



# **The Messenger**

**Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter**

***January, February 2021***

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



# New Year Prayer

God grant us this year a wider view,  
So we see others' faults through the eyes of You.  
Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue,  
Neither the adult ... nor the young.

Give us patience and grace to endure  
And a stronger faith so we feel secure.  
Instead of remembering, help us forget  
The irritations that caused us to fret.

Freely forgiving for some offense  
And finding each day a rich recompense.  
In offering a friendly, helping hand  
And trying in all ways to understand;

That all of us whoever we are ...  
Are trying to reach an unreachable star.  
For the great and small ... the good and bad,  
The young and old ... the sad and glad

Are asking today; Is life worth living?  
The answer is only in, loving and giving.  
For only Love can make man kind  
And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.

By giving love, we can start this year  
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.

~ author : *Helen Steiner Rice*

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nubia\\_group/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nubia_group/)



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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Consistory	First Tues. of the mo.
Women's Mission Ministry	First Mon. of the mo.
Prayer Meeting	Last Wed. of the mo.
Educational Media Night	Second Wed. of mo.
Youth Group	TBA

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

#### **Consistory:**

#### **Elder**

Chris Bucknam	315-576-7791
Jack Thompson	585-509-0792
David Ondra	585-831-1941

#### **Deacon**

Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Scott Thompson	585-944-9177
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699

#### **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

### **INSIDE:**

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### **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:**

- ♥ Chuck Lehman
- ♥ Thelma Schuldt
- ♥ Mary Hawkins
- ♥ Linda VanderMeere
- ♥ Tina Haak
- ♥ Jim Murray
- ♥ Jessica Locey (Lenny & Roberta's grandson's fiancé)
- ♥ Deb & Gary Wood
- ♥ Our members in Care Facilities
  - Ruth Moore
  - Phil Proeto
- ♥ Missionaries supported by our church
  - **John & Laura Imaio**, college ministries
  - **Ahuas Doctors Ministry** in Honduras
  - **Greg & Jean Davis** - Bridges International
- ♥ Our church as we work in the Lord's name



### **Community, Country and the World**

- Watch over and protect those who are homeless, not with their families or facing hardship during this holiday
- Those affected by the Corona Virus
- Teachers, administrators, staff and our young people
- Those with hatred in their hearts
- Those persecuted in the name of the Lord
- The USA, and our leaders
- Veterans of the USA
- Our military serving proudly in the Armed Forces
- Agencies of help in our area
  - Green Angels
  - Good Neighbor Fund
  - Meals-on-Wheels
  - Grace House
  - CareNet Crisis Center
  - East Palmyra Christian School
  - Macedon/Palmyra Food Pantry

**Address Changes** (Please change these addresses in your Church Directory):

- ♥ Jack & Deb Thompson's address has changed to 232 Canandaigua St., Palmyra. Yes, they are residing in the parsonage!
- ♥ Scott & Chastity Thompson have moved to 2849 Daansen Rd., Walworth, NY 14568.

### **Retirement:**

We had the pleasure of having **Rev. Bill Hoffman**

as our worship leader on Dec. 6. This was Rev. Bill's last sermon as he is retiring after serving the RCA for 59 years. Our prayers and blessings to you! Thank you, Bill!

**Christians Retirement Benefits are out of this world.**

**Condolences:**

- **Carolyn Otterness**, after a determined fight against cancer, went home to our Lord. Carolyn and Richard were missionaries we supported when they were in the mission field.
- **Carolyn Adriaansen** entered into rest on November 18, 2020. She was historian for the town of Marion for 43 years; a member of the Second Reformed Church of Marion; and she presented and attended a number of activities at our church.
- **Kailee Kwiecie** – “I am heartbroken to let you know that Kailee died after a 7-year battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. She was 9 years old and the love and light of our lives. We love all our grandchildren, but Kailee was the first and fought the hardest to survive day after day. She taught us a great deal about perseverance and spunk. We shall miss her beyond words. I know that she is lighting up heaven as we speak, enjoying being pain free at long last.” Grace and peace, Anita Manuele
- **Pastor John Imaio's wife, Betty**, went home to her Lord Dec. 14. Our church supports their son, John, in the college mission field in Rochester. Pastor John has been a much-loved worship leader in our church. Our sincere sympathy to the family.
- **Sally Hoffman** passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 15 morning with Rev. Bill by her side. Bill said “She is in glory and God is with me”. He thanks us for our prayers.
- **Milton Wadsworth** passed away on Dec. 17. He is now home with his Lord. His funeral service was held Sat., Jan. 2 in Wolcott, NY. Our prayers go out to his wife, Mysty.

**LORD, PLEASE BE WITH THESE FAMILIES and GIVE THEM PEACE AND COMFORT**

**Happy Birthday:**

(Pease contact Carol Fanelli for corrections)

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| Jan. 2 | Bella Gowen    |
| 5      | Jack Thompson  |
| 11     | Kaylie Cauthen |

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| 12 | Emily Ondra     |
| 14 | Hunter Thompson |
| 22 | Collin Clark    |
| 24 | Calvin Bucknam  |
| 29 | Logan Dayton    |
| 31 | Tina Haak       |

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| Feb. 1 | Joan Bucknam      |
| 8      | Karen Swartele    |
| 9      | Amy Sitterley     |
| 14     | Deb Wood          |
| 15     | Roy Vanderwall    |
| 19     | Sharon Taber      |
| 21     | Jerry Majewski    |
| 22     | Chastity Thompson |
| 24     | Mike Fordon       |
| 24     | Sharon Dayton     |

**Happy Anniversary:**

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|--------|---------------------------|
| Jan. 2 | Cal & Joan Bucknam        |
| 15     | Roger & Barb Geesaman     |
| 19     | Scott & Chastity Thompson |
| 23     | Gary & Deb Miller         |

**Congratulations:**

**Preston & Emily Smith** had a baby boy, Ezekiel Arthur Smith in Nov. Susie is now a big sister! God's blessings to the family!

**Emily & Bill Smith** found out that they are having a baby heifer – or a baby girl in non-cow language. Their baby is due this coming March.

**Lord, please bless these young families!**

**Thank You**

We collected 39 boxes for **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** through Samaritans Purse. When we dropped the boxes off at the drop-off site, they were so pleased because the donation numbers are down by half. Thank you to all who helped in any way. We pray for the children who received the boxes!



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**Todd, Laurie, Brennan and Kerstin Pipitone** would like to extend a big thank you for all of your prayers over the last eight months. Todd was let go from his position at Goodwill right before COVID and had difficulty finding work. Through the grace of God and with your prayers and support, he was hired and has started a new position as the Marketing and Project Coordinator with the RCA. Praise God!

**Cookie baking** was a lot of fun on Dec. 6. We had baking and decorating going on in both the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall. Due to restrictions from the Corona, everyone wore a mask and took home the cookies that they decorated or baked.



A thank you note was received from **Anita Manuele** thanking us for our prayers and support during the years that **Kailee** struggled with cancer. Kailee is now with our Lord. Anita's card is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to **Lenny & Roberta Main** for decorating the church.

Thank you to those who helped in any way for the **Christmas luncheon and Children's Program** on Dec. 13.



Thank you to **everyone** who brought in poinsettias in honor of loved ones. Thank you again!

A huge thank you to our **Ministerial Search Committee**. **Todd Pipitone** is our chairman with **Amy Sitterley** as secretary. They have assessed the survey that was given to the congregation. A new church profile will be drawn up. May God bless their work and guide them in His wishes.

**Christmas caroling was GREAT!** Ten from the church went caroling to Eunice Reynolds, Elaine Bushart, Janet Bushart, Virginia Wilson, Cornie VanderWerf and Deb & Jim Murray's homes. The weather was perfect – thank you Lord! Next year we want to end with hot chocolate. Thank you to **Audrey Hohenboken** for putting this together.



Thank you to **Cal Bucknam** for collecting the used stamps and mailing them to the Stamp Alliance in Florida. Please save the used stamps off of your mail and put them in the container on the recycling shelves in the kitchen. This year the Alliance received \$24,000 worth of stamps for religious educational materials.

**Thank you all** for being so supportive in this year of struggles and always placing God first. **God is in charge, always.**

## **Announcements**

**Please note: Activities have been planned for the coming year BUT all of these activities are subject to sudden change because of Covid guideline changes.**

**Congregational meeting** results from Nov. 22 are:

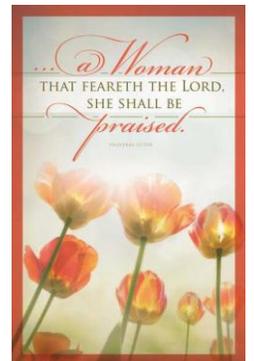
- 2021 budget was approved
- An additional Deacon was added to Consistory:
  - Todd Pipitone was voted in as Deacon for 2 years
- Scott Thompson was re-elected as Deacon for 2 years
- Chris Bucknam and Jack Thompson were re-elected as Elders

**NEW – Educational Media Night** - each month on the second Wednesday of the month there will be an evening of Christian education. Bible Study/Prayer Meetings will continue on the last Wed. of the month. ALL are invited to attend either one or both of these sessions. Dates are Jan. 13 and Feb. 10.

**Women's Ministry- 4:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 4 – Lisa Premyslovsky** is the hostess

**Feb. 1 – Carol Fanelli** will be the hostess



**Consistory meeting at 7:30pm**  
**Jan. 5 and Feb. 2**

These meetings are open meetings - congregants are welcome to attend.

## Mission of the Month

- Jan. 3 - Maasai Medical Ministry
- Feb. 7 – Hope English Medium School tuition Grants

A special collection will be taken for these missions

## Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 27

Feb. 24

**Jan. 10 - Induction Ceremony for Todd Pipitone** into Consistory as a deacon. This ceremony will take place during the regular morning service. Rev. John Eichenberger will perform the ceremony.



**Jan. 13 - Wednesday – Education Media Night at 7:00pm at church** – The movie of the life story of preacher Charles Spurgeon will be presented - he is called the prince of preachers. **All** are invited to attend!

**Jan. 14 – The Search Committee** will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Jan. 17 – Chili Cook-Off** - This is a cook-off to see who makes the best chili and thus get their name on our “coveted” *Chili Plaque*. Please bring a homemade chili or another main dishes (in case you do not like chili). In keeping with the Covid guidelines, non-hot items will be provided.

**Feb. 13 – Valentine Day Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast is provided by the Women’s Ministry and is open to ALL. Bring family, friends and neighbors.

**Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day**



**Feb. 21 – Soup Luncheon**

This is a long-standing tradition at PRC dating back at least 50 years. Louis & Alma Haak started it. Please bring a pot of soup or chili. In keeping with the Covid guidelines, only hot items are to be brought in.



## 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](http://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.

## Please remember to save for others:

1. **Reformed Church of Palmyra** has boxes & containers (in the kitchen by the recycling shelves) for:

- a. Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
- b. Used greeting cards – VA Hospital
- c. Pull top tabs from beverage cans – for dialysis patients
- d. Food Pantry items



Spaghetti sauce	Pasta	Juices
Pancake mix	Syrup	Jelly
Peanut Butter	Toilet Paper	Bread
Canned fruit	Hygiene items	Soaps
Reusable grocery bags		

2. **East Palmyra Christian School:**

- a. St. Pauly’s Textile shed – Bring your gently used clothing, blankets, shoes, purses, linens, etc. to the shed in their parking lot
- b. Used printer ink cartridges – At the school, put in the container outside of the school
- c. EPCS is still collecting Box Tops for Education in addition to the electronic box tops. They can be left outside the school in the used printer cartridge container
- d. They are now collecting returnable bottles; there is a container outside of the school for them.



# **HELPING HANDS**

(Greeter, teachers of Sunday School and Nursery will not take place until further notice. Just being safe!)

## **Flowers:**

- Jan. 3 Poinsettias  
10 Lenny & Roberta Main in loving memory of John & Kate Blankenberg  
17 Carol Wandersee in loving memory of deceased church members  
24 Cornie VanderWerf in loving memory of Bonnie VanderWerf  
31 **OPEN**



- Feb. 7 Bob & Linda VanderMeere, in loving memory of their son, Stephen, and his wife Amy VanderMeere  
14 **OPEN**  
21 Petr & Lisa in loving in memory of Nancy Ondra  
28 Dave & Carol Fanelli in loving memory of Carol's parents Margaret & Marinus Michielsens

## **Refreshments:**

- Jan. 3 Joyce Bucknam  
10 Janet Bushart  
17 Emily Smith  
24 Audrey Hohenboken  
31 Roberta Main
- Feb. 7 Carrie Nies  
14 Tina Haak  
21 Laurie Pipitone  
28 Lisa Premyslovsky



# **CALENDAR**

- Jan. 1 – **HAPPY 2021 – GOD'S NEW YEAR**  
3 – Mission of the Month  
4 – Women's Ministry  
5 – Consistory  
10 – Induction into Consistory  
13 – Educational Media Night  
14 – Search Committee meeting  
17 – Chili Cook-Off  
27 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

- Feb. 1 – Women's Ministry at 4:30pm  
2 – Consistory  
7 – Mission of the Month  
10 – Educational Media Night  
13 – Family Valentine Breakfast  
14 – Valentine Day  
21 – Soup Luncheon  
24 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting



# Laughter is the Best Medicine

After an exhaustive review of the research literature, here's the final word on nutrition and health:

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
3. Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
4. Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
5. Germans drink beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than us.
6. The French eat foie-gras, full fat cheese and drink red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than us

**\*CONCLUSION: \* Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.**

Thank you to Julie Welch for giving me this!

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A little old lady had just returned home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the midst of robbing her home, she yelled, "STOP! ACTS 2:38!" (That's the one that goes, "Repent and be baptized, in the name of the Lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.")

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police to explain what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, stunned. "She said she had an ax and two .38's!"

Thanks to Mary Hawkins for sending this to me!

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If 2020 was a math word-problem:

If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?

**Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese.**

Luis Bunuel

Thanks, Cal Bucknam, for keeping the funnies coming!

# For Children (Of all ages)

# NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY

Match the words and the pictures.



- 1 balloons 2 party hat 3 party horn 4 mask 5 New Year baby  
6 kiss 7 resolution 8 noise maker 9 Father Time  
10 New Year's Eve 11 New Year's Day  
12 greetings 13 cheers 14 fireworks

Find ten New Year words in the word search.

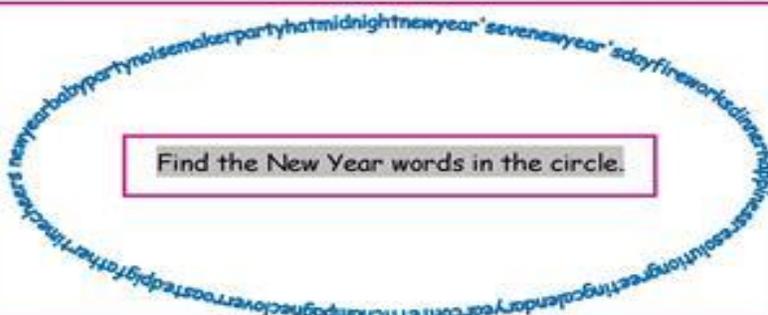
K	B	D	I	G	E	K	C
O	I	P	A	R	T	Y	A
H	O	S	C	E	L	E	L
O	E	U	S	E	K	A	E
R	V	H	A	T	R	R	N
N	E	L	P	I	C	T	D
A	D	I	N	N	E	R	A
W	I	H	U	G	L	K	R

Find the odd one out.

- 1 confetti - streamer - midnight - mask
- 2 greetings - sandwich - roasted pig - champagne
- 3 hat - mask - horn - angel
- 4 kiss - baby - dance - hug
- 5 countdown - twelve o'clock - clock - midnight



Find the New Year words in the circle.



What are they?



calendar hug greetings party mask  
cheers celebration fireworks resolution  
midnight

- 1 A time when you enjoy yourself because you have a special reason to be happy: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Twelve o'clock at night: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Putting your arms around somebody to show that you love them: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A meeting of friends, often in somebody's house, to eat, drink and perhaps dance: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 A word that you say to somebody when you have a drink together: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 A list of the days, weeks and months of one year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Something that you decide to do: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 A thing that you wear over your face to hide it: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 A container with special powder in it that sends out coloured lights and smoke or makes a loud noise when you burn it: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Words that you write or say to somebody at a special time: \_\_\_\_\_

Put the letters in the correct order.

- 1 aieknmseor: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 raypt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 aihfteamtr: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 pgaacnmhe: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 hrapytat: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 nirden: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 awreebnyyab: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 tiinhmdg: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 loanblo: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 ouisrtlneo: \_\_\_\_\_