

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



The Messenger

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

May & June, 2022

BLESSINGS OF EASTER:

Ascension



The **Ascension of Jesus** is Christian teaching that Christ physically departed from Earth by rising into Heaven, in the presence of eleven of his apostles. According to the New Testament narrative, the Ascension occurred forty days after the resurrection. In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, God exalted Jesus after his death, raising him from the dead and taking him to Heaven, where Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God.

Pentecost

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Reformed Church of Palmyra¹

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Sunday School (all ages)	Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Women's Ministry	First Mon. of month
Consistory	First Wed. of every month
Education/Media Night	2nd Wed. of month
Bible Study	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Wed. of ea. mo.
Youth Group	Held monthly
Jr. Church	During Sunday service
Nursery	During Sunday service

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Consistory:

Elder

Preston Smith	315-576-8680
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

PRAYER SUPPORT

If you would like Prayer Support, please:

- ♥ Call Preston Smith (315-576-8680) or a Consistory Member
- ♥ Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- ♥ Fill out a Prayer Request Form, found in the tract rack in the Sanctuary foyer
- ♥ Start the Prayer Chain, call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589

- Masks and hand sanitizers are available in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall
- The Offertory plates will not be passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and table by the elevator
- Sunday School, *all ages*, is from 9:30-10:15 am
- Closed-Circuit TV is downstairs in the Comfy Room

Please Keep in Prayer

Church Family - (Please contact Carol Fanelli for any changes)

- ♥ **Cornie VanderWerf**
- ♥ **Debbie Fox**
- ♥ **Mysty Wadsworth**
- ♥ **Shirley Sitterley**
- ♥ **Darlene Smith**
- ♥ **Steven Vanderwege**
- ♥ **Lorraine Healy**
- ♥ **Shelly Whyte**
- ♥ **Laura Crandall**
- ♥ **Gary Gendron**
- ♥ **Sherry DeMayo**
- ♥ **Peter Brown**
- ♥ **Jessica Locey**
- ♥ **Dan Buchiere**
- ♥ **Melvin Gendron**
- ♥ Our church, and all we stand for, in the name of our Lord!
- ♥ Those in Adult Care facilities
 - **Ruth Moore**
 - **Phil Proeto**

Community, Country and the World:

- ♥ The people in Ukraine and war zones
- ♥ Those with hatred in their hearts, please replace with love.
- ♥ Anyone incarcerated
- ♥ Employees within the facilities of incarceration
- ♥ Those persecuted for believing in, our Lord
- ♥ Those coping with/nervous about Covid 19
- ♥ Those in need of food, housing, or just a friend
- ♥ The missionaries we support
 - **John & Laura Imaio**, college ministries
 - **Ahuas Doctors Ministry** in Honduras
 - **Greg & Jean Davis** - Bridges International
- ♥ Please bless the agencies that help others in our communities:

- Meals On Wheels
- Green Angels
- Good Neighbor Fund
- Food Pantry
- East Palmyra Christian School
- Palmyra Community Center
- Care Net Crisis Center

PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family (716-512-0589).

Happy Birthday - VIRGINIA WILSON – Turned 100 on April 4.



A hundred blessings to You, and thank you for all the service you have given to our church and our Lord!

Praises to the Lord:

- ♥ **Cal Bucknam** (is home recuperating after heart surgery). Praise the Lord!
- ♥ Note from **Steve Vanderwege**:
 “Thank you so much for your prayer chain. I am out of ICU, out of the hospital, and back home. Will be on oxygen for a couple of months but doing better. Happy Easter!”
 The Lords blessings to you Steve.

Condolences are extended to ...

- † The family of **Rev. Harold Delhagen** (former minister at the Pultneyville Reformed Church), he passed away in March. May the Lord give his family comfort and peace.
- † **Allison Wood (daughter of Gary & Deb Wood and granddaughter to Eunice Reynolds)** on the passing of her partner, Casey Eldred. Casey installed the carpeting in the basement of the church. Lord your blessing and comfort to Allison and her family.
- † **Jim Murray’s** family; he passed away in March. He knew our Lord and went home to him after a long battle with his health. Lord, please be with his wife Debi and sons Sean and Michael.
- † The family of **Rex Smith; Preston’s father** went home to be with our Lord in April. Lord,

please give each family member comfort and peace.

- † To the family of **Kathy DePalo, Rocco Pizzirusso’s sister**. She passed away in April. Lord, please give comfort to Rocco and his family.
- † **Rev. Ed Allatt** went home to our Lord in April. “Rev. Ed” was a **beloved substitute** pastor in our church. Lord, thank you for sharing Rev. Ed with us and bless his family.

- † **Rev. John Iamaio** finished his work here on earth Apr. 29. He also was a much loved substitute pastor in our church. Lord, thank you for letting us know Rev. Iamaio. Please give his family comfort and peace.

Good Going Miles:

Miles Nies for earning his Black Belt! Way to go! Congratulations!!



Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Peter Mason** and fiancé, **Cheryl**; they are getting married on May 7. Lord, please bless them.



Promotion:

Newly promoted Corrections Sergeant Jodi Hares, was pinned by her brother Detective Sergeant Andrew Hares. Congratulations Jodi

New Arrivals:

- ♥ **Chris & Audrey Hohenboken** are celebrating being first time grandparents! Their son, **Jeff and Marybeth** on March 12, 2022 had baby girl Ella Louise Hohenboken. Congratulations to all. God, please bless this new family.
- ♥ **Chris and Audrey Hohenboken** are grandparents for the second time. The proud parents are **Kit & Kayla Hohenboken**. The new baby **Leslie Charles** was born April 24. Lord, please bless this young family.



Accepted at College: -

Hana Premyslovsky will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute near Boston, MA, studying mechanical engineering.



Graduating from college:

- † **Michele Mariconti** is graduating with her Associates degree in May. She is going on to get her Bachelors degree in psychology.
- † **Lonnie Hohenboken** will graduate from Charleston Southern University in May with his Bachelor’s degree. This is a special month for Lonnie – he is also getting married.
- † **Kit Hohenboken** is also graduating - from Trinity International University; he is receiving his Bachelor’s degree in philosophy.
- † **Ashley McMullen will graduate from** RIT/NTID in May, with a degree in American Sign Language - English interpreting.
- † **Karley Phillips** will graduate from Genesee Community College with a degree as a physical therapist assistant.

Lord, please guide and direct these servants to walk with You!

Happy Birthday: *(If you have a birthday or anniversary that is missing, please contact Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589).*

May	1	Elaine Bushart
	3	Lisa Premyslovsky
	4	Michele Mariconti
	6	Sadie Gowen
	7	Thomas Premyslovsky
	14	Eunice Reynolds
	17	Rick Sitterley
	26	Bob VanderMeere
	28	Katy Martin
	28	Emily A. Smith
June	5	Kerstin Pipitone
	14	Bill Smith
	14	Chris Bucknam
	16	Preston Mason
	20	Peter Mason

Happy Anniversary:

May	11	Chris & Joyce Bucknam
	24	Todd & Laurie Pipitone
	29	Josh & Glendalis Hale
June	27	Jack & Deb Thompson

THANK YOU

Note from Virginia Wilson “Thank you all for a wonderful 100th birthday. Also thank you for the CD player and CDs to listen to the Bible. What a beautiful gift. Thank you so much. Love to all.”

Note from Mysty Wadsworth: “Please tell everyone what a fantastic job Chris & Cal Bucknam did for the communion served to Mysty and friends at Woodlands, Egypt, NY. It was absolutely wonderful. He covered all the bases. It was the best I have ever been to. What a great ministry for the church.”

Eunice Reynolds would like to thank Preston Smith and Chris Bucknam for taking Communion to her. She was so very pleased! Thank you!!

Thank you to **Peter Mason** for leading the adult Sunday School during the month of April.

Thank you to those who helped in any way (i.e. hiding Easter eggs for the children) with our Easter celebration.

A BIG THANK YOU to our music leaders: **Joan Bucknam, Abbey Sitterley & Katy Martin and Dave Pesarek.**

Thank you to those who took our **Youth Group** bowling in February.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

On Apr. 23, the Women's Bible/Book Study started every Sat. from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. They are studying the book "Women of the Word". The books and supplies are free. Contact **Amy Sitterley**, if you are interested in joining them. Dates left are: May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.



Live Streaming - For those interested, we now "live stream" the Sermon and Children's Sermon. To view, go to palmyrareformedchurch.org, then go to the bottom and click on Facebook.

We are seeking a Choir Director! If you have any interest in directing the choir (weekly or bi-weekly), please contact Chris Bucknam (315-576-7791).

Job Opening- East Palmyra Christian School is in search of someone to fill the full-time position of a High-School Mathematics Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. A New York State Teaching Certification is not necessary; however, the individual must have some similar experience to draw on. Active membership in a local Bible-believing church is required. All resumes may be sent to rrobbins@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com.

Care Net Baby Bottle Fundraiser
On Mother's Day we will hand out baby bottles from CareNet Crisis Center. Please put change and/or quiet money in them. They will be collected on Father's Day. This money will help support the work this organization is doing in giving Christian-based advice to females and males alike when they are in a crisis situation.

Mission of the Month is the first Sunday of each month. A new charity is highlighted each month. A special offering will be taken.
May 1 – Good Neighbor Fund
June 5 – TBD

Women's Ministry at 7:00 p.m.
May - Elma Fox is our hostess. ALL ladies are invited to attend.
June 6 – no formal meeting, but all ladies are invited to go out to dinner with us, we are going to Macedon Hill on Rt.31 in Macedon.

Consistory meets at 7:00 p.m. each month. Congregants are welcome to come to the meeting.
May 10
June 1

Education/Media Night is held the second Wed. of each month. There is a different topic each month at 7:00 p.m. and POP CORN for the movie. The dates are: **May 11**
June 8

Scott Thompson is our **building superintendent**. Please, anyone wishing to use the church or Fellowship Hall, contact Scott (585-944-9177) to see if it is available and to schedule its use.

We are looking for someone to learn the video and/or audio equipment. Please contact **Rick Sitterley (585-329-0307)** or **Petr Premyslovsky (315-879-1791)** if you are interested.

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting - Each Wednesday (except when there is Consistory or Education/Media Night), Bible Study will be held at the church at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome to attend – bring friends and neighbors.

May 8

- **Mother's Day luncheon.** ALL mothers are invited! This is our way of saying thank you to our Moms! We would love to have you stay.
- **CareNet Crisis Center baby bottles** will be handed out and collected on Father's Day in June.

May 10 (Tuesday) – Consistory at 7:00 p.m.

May 11 – Educational/Media movie – The Visual Bible: Matthew is a 1993 film portraying the life of Jesus as it is found in the Gospel of Matt. The complete Gospel is presented word-for-word based on the New International Version of the Bible.



May 12 – 4H Meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

May 14 – Men's Breakfast at 9:00am at church.
Please bring a breakfast item.

May 18 and 25 - Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome, bring friends.



May 30 – Memorial Day! To those who courageously gave their lives and those who bravely serve today.

June 6 – The ladies are going out for dinner.

Destination is **Macedon Hills** on Rt. 31 in Macedon. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:00 or at the church at 4:40 if you wish to car pool. Let Lisa Premyslovsky know so someone is there to pick you up.

June 11 – Black Hart Food Truck will be at the church from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Spread the word! GOOD Bar-B-Q! Monies received will go to the Women’s Ministry for their mission work.

June 15, 22, 29 - Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome, bring friends.

June 19

- **Father’s Day Strawberry Social** after the morning service. In honor of ALL fathers, we will have biscuits, ice cream, STRAWBERRIES and whipped cream.
- **Bring back baby bottles for CareNet** and put on the side table in the Sanctuary. Help promote the idea of pro-life and Christian values.

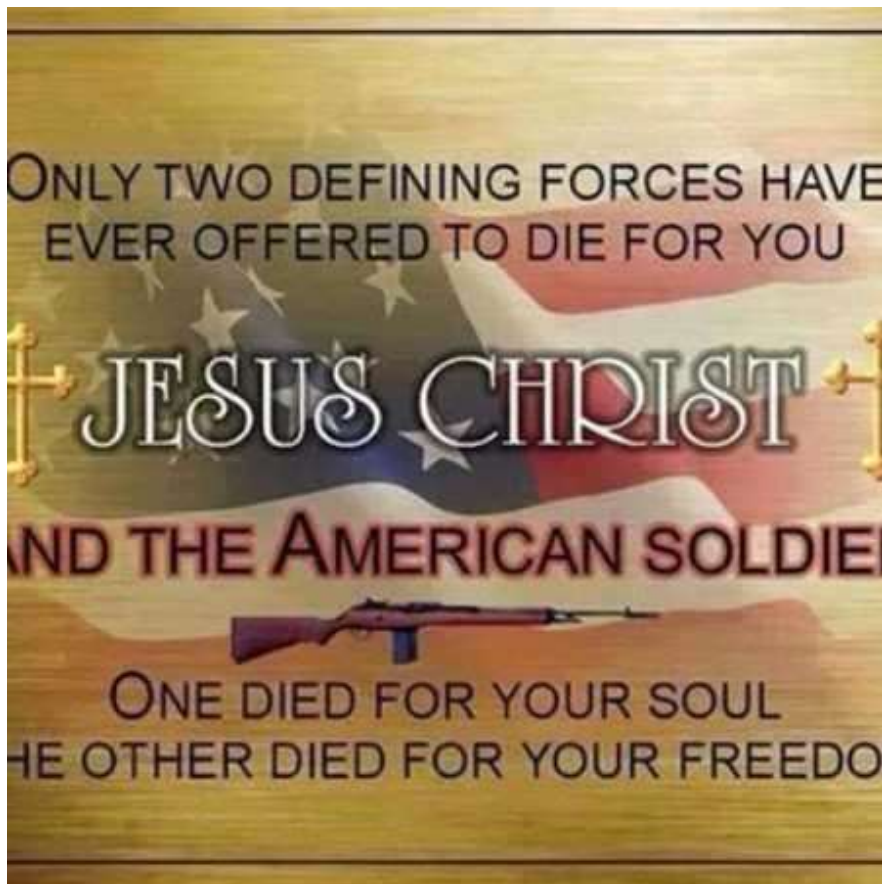
June 25 – Women’s Breakfast with Andrea Burk.

Breakfast will be provided. Please meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Let **Amy Sitterley** (585-491-0706) know if you are coming so they have a food head count.

Envelope Offerings for March & April were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>MOM</u>
Mar. 6	51	\$3,391.51	\$ 815	\$110.00
				(Community Ctr)
	13	\$2,905.43	\$ 235	\$ 20.00
				(Community Ctr)
	20	\$ 989.93	\$ 315	
	27	\$1,273.45	\$ 180	
Apr. 3	60	\$3,652.64	\$ 630	\$101.00
				(Food Pantry)
	10	\$1,073.29	\$ 305	
	17	\$3,022.83	\$ 457	
	24	\$1,589.46	\$ 310	

Memorial Day



HELPING HANDS

Flowers:

May 1 Tracy Lush in loving memory of Betty, Norm & Scott Lush and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cook
 8 **MOTHER'S DAY**
 Cal & Joan Bucknam in loving memory of Jake & Florence Cleason
 15 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Petr's parents, Franticek & Miloslava Pemyslovsky
 22 Todd & Laurie Pipitone
 29 Bob & Linda VanderMeere
June 5 Carol Wandersee in loving memory of her mother, Norma Reitz
 12 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Nancy Ondra
 19 **FATHER'S DAY**
 Richard Vanderwege in loving memory of Marvin and Anna Mae Vanderwege
 26 Jack & Deb Thompson in loving memory of family members who have passed away

Refreshments:

May 1 Roberta Main
 8 Women's Ministry/Tina Haak
 15 Audrey Hohenboken
 22 Roberta Main
 29 Ashley McMullen
June 5 Laurie Pipitone
 12 Lisa Premyslovsky
 19 Strawberry Social
 26 Raquel Reyes

Greeter/Usher:

May 1 Lenny & Roberta Main
 8 Dave & Lisa Ondra family
 15 Premyslovsky family
 22 Rick & Amy Sitterley
 29 Bill & Emily Smith
June 5 Jack & Deb Thompson
 12 Scott & Chastity Thompson
 19 Chris Bucknam
 26 Joseph Day



CALENDAR

May 1 – Mission of the Month focusing on the **Good Neighbor Fund.** A special offering will be taken.

May 2 – Women's Ministry

May 8 – Mother's Day luncheon

May 8 – CareNet Baby Bottles handed out

May 10 - Consistory at 7:00 p.m.

May 11 – Education/Media Night

May 12 – 4H Meeting at church

May 18 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

May 25 – Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

May 30 – Memorial Day

June 1 – Consistory

June 5 – Mission of the Month

June 6 – The women are going out to dinner

June 8 – Education/Media Night

June 9 – 4H meets in the church at 6:30

June 11 – Black Hart Food Truck

June 15 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

June 19 – Father's Day Strawberry Social

June 19 – Return CareNet Baby Bottles

June 22 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

June 29 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

JUST 4 FUN

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children *understand what we are teaching*???

Through the eyes of a child:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies.

Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets.

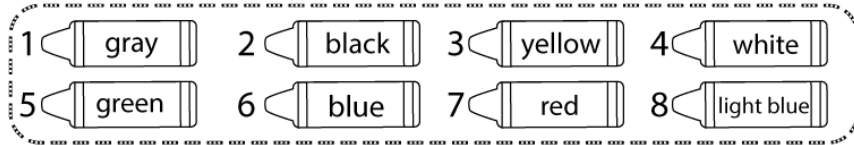
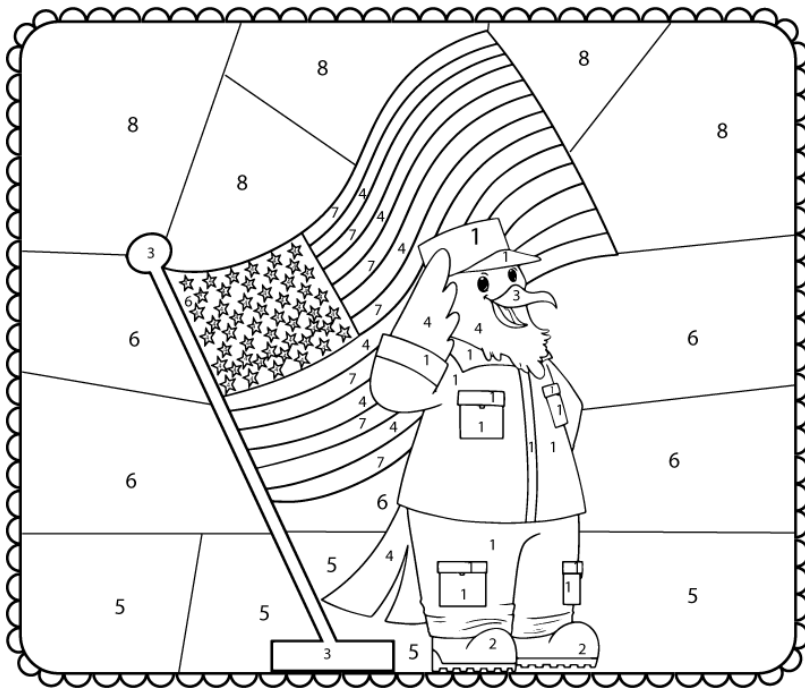
One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the End of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

For Children (Of all ages)





Memorial Day

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these Memorial Day terms?



G	P	H	R	E	D	P	R	O	U	D	Q	F	R
P	M	I	E	E	D	I	S	T	U	O	B	T	A
R	E	I	F	P	H	M	L	O	R	D	B	A	S
L	M	O	R	O	O	N	E	U	A	V	L	C	
L	O	M	E	O	T	R	U	R	B	F	F	C	E
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SUMMER
MEMORIAL
PROUD
HOTDOG
BRAVE
OUTSIDE
HAMBURGER
ANNUAL
FREEDOM
FUN
PATRIOTIC
PARTY
FIREWORKS
RED
MEMORIES
POOLS
LOYAL
BBQ



Name: _____

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