

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



# **The Messenger**

**Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter**

***January, February 2023***

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.



## ***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

*“And let us consider one another. . .not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)*

My daughter Randi’s artistic eye analyzes the empty space of the 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle we’ve nearly completed. She spots the missing piece in a pile that looks all the same to me. Across the table, my husband, Russ, has no method, only madness. He crams similar shapes into holes and insists they fit, which elicits a sharp “Dad!” from Randi.

What a pleasant Sunday afternoon, except something is missing.

Due to my husband’s ongoing health concerns, we haven’t been able to attend church for several months. Instead, we watch services online in our living room. I’m grateful technology allows us to worship at home, but my soul feels like something is missing.

I brushed my fingers over our unfinished project. An unassembled puzzle is a useless pile of pieces, but once each piece finds its place, an intricate image emerges. The same is true for believers. We need to be connected together as the body of Christ.

Jesus modeled the importance of connecting with others. He assembled the disciples to “follow Me”-two words He stated twenty times in the Gospels. Jesus fellowshiped with friends and tax collectors (Mark 2:15). Jesus brought the disciples together for the Last Supper (Matthew 26:20).

Like our puzzle, I feel unfinished being disconnected from the body of Christ. *So that’s why I feel so out of place with church online.* I need to assemble, to interlock with a body of believers to feel complete.

Puzzle solved!

Karen Sargent from “*Mornings with Jesus*”

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

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

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Sunday School (all ages)	Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Church	During Sunday service
Nursery	During Sunday service
Women's Ministry	1st Mon. of the month
Consistory	1st Wed. of the month
Education/Media Night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month
Men's Breakfast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month
Bible Study	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Wed. of ea. mo. 11:00am (lunch) & 7:00pm
Youth Group	Held monthly

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Consistory:

##### **Elder**

Preston Smith	315-576-8680
Chris Bucknam	315-576-7791
David Ondra	585-831-1941
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307

##### **Deacon**

Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699
Steve Hullings	585-797-3623
Josh Hale	585-305-5532

#### Other Position(s)

Petr Premyslovsky      Treasurer      315-879-1791

#### Sunday School Officers:

Superintendent	Lisa Premyslovsky	315-878-1813
Ass't Supt.	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
- ♥ Come to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays

- Sunday School, for all ages, is from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- The Offertory plates will not be passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and the table by the elevator
- Venmo is available as a way you may make donations
- Closed-Circuit TV of the service is downstairs in the Comfy Room
- Sheets for taking notes are available, ask the greeter for them
- Our service is **live streamed**. To view, go to [palmyrareformedchurch.org](http://palmyrareformedchurch.org) then go to the bottom and click on Facebook

## Please Keep in Prayer

### Church Family:

*Contact Carol Fanelli to have a name added and also let her know when a name can come off of the list: 716-512-0589.*

- Jessica (Len & Roberta's granddaughter)
- Bob Sitterley (Rick Sitterley's father)
- Steve Nittolo, Linda (Steve is home)
- Ann Taylor (friend of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- Mysty Wadsworth (in Highland at Brighton)
- Barbara DeLue, Marcia & Barb's family (Marcia Marsille's mother)
- Laura Crandall (mother to Kerstin Pipitone's friend)
- Dan Buchiere (Rocco's friend)
- Zachary Thomas (brother of Pipitone's friends)
- Jim & Maria Delvecchio
- PRC members in assisted living facilities
  - **Ruth Moore**
  - **Phil Proeto**
  - **Mysty Wadsworth**
- PRC member in rehab facilities
  - **Butch VanEpps**

### Community, Country, and the World:

- Those of our church family facing personal challenges
- Our church family
- Those in the military and our veterans
- Those in prisons
- The thousands who have/are suffering from natural disasters
- Our government officials
- Those persecuted for their faith
- Missionaries that our church support
  - Ahuas Doctors Ministry in Honduras
  - Greg & Jean Davis - Bridges International
- All missionaries around the world

- Replace hatred with love in people's hearts
- Blessings and protection to the Ukrainian people
- The local organizations who help our community
  - Food Pantry
  - Green Angels
  - Good Neighbor Fund
  - Grace House
  - CareNet Crisis Center
  - East Palmyra Christian School
  - Palmyra Community Center

*PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family.*

**Update:**

- **Mysty Wadsworth** is in Highland at Brighton, 5901 Lac De Ville Blvd., Rochester, NY 14618
- **Elsie VanGee** is home from rehab
- **Steve Nittolo** (Elma Fox's son-in-law) is home also
- **Butch VanEpps** is at Jewish Home for rehab after his last leg surgery

**Todd Pipitone** – Check out the newspaper article on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. It is a nice write-up about Todd Pipitone.

**Congratulations to:**

- ♥ Steve and Brittany Hullings on the arrival of their beautiful son, Oslo.

**Condolences to:**

- ♥ Jack Thompson's aunt or Betty Thompson's sister passed away in Nov.

- ♥ Peter Mason's sister, she lived in England, passed away in Nov.
- ♥ Please keep Dave Kish and his aunt and cousins in your prayers; his Uncle Dennis passed away.

May God give them peace and comfort that can come only with His love.

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

Jan.	2	Bella Gowen
	5	Jack Thompson
	9	Dakota McMullen
	11	Kaylie Thompson
	12	Emily Ondra
	14	Hunter Thompson
	17	Brittany Hullings
	19	Raquel Reyes
	24	Calvin Bucknam -
	31	Tina Haak



Feb.	1	Joan Bucknam
	1	Steven Crane Hullings
	5	Darlene Smith
	9	Amy Sitterley
	11	Owen & Olivia Kish
	14	Deb Wood
	15	Roy Vanderwall
	15	Whitney Welch
	19	Sharon Taber
	22	Chastity Thompson
	26	Rinley Hullings
	28	Jodi Hares

**Happy Anniversary:**

Jan.	2	Cal & Joan Bucknam (69 years)
	15	Roger & Barb Geesaman
Feb.	19	Scott & Chastity Thompson

**THANK YOU**

Our thanks to **Shayne Buyck** for accompanying our organist with his violin during the morning services.

Our thanks to **Emily & Alan Pulcini** for providing special music.

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to **Carol Wandersee** for bringing the boxes to the drop-off site. We packed 75 boxes for less fortunate children in the USA and around the world.

Thank you to all our Advent readers: **Whitney Welch, Caleb & Joanna Mason, Karl & Carrie Nies, Rick & Amy Sitterley, Premyslovsky family.**

There were so many activities for the celebration of Jesus' birth - - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!!

The church received a phone call from one of our Angel Tree recipients: He said "he was elated, surprised, thrilled beyond measure, and blessed by his angel and our whole church for making his Christmas wonderful. He LOVED, LOVED his modge podge paints and he is addicted to the tootsie rolls." It was Dave, and his angels were Bill & Emily Smith BUT our thanks to ALL the angels - not all the recipients have the means to express their thanks.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mission of the Month is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month.** In Jan. the mission is the Palmyra Community Center.

**Women's Ministry will meet on Jan. 3 with Laurie & Kerstin Pipitone as our hostesses. Feb. 6 Lisa Premyslovsky will be our hostess.**

**Consistory at 7:00 pm – Jan. 4 and Feb. 1**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month is Media Education Night with a movie and popcorn. Jan. 11 and Feb. 8**

Our Dec. movie was the Muppet Christmas Carol movie – it was so cute and a lot of fun.

**Men's Breakfast is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of every month at 8:00 am.** Bring your Bible, dish to pass and a neighbor/friend, cousin, boss, father or brother.  
**Jan. 21 and Feb. 18**

**Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and sometimes 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month:  
**Jan. 18 & 25 and Feb. 15 & 22**

- Morning Study is 11:00 a.m. with lunch
- Evening Study is 7:00 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting results** were the election of Rick Sitterley & Chris Bucknam as Elders; Steve Hullings, Josh Hale & Todd Pipitone as Deacons; and passing of the budget for 22-23.

Our containers (for leftover food) are getting low. We need clean larger containers for our Church's "Non-Tupperware" bin.

Be careful when walking in from the parking lot. The church has plowing services and the men salt the area but there is always some ice that lays in wait for an unsuspecting walker. Be Careful!

## **JANUARY**

**Jan. 1 – Communion Service celebrated.** Please contact Preston or Consistory member to have communion brought to you if you can't come to church.

**Jan. 6 – Epiphany** - The word Epiphany means "manifestation," "showing," or, less literally, "a moment of recognition." Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation of Jesus. It celebrates the fact that Jesus came to all people. The story most often associated with Epiphany is that of Wise Men from

the East following the star as it led them to Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12). Foreigners bowing before the new king show that God offers the Messiah to the whole world, not to just one race or nation.



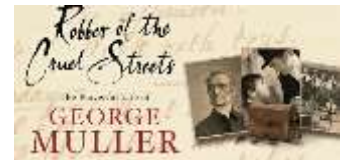
**Jan. 8 is our CHILI COOK-OFF**

Our best cook last year was Kerstin Pipitone – can you beat her?

- ♥ Bring a pot of chili (or a different dish if you do not like chili);
- ♥ Get a number for your pot from Carol Fanelli
- ♥ After the morning service, taste as many chili's as you wish
- ♥ Vote for your favorite
- ♥ The one with most votes gets their name on the Chili Plaque for 2023

**Jan. 11 – Media Education Night - Join us at 7:00 PM for our next Educational Media Night event!**

We will be watching the film: **Robber of The Cruel Streets**. It is the story of George Muller, (1805-1898) a German playboy who discovered his need for Christ and then gave his life to serve Him unreservedly. His mission was to rescue orphans from the wretched street life that enslaved so many children in England during the time of Charles Dickens and his book, Oliver Twist.



## **FEBRUARY**

**Feb. 4 – Women's Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. with Andrea Burke** as guest speaker, she is the Director of Women's Ministry at Grace Rd. Church. Breakfast pizza, etc. will be provided.

**Feb. 11 – Family Valentine Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.** This is a thank you from the Women's Ministry for all the help that our congregation gives them during the year.

**Feb. 19 – Soup Luncheon**

Everyone is asked to please bring a pot of soup (or other dish) or a side for soup (crackers, bread, etc.) No contest, just GOOD soup to enjoy.

This is a long-standing tradition at PRC! Louie & Alma Haak started it in their home back in the 70's. We have continued the tradition. It is a way to warm up the dreary month of Feb.

**Feb. 26 – LENT BEGINS!** Do you want to read?

*These are in addition to our regular activities.*



**Worship Leader**

Jan. 1 Preston Smith  
 8 Peter Mason  
 15 Preston Smith  
 22 Preston Smith  
 29 Preston Smith

**Liturgists**

Jan. 1 Chris Bucknam  
 8 Chris Bucknam  
 15 Todd Pipitone  
 22 Rick Sitterley  
 29 Josh Hale

**Flowers:**

Jan. 1 Poinsettias  
 8 Lenny & Roberta Main  
 15 Carol Wandersee  
 22 Cornie VanderWerf  
 29 Owen & Olivia Kish  
 Feb. 5 Bob & Linda VanderMeere  
 12 Olivia & Owen Kish  
 19 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky  
 26 Dave & Carol Fanelli

**Refreshments:**

Jan. 1 Joyce Bucknam  
 8 Chili Cook-Off/Carol Fanelli  
 15 Glendalis Hale  
 22 Audrey Hohenboken  
 29 Roberta Main  
 Feb. 5 Ashley McMullen

12 Laurie Pipitone  
 19 Soup Luncheon/Lisa Premyslovsky  
 26 Raquel Reyes Kish

**Greeter/Usher:**

Jan. 1 Dave & Carol Fanelli  
 8 Dave & Carol Fanelli  
 15 Hale family  
 22 Chris & Audrey Hohenboken  
 29 Lenny & Roberta Main  
 Feb. 5 Dave Ondra  
 12 Premyslovsky family  
 19 Rick & Amy Sitterley  
 26 Bill & Emily Smith

**Jr. Church/Nursery**

Jan. 1 Billy & Emily Smith with David Premyslovsky  
 8 Lisa Premyslovsky, Jeff Brannon with Spencer Nies  
 15 Elena Colon, Glendalis Hale with Kerstin Pipitone  
 22 David & Raquel Kish with Thomas Premyslovsky  
 29 Jack & Deb Thompson with Kaylie Thompson  
 Feb. 5 Chris & Audrey Hohenboken with Brennan Pipitone  
 12 Billy & Emily with David  
 19 Lisa, Jeff with Spencer  
 26 Elena, Glendalis with Kerstin



**CALENDAR - Post on your refrigerator**

- Jan. 1 – Communion  
 – Mission of the Month
- Jan. 3 – Women’s Ministry 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 4 – Consistory at 7:00 pm
- Jan. 6 – Epiphany
- Jan. 8 – Chili Cook-Off
- Jan. 11 – Media Education Night 7:00 pm
- Jan. 18 – Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 25 – Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 1 – Consistory at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 4 – Ladies Breakfast Retreat 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 5 – Mission of the Month
- Feb. 6 – Women’s Ministry at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8 – Education/Media Night 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11 – Family Valentine Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 15 – Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 19 – Soup Luncheon
- Feb. 22 – Bible Study at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26 – Beginning of Lent

# JUST 4 FUN

## Flight 2023 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2023  
We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination – GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay blessed!

And welcome to 2023

Courtesy of Mary Hawkins!

## **I have no idea who came up with these. They are so funny!**

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 8:00 pm is the new midnight.
3. It's the start of a brand-new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
4. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
5. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
6. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
7. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
8. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
9. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
10. I run like the winded.



