there are a number of people who wish to use it. Only one person (two if family) can be on the elevator. If you have to wait, please be sure to wear your mask and social distance.

**Offertory:** The donation plates will be on the back table in the Sanctuary and on the table by the elevator; they will not be passed. Please put your offering in one of the designated plates.

**Sunday School and Nursery:** Due to the close contact of these services, they will not be held at this time.

**Social Time after church service:** Fellowship time will be suspended until further notice.

**All of these guidelines are temporary and are subject to change at any time.**

We are looking forward to sharing God's Word with our church family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We remain confident of this: "I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

May the Lord bless and guide you. Chris Bucknam, Vice President of Consistory

**"The Pandemic has taken a lot from us  
- but it has not taken our Lord!"**

**"Praise the Lord, PRC is open again!"**

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

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**Accessible to Persons with Disabilities**

<sup>1</sup>Member of Reformed Church in America

## CHURCH DIRECTORY:

### Consistory:

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Jack Thompson	585-509-0792
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Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Scott Thompson	585-944-9177
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307

### Treasurer:

Petr Premyslovsky	315-879-1791
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### Sunday School Officers:

Superintendent	Lisa Premyslovsky	315-878-1813
Ass't Super.	Jack Thompson	585-509-0792

## Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.	Nursery
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time

## 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	

## For Prayer Support:

- Call a Consistory member
- Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- Fill out a Prayer Request Form (in tract rack)
- Have the Prayer Chain started by calling Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589?

**If you received this by regular mail, please consider receiving it by e-mail. Contact Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589 or church email to be switched.**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Please keep in prayer:

- Those concerned about Covid 19
- Thelma Schuldt
- Deb & Gary Wood
- Todd Pipitone & Family
- Christine (Sally Hoffman's daughter-in-law)
- Jim Murray
- Betty Imaio and Rev. John
- Our members in Care Facilities
  - Ruth Moore (Wayne County Adult Home)
  - Phil Proeto (Jewish Home)
  - Milton Wadsworth (Fairport Baptist Home)
- The Missionaries we support
- Our church as we stay safe and continue supporting God's work and word

### Praise:

- Jessica Locey (she just finished her chemo and got engaged to Lenny & Roberta's grandson)
- Thelma Schuldt is home at Parkwood Estates

### Community, Country and the World:

- School administrators, teachers and staff
- Young people going to school
- The essential workers during this pandemic (and all the time) – Lord, keep all safe!
- The USA and its leaders - open their hearts to Your Word
- Those proudly serving our country in the Armed Forces
- Our veterans
- People with mental health concerns
- Those persecuted in the name of the Lord
- Those in prisons
- Agencies of help in our area
  - Food Pantry
  - Green Angels
  - Good Neighbor Fund
  - Meals-on-Wheels
  - Grace House
  - CareNet Crisis Center
  - East Palmyra Christian School

## Condolences:

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Alma Haak**. Alma, along with her husband Louis, was an important part of our church for many years. Alma taught Sunday School for years and their Christmas programs were memorable. She went home to our Lord July 28, 2020. There was a private service at the cemetery for the family. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Lord please give her family peace & comfort.

## Celebrations:

**Logan Dayton** graduated from Newark High School this year. He will be attending a Community College this fall.

Congratulations Logan!

## Happy Birthday:

(Please contact Carol Fanelli for corrections)

Sept. 5	Cameron Quick
5	Laurie Pipitone
6	Jacob Bucknam
7	David Fantauzzi
8	Spencer Nies
14	Roger Geesaman
23	Cody Majewski
Oct. 2	Betty Thompson
5	Jack Henry Gowen
14	Chris Hohenboken
16	Cheryl Opdyke
19	Butch VanEpps
22	Sadie Thompson
22	Janet Bushart
24	Jedidiah Gowen
24	Karl Nies
29	Ron VanderBrook
31	Kathy Bushart

## Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 22	Thomas & Anna Gowen
Oct. 13	Rick & Amy Sitterley
14	Alan & Kathy Bushart

## Thank You

**Deb & Gary Wood** are home and **Deb** is continuing with her recuperation. They would like to thank everyone for the loving support Deb has received these past months

Thank you to those who have been:

- keeping the grass cut
- trimming bushes
- watering flowers
- trimming the grass along the sidewalks

- sanitizing
- setting up technology
- taking temps
- helping with the elevator
- organizing wherever is needed
- organizing worship leaders
- etc., etc.

**You are truly appreciated**

Our **thanks to the Lord** for watching over us and giving us the leadership we need to get back to worshipping in our church home; making it possible for us to worship together in Your name.

Thanks to **your** continued financial support, we have been able to stay up-to-date with the church's obligations.

Thank you to our **Consistory** for their work during this pandemic and "social distancing".

Thank you to those who participated in virtual **VBS** this summer. Being on-line seems to be the norm lately. No matter how we study, we are Praising our Lord!

## Announcements

**Since we are back in the church, the bulletins will not be mass mailed.** Please call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589 and let her know if you would like a bulletin emailed or sent by regular mailed to you.

### **Weekly Bible Study . . .**

is continuing every Wed. "**at home**". We are currently working through Proverbs. Aug. 26 we are reading chapter 14, every Wed. continue with the next chapter of Proverbs.

### **Monthly Bible Study/Prayer Meeting . .**



has resumed for the last Wed. of the month. **All are invited to attend** at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The "**Upper Room**" devotional for Sept. and Oct., are available in the sanctuary (large and regular print).

Until further notice, **the services of the Greeter, teachers of Sunday School and Nursery, those who bring flowers and refreshments will not be used.** When these services start up again, the list is in this newsletter and the complete 2020 list is on the bulletin strips downstairs in the hallway.

**Janet Bushart** is doing our Card Ministry – she needs anniversary cards! She sends cards to our church family for their special occasions. If you have any NEW anniversary or birthday greeting cards, please leave them at church for Janet.

We now have **photo albums for our church**. If you have any pictures or mementos you would like added to the albums, please give them to Carol Fanelli. The albums are in the Fellowship Hall.

### Consistory meetings . . .

will be held **Sept. 2 and Oct. 7 at 7:30pm in the church**. Meetings are open to all parishioners.

### Magazine from RCA

If you are not currently receiving *at home* the **RCA Today “magazine”** (published by Reformed Church in America), you can sign up on the internet for it. Go to [rca.today.magazine](http://rca.today.magazine). Then click on the bottom where it says subscriptions at rca.org. The magazine has many articles about various churches and congregations from around the RCA nation. This is a free magazine for Reformed Church parishioners.

### Sept. 5 – “Black Hart” BBQ Food Truck fundraiser for Missions –

- \* The food truck will be located at our church on Sept. 5 from 12 noon to 5pm in the parking lot.
- \* They serve delicious barbeque and various other entrees.
- \* **As of right now, it will be 2go only**
- \* Everyone is invited to come – invite family, neighbors, and friends.
- \* **Women’s Ministry will receive a portion of the proceeds for their mission work.**



### Mission of the Month

A special offering will be taken for these RCA missions. Please put your donation in the collection plates that are either by the elevator or on the back table in the sanctuary.

### Sept. 6 – Greenhouse Youth Ministry in Japan

Your gift will help more Japanese youth hear about the gospel, grow in their faith, and learn how to live in Christian community.

### Oct. 4 - Church Planting in Dominican Republic

Your gift helps prepare 30 leaders and core teams to launch 30 new churches in the Dominican Republic. These churches will be responsible for reproducing themselves after reaching the established goals.

### Women’s Ministry

**Sept. 8** will be held at Lisa Premyslovsky’s home (164 Canandaigua St., Palmyra) from 2:00-4:00pm. The meeting will be held outdoors for social distancing. Joan Bucknam has topic with Carol Fanelli and Virginia Wilson serving refreshments.

**Please note the time change!**

**Oct. 5** – Lisa Premyslovsky will have topic/devotions and serve refreshments

### Sept. 26 – Dutch Fritter Sale

Canalton Days may not be held BUT the **Dutch Fritters** will be here.



- Advance sale orders are requested
- Call the church phone (315-597-4345) and leave your name and the amount you would like on the answering machine
- They will be sold by the half dozen - \$6.00 per half doz.
- Sale hours are from 9:30 until 12:00
- Take-out only

### Oct 4 – Tentative Communion Date

The consistory is currently looking at the possibility of conducting communion on Oct. 4. We will have to be on the creative side to make it possible. More information will be shared as time gets closer.

Currently, our activities for the months of Sept. and Oct. maybe/or will be changed due to Covid 19. Organizers are erring on the side of caution. As restriction are lifted, some of the activities may be reestablished – if so, we will pass on the details of them (i.e. chicken-biscuit dinner, UNICEF lunch, etc.).

### Information from CareNet Center:

Position Available: Office Administrator at Care Net of Wayne County. Do you enjoy people? Do you agree wholeheartedly with affirming life before birth and in every stage thereafter? Do you find satisfaction in organizing and record keeping? This is a three-day, 20 hour per week position. Some level of Quickbooks experience would be a big plus. Pay based on experience. Please call

Director Deborah Stoep for an application or more information. 315-573-7833

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer at the Center, Deb is always interested speaking with them.

If you or someone you know would like more information on either of these positions, please call Deb Stoep at 315-573-7833.

## **HELPING HANDS**

**Currently these services are not being used.** WHEN they do resume these services, this is the list of responsibilities.

### **Greeter(s):**

Sept. 6	Lenny & Roberta Main
13	Steve Marsille
20	Karl & Carrie Nies & family
27	Dave & Lisa Ondra
Oct. 4	Todd & Laurie Pipitone & family
11	Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky & family
18	Rick & Amy Sitterley
25	Bill & Emily Smith

### **Flowers:**

Sept. 6	Loving memory of Jerome Majewski from his children & grandchildren
13	Loving memory of James & Edna Hoffman from their family
20	<b>OPEN</b>
27	Cal & Joan Bucknam in loving memory of M/M Laurence Bucknam
Oct. 4	Dave & Carol Fanelli in loving memory of their family members
11	<b>OPEN</b>
18	Roberta Main and families in loving memory of M/M Harry Dunk
25	Roy Vanderwall in loving memory of Martha Vanderwall

### **Nursery:**

Sept. 6	Lisa Premyslovsky, Brennan Pipitone & Quinton Holcomb
13	Lisa, Brennan & Kerstin Pipitone
20	Lisa, Brennan & Thomas Premyslovsky
27	Lisa, Brennan & Kaylie Cauthen
Oct. 4	Deb Thompson, David Premyslovsky & Quinton
11	Deb, David & Kerstin
18	Deb, David & Thomas
25	Deb, David & Kaylie

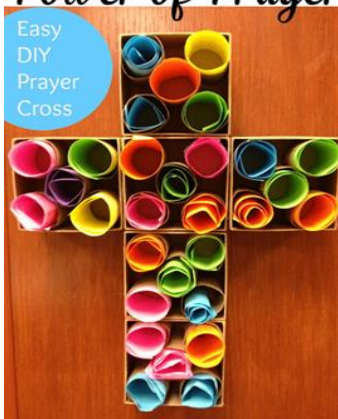
### **Refreshments:**

Sept. 6	Emily Smith
13	Chastity Thompson
20	Deb Thompson
27	Linda VanderMeere
Oct. 4	Carol Wandersee
11	Deb Wood
18	Joyce Bucknam
25	Tina Haak

You will need 6 boxes about the same size and 30 sheets of different colored paper.

- † Using different colored paper, have your child put a praise or prayer request on a sheet of paper each day.
- † Roll up and put 5 days of prayer/thanks in each box.
- † At the end of 30 days they will have a very colorful cross and learn the Power of Prayer.

How to teach kids the  
*Power of Prayer*





# Laughter is the Best Medicine

## IF YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS, THIS IS A HOOT:

- The Dentist Hymn:  
Crown Him with Many Crowns
- The Weatherman Hymn:  
There Shall be Showers of Blessings
- The Contractor Hymn:  
The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor Hymn:  
Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer Hymn:  
There is a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician Hymn:  
Standing on the Promises
- The Optometrist Hymn:  
Open My Eyes That I May See
- The IRS Agent Hymn:  
I Surrender All
- The Gossip Hymn:  
Pass it On
- The Shopper Hymn:  
Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor Hymn:  
I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
- The Massage Therapists Hymn:  
He Touched Me
- The Doctor Hymn:  
The Great Physician
- The Airplane Pilot Hymn:  
I'll Fly Away
- And for those who speed on the highway a few Hymns:
- † 45mph - God Will Take Care of You
  - † 65mph - Nearer My God To Thee
  - † 85mph - This World is Not My Home
  - † 95mph - Lord, I am Coming Home
  - † 100mph - Precious Memories



## COVID 19 FUNNIES!

When does season TWO of 2020 start?  
I Do Not like season one.

I am done with my 90-day trial of 2020.  
How do I cancel my membership?

If it is true that stress bring on weight loss...  
Why am I not invisible!

COVID Realities:  
Anyone else getting a tan from  
the refrigerator light?

# For Children (Of all ages)

## How to Pray For Kids

- 1** **Question:** What can I pray about?  
**Answer:** ANYTHING! God wants you to talk to Him about everything in your life. Nothing is too big or too small to talk to God about.
- 2** **Question:** When and where should I pray?  
**Answer:** ANYTIME and ANYWHERE! It doesn't matter where you are; you can always talk to God. He is always with you.
- 3** **Question:** How long should my prayer last?  
**Answer:** You can pray for one second or for hours. God is always listening! He loves for you to talk to Him.
- 4** **Question:** Can I pray with my friends?  
**Answer:** ABSOLUTELY! Praying with your friends will make your faith and your friendships stronger.
- 5** **Question:** Should I always fold my hands?  
**Answer:** Folding your hands and closing your eyes may help you to concentrate on your prayer, but you don't have to. You can talk to God while riding your bike or just sitting quietly.
- 6** **Question:** Should I pray out loud?  
**Answer:** God hears you whether you pray out loud or silently. Sometimes praying out loud helps you to stay focused on your prayer. Praying silently can be done wherever you are. God hears your prayers no matter how you say them!

## Just for KIDS

### Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Deuteronomy 7:20 _____

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket