

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



The Messenger

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

November, December, 2022



Advent

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13, NIV —



Twas the Month before Christmas

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When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying
Nor taking a stand.
See the PC Police had taken away
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say
December 25th is just a ' Holiday ' .
Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-Pod
Something was changing, something quite odd!
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to be found.
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your ears.
Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty
Are words that were used to intimidate me.
Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen
On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton !
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.
So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say

Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, not Happy Holiday !

Please, all Christians join together and wish everyone you meet MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christ is The Reason' for the Christ-mas Season!

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.
Jr. Church	During Sunday service
Nursery	During Sunday service
Women's Ministry	1st Mon. of month
Consistory	1st Wed. of month
Education/Media Night	2 nd Wed. of month
Men's Breakfast	3rd Sat of the month
Bible Study	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Wed. of ea. mo.
Youth Group	Held monthly

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
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699
Steve Hullings	585-797-3623

Other Positions

Petr Premyslovsky	Treasurer	315-879-1791
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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 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.

- Steve Nittolo, Linda, their family & Elma (Elma Fox's son-in-law)
- Linda Nieskes (Amy Sitterley's boss)
- SueAnne Monk (friend of Chris & Joyce Bucknam)
- Mysty Wadsworth
- Barbara DeLue & her family (Marcia Marsille's mother)
- Mike Canham (friend of Steve Hullings)
- Laura Crandall (mother to Kerstin Pipitone's friend)
- Dan Buchiere (Rocco's friend)
- Zachary Thomas (brother of Pipitone's friends)
- Jim & Maria Delvecchio
- Our church family in assisted living

Community, Country, and the World:

- Our law enforcement personnel
- Employees within the facilities of incarceration
- Inmates in prisons
- Those in need of food, housing, or just a friend
- Those persecuted for believing in our Lord
- The local organizations who help our community members
 - Food Pantry
 - Green Angels
 - Good Neighbor Fund
 - Meals-on-Wheels
 - Grace House
 - CareNet Crisis Center
 - East Palmyra Christian School
 - Palmyra Community Center

- Missionaries that our church support
 - John & Laura Iamaio, college ministries
 - 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
- Victims of natural disasters

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 Hospital. She fell and is bruised. There are no broken bones – thank the Lord.

Congratulations:

- **Congratulations to Dakota and Ashley McMullen!** Ashley had her baby on Oct. 28. I have no details as of today. Blessings on your new family Dakota & Ashley. Thank you Lord!
- **Billy & Emily Smith** and their farm ("Scootin' Thru Farm) were on the internet. Go to <https://share.newsbreak.com/1q8qvuvq1> to see the article.
- To **Cole (Lenny & Roberta's grandson) & Jessica**, they were married on Oct. 8. Jessica's health right now is better. Congratulations and praise the Lord!
- We are pleased to welcome new church members: **Marlene Slocum, Joyce Bucknam, Lisa Ondra, Josh & Glendalis Hale.** So glad you are with us!

Condolences to:

Chris & Joyce Bucknam on the passing of their friend James Monk. May God bring his family peace and comfort.

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

Nov.	9	Roberta Main
	10	Scott Thompson
	11	Gary Wood
	12	Ezekiel Smith
	12	Terry Gendron
	12	Linda VanderMeere
	15	Petr Premyslovsky
	16	Lucy Fordon
	16	Marcia Marsille
	16	Mysty Wadsworth
	17	Carrie Nies
	19	Mackenzie Thompson
	19	Joshua Thompson
	27	Mike Thompson
Dec.	6	Lonnie Hohenboken
	12	Josh Hale
	13	Lenny Main
	20	Dave Ondra
	21	Bill Hoffman
	22	Mylah Thompson
	29	Tim DeVey
	29	Suzy Smith
	30	Derrek Thompson
	31	Steve Marsille



Happy Anniversary:

Nov.	9	Colin & Taylor Bell
Dec.	9	Dave & Carol Fanelli

THANK YOU

Our thanks to anyone who helped with the Church picnic. Here are a few pictures:



Our thank to Rev. John Eikenberger for helping with the installation of our new members.

The Women's Ministry would like to thank **Sharon Taber** for her work putting together 14 batches of mix for the Dutch Fritters. She makes Canaltown Days Dutch Fritter Sale possible.

Our thanks to those who helped with the 2nd Annual Apple Festival. It was a lot of fun! The kids found out how to bob for apples. Thank you, Lisa Premyslovsky, for arranging it.



Our thanks to the many people who helped with the Chicken-N-Biscuit dinner on Oct. 17. The public was glad to dine-in and there was a lot of good fellowship while putting the dinner together. Thank you ALL who helped.

Thank you to our treasurers for their detailed work. You are truly appreciated.

Our thanks to our Financial Committee and Consistory. They work very diligently on our behalf.

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.

Nov. 5 – Daylight Saving Time – turn your clocks back 1 hr.

A new Bible Study has been started on the Wednesdays of evening bible study. It is at 9:00 a.m. at the church. If you cannot come out in the evening, this is the study for you.

Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to assist:

- ♥ **Learn the video and/or audio equipment** (just to fill in occasionally). Please contact Rick Sitterley (585-329-0307) or Petr Premyslovsky (315-879-1791) if you are interested in helping.
- ♥ **Choir Director!** If you have any interest in directing the choir (weekly or bi-weekly), please contact Chris Bucknam (315-576-7791).

There are several Christian CD's on the back table in the sanctuary that are free for the taking.

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

Be careful, please, when opening the doors under the kitchen sink; there are child proof locks on them.

Please have ALL bulletin requests, changes, etc., to **Carol Fanelli** by 5pm Wed. of each week by either emailing, texting, or calling. Thank you!

Advent will start on Nov. 27 – Readers will be needed for the Sundays of Advent. Please see Carol Fanelli if you will be a reader.

The Annual **Packing Day for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** will be held **Nov. 6** after the morning service. There is an itemized list attached if you would like bring items to pack in the boxes. Most important, pray for the children

receiving the boxes.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Nov. 20** after the morning service. There will be a light lunch of sub sandwiches from Breen's in Williamson. There are 2 Deacons and 2 Elders whose term is up and need to be replaced or re-elected. The Finance Committee will present the proposed church budget for the 2022-23 year for approval. Please note that only members can vote on items.

Consistory at 7:00 pm – open to our church family
Nov. 2 and **Dec. 7**

Mission of the Month - A special collection is taken in support of various organizations. These are the missions for Nov. & Dec.

Nov. 6 – Postage for Children's shoeboxes
Dec. 4 – Church World Service

Nov. 9 is Media Education Night 7:00 pm
AMERICAN GOSPEL: CHRIST CRUCIFIED:



The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. In our culture it is common for preachers to soften the offense of the cross, and the attributes of God that are displayed in the person and work of Jesus Christ. "American Gospel: Christ Crucified" explores how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, and a god created in our own image.

"But we preach Christ Crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentile's foolishness..." (1 Cor. 1:23)

Women's Ministry will meet on Nov. 10 (change) for "Ladies Night Out". We will meet at Flaherty's at 5:00 p.m. Please let Carol Fanelli know if you wish to attend so she can make reservations.

At our December meeting on Dec. 5 everyone is asked to bring a Christmas reading, story, poem, etc. Please bring a 2-3 dozen

Christmas cookies for a cookie exchange amongst the ladies in attendance.

Men's Breakfast will be the 3rd Sat. of every month at 8:00 am. Please bring a breakfast item to share. Mike Holbein will be the leader.

Nov. 19 and Dec. 17

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting meets the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month:

Nov. 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 21, 28

Morning Study is 9:00 a.m.

Evening Study is 7:00 p.m.

A Community Thanksgiving Day service will be held the morning of Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 at 10:00 a.m. Invite ALL!



Communion will be held Dec. 4.

- ♥ Gluten-free bread is available
- ♥ If you are unable to attend church, please contact Preston or a Consistory member and they can come to your home.

Every Christmas we share with our friends from the **Angel Tree at the Wayne County Nursing Home.** The names will be available Nov. 27. See Carol Fanelli to get a name. The gift will need to be back at church by Dec. 11.

Our **Cookie Baking Day** for the children will be **Dec. 4.** Please bring in cookie dough to make cookies (along with the ingredients) or cookies already made and frosting to decorate them. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Christmas Luncheon and Children's Program will be Dec. 11** after the morning service. The luncheon will be pot luck (ham will be provided by the church). Please bring a **dish to pass** and **your table service.** The children will then share the play of the Nativity Story with us.

December is our Poinsettia Memorial Month in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. Please bring in a poinsettia; be sure to tell Carol Fanelli so she can add your name to our

Memorial List. Let's fill our sanctuary with a flood of color.

the Wonders of His Love

AN ADVENT BIBLE READING PLAN:

Christ is coming

Day 1 Isaiah 9:2-7
Day 2 Isaiah 11:1-5
Day 3 Isaiah 7:10-14
Day 4 Micah 5:1-5
Day 5 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Christ is here

Day 6 Luke 1:26-33
Day 7 Luke 1:34-38
Day 8 Luke 1:46-55
Day 9 Matthew 1:18-25
Day 10 Luke 2:1-7
Day 11 Luke 2:8-12
Day 12 Luke 2:13-20
Day 13 Matt. 1:1-17

Christ will give

Day 14 Romans 6:20-23
Day 15 Galatians 4:1-7
Day 16 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Day 17 Titus 3:3-7
Day 18 Philippians 2:6-8

Christ will return

Day 19 John 14:1-6
Day 20 Daniel 7:13-14
Day 21 Revelation 1:4-7
Day 22 Revel. 3:20-22
Day 23 Revel. 22:12-13
Day 24 Revelation 22:16-17
Day 25 Revelation 22:20

READ DAILY

Items for Christmas Child Shoeboxes

1. Pencils, colored pencils, and sharpener
2. Erasers
3. Pencil case
4. Crayons
5. Pens
6. A personal letter and photo
7. Ruler
8. Glue stick
9. Safety scissors
10. Coloring book
11. Markers
12. Notepads
13. Stickers
14. Self-inking stamp
15. Tennis shoes
16. Socks
17. Water shoes
18. Flip flops
19. Hand held toys
20. Plush small animals
21. Balls: Tennis, bouncy, Wiffle balls
22. Jigsaw puzzle
23. Finger puppets
24. Silly Putty
25. Silly Bands
26. Sunglasses
27. Scarves
28. Bandanas
29. Gloves
30. Small flannel throw (Roll it up! It fits!)
31. Necklace
32. Watch
33. Hat
34. Shoelaces
35. Bean bag
36. Hacky sack
37. Small dry erase board and markers
38. Teddy bear
39. Unopened Happy Meal toy
40. Toy binoculars
41. Inflatable balls
42. Legos
43. Solar-powered flashlight
44. Harmonicas
45. Recorder
46. Tambourine
47. Jump rope
48. Paddle ball
49. Yo yo's
50. Handheld Etch A Sketch
51. Small board books
52. Slinky
53. Flash cards
54. Miniature checkers and board
55. T-shirts
56. Plastic poncho in packet
57. Drawstring bag



58. Balloons
 59. Crafting kit (beads, etc.)
 60. Toy toolkit set
 61. Plastic eating utensils
 62. Sippy cup/cup with a lid
- Grooming and Hygiene Items**
63. Comb
 64. Brush
 65. Dental floss
 66. Mild soap (in plastic bag or container)
 67. Toothbrush
 68. Colorful bandages
 69. Hand wipes
 70. Small pack colorful tissues
 71. Lip balm
 72. Emery board/nail clippers

Ideas for Girls

73. Package of multi-colored Sharpies
74. Travel sewing kit (10-14 girl)
75. Fat Quarter bundles (10-14 girl)
76. Hair ribbons
77. Ponytail holders
78. Barrettes
79. Small pots/pans with spatula
80. Bangle bracelets
81. Clip-on earrings
82. Doll
83. Pom poms (like used at ball games)
84. Purse
85. Hand mirror (unbreakable)

Box Ideas for Boys

86. Ball cap
87. Soccer ball with pump
88. Cars
89. Trucks
90. Kazoos
91. Compass
92. Hammer (10-14 boy, must be in original packaging)
93. Nails (10-14 boy, must be in original packaging & in zipper bag)
94. Screwdriver (10-14 boy, must be in original packaging)
95. Screws (10-14 boy, must be in original packaging & in zipper bag)
96. LED keychain (10-14 boy)

NOTES:

- All items must be new
- No liquids
- No war related items
- No toothpaste or candy due to Custom regulations
- No chocolate or food
- No medications or vitamins
- No breakable items (i.e., snow globe)
- No aerosol cans

Helping Hands

Worship Leader

Nov. 6 Steve Hullings
 13 Preston Smith
 20 Preston Smith
 27 Peter Mason

Liturgists

Nov. 6 Rick Sitterley
 13 Preston Smith
 20 Chris Bucknam
 27 Steve Hullings

Flowers:

Nov. 6 Emily & Preston Smith
 13 Elaine, Janet, Alan & Kathy Bushart
 in loving memory of Gordon & Doug
 Bushart
 20 Bob & Linda VanderMeere in loving
 memory of their son, Stephen
 VanderMeere
 27 Olivia & Owen Kish
 Dec. 4 **Poinsettia**
 11 **Memorial**
 18 **Month**
 25



Refreshments:

Nov. 6 Emily E. Smith
 13 Emily A. Smith
 20 Tina Haak



27 Chastity Thompson
 Dec. 4 Deb Thompson
 11 Christmas Party
 18 Carol Wandersee
 25 Tina Haak

Greeter/Usher:

Nov. 6 Rick & Amy Sitterley
 13 Bill & Emily Smith & family
 20 Jack & Deb Thompson
 27 Scott & Chastity Thompson & family
 Dec. 4 Chris Bucknam
 11 Dave & Carol Fanelli
 18 Dave & Carol Fanelli
 25 Josh & Glendalis Hale & family

Jr. Church/Nursery

Nov. 6 Jack, Deb & Kaylie Thompson &
 Kerstin Pipitone
 13 Audrey & Chris Hohenboken &
 Brennan Pipitone
 20 Bill & Emily Smith & David
 Premyslovsky
 27 Lisa Premyslovsky, Jeff Brannon &
 Spencer Nies
 Dec. 4 Lisa P., Jeff B., & Carol Fanelli
 11 David & Raquel Kish & Thomas
 Premyslovsky
 18 Jack, Deb & Kaylie & Kerstin
 25 Audrey & Chris & Brennan

CALENDAR

Post on your refrigerator

Nov. 2 – Consistory at 7:00 pm
 Nov. 5 – Daylight Saving begins, turn clocks back 1
 hr.
 Nov. 6 – Mission of the Month - postage for
 shoeboxes
 Nov. 6 – Packing Day for Shoeboxes
 Nov. 9 – Media Education Night 7:00 pm
 Nov. 10 – “Ladies Night Out”, Flaherty’s at 5:00 pm
 Nov. 16 – Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 19 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
 Nov. 20 – Congregational Meeting
 Nov. 23 - Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Service 10:00 a.m.
 Nov. 27 – Beginning of Advent
 Nov. 27 – Angel Tree names available

Nov. 30 - Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 December – Bring in a poinsettia
 Dec. 4 – Communion
 Dec. 4 – Mission of the Month, Church World Svc.
 Dec. 4 - Children’s Cookie Baking
 Dec. 5 – Women’s Ministry at 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 7 - Consistory at 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 11 – Christmas Luncheon and Children’s Play
 Dec. 14 – Education/Media Night 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 17 – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
 Dec. 21 - Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 28 - Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

JUST 4 FUN

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Law of Physical Surfaces -

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick



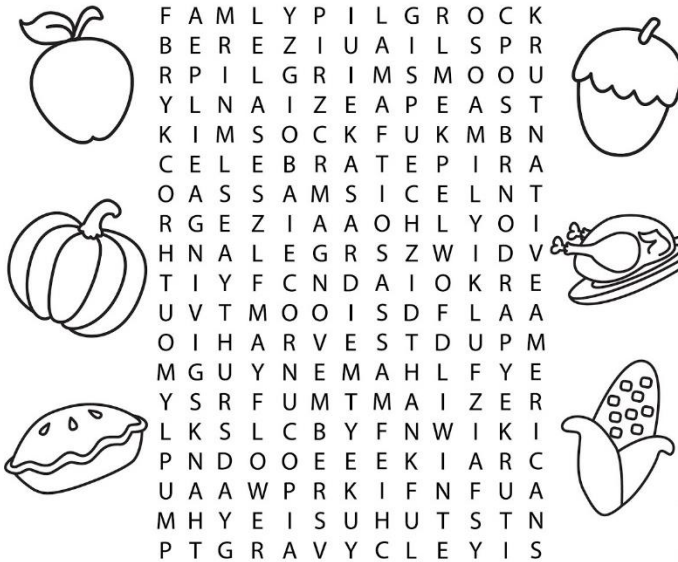
I AM NOT A REPUBLICAN 🇺🇸

I AM NOT A DEMOCRAT 🇺🇸

I AM A CHRISTIAN ✝️

For Children (Of all ages)

Thanksgiving Celebration



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|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Feast | Thanksgiving | Cornucopia |
| Wild Fowl | Celebrate | November |
| Pumpkin | Plymouth Rock | Turkey Pardon |
| Pilgrims | Harvest | Maize |
| Native Americans | Family | Chief Massasoit |
| Mayflower | Thursday | Thankful |
| Corn | Ham | Gravy |

Solve the Word Search



Color the Nativity Family



Copy then color the above sheet.
 Fold the page in half, then fold horizontaly.
 You have made a book about the birth of Jesus.