

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



The Messenger

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

May, June 2023

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What is Eastertide? An Invitation to Cling to the Risen Lord

Easter Sunday is over...now what? Well, for Christians who are part of the Church that adheres to the church/liturgical calendar, we have just entered Eastertide. Eastertide is the season of the church that begins with Easter Sunday and ends with the Feast of Pentecost (May 28). There is a total of 50 days to this season during which we celebrate the Risen Lord.



We know from Scripture that Jesus appeared to his disciples and some 500 people after his resurrection and before his ascension ([1 Corinthians 5:6](#)). During this time, he spoke peace to his disciples, he opened their minds to the Scriptures, he broke bread with them, and then he ascended to the right hand of the Father. We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension during Eastertide.

Jesus commands and commissions his disciples at the Ascension. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)). After this the disciples are left alone to find one to replace Judas and then the Holy Spirit is given to the Church at the Feast of Pentecost.

The Church was given the Holy Spirit who would lead and guide her into all truth. For the Law to be written upon our hearts ([Jeremiah 31:33](#)) the Spirit would need to be given, received and active in ministry.

As we await the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, may we cling to Jesus with joy and gratitude for all he has done.

Pentecost commemorates when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples ([Acts 2](#)). With the Holy Spirit among the disciples, the church was born. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). In essence, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian faith.

The biblical reference to Pentecost is [Acts 2:1-3](#):

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

The description of fire and wind mentioned in the Pentecost account resounds throughout the Old and the New Testament. The sound of the wind at Pentecost was "rushing" and "mighty." Scriptural references to the power of wind (always understood to be under God's control) abound. [Exodus 10:13](#); [Psalm 18:42](#) and [Isaiah 11:15](#) in the Old Testament and [Matthew 14:23-32](#) in the New Testament are only a few examples. More significant than wind as power is wind as life in the Old Testament ([Job 12:10](#)) and as spirit in the New ([John 3:8](#)). Just as the first Adam received the breath of physical life ([Genesis 2:7](#)), so the last Adam, Jesus, brings the breath of spiritual life. The idea of spiritual life as generated by the Holy Spirit is certainly implicit in the sound of the wind at Pentecost.

Fire is often associated with the presence of God ([Exodus 3:2](#); [13:21-22](#); [24:17](#); [Isaiah 10:17](#)) and with His holiness ([Psalm 97:3](#); [Malachi 3:2](#)). Likewise, fire is associated with the presence of God ([Hebrews 12:29](#)) and the purification He can bring about in human life ([Revelation 3:18](#)). God's presence and holiness are implied in the Pentecostal tongues of fire. Indeed, fire is identified with Christ Himself ([Revelation 1:14](#); [19:12](#)); this association naturally underlies the Pentecost gift of the Holy Spirit, who would teach the disciples the things of Christ ([John 16:14](#)).

Another aspect of the Day of Pentecost is the miraculous speaking in foreign tongues which enabled people from various language groups to understand the message of the apostles.

May we proclaim with our lips and lives, **"Alleluia, He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!"**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings:

Sunday School (all ages)	Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Church & Nursery	During Sunday service
Sr. Bible Study	Every Wed. with lunch 11:00am
Women's Ministry	1 st Mon. of the month at 7:00pm
Consistory	1 st Wed. of the month at 7:00pm
Christian Education	2 nd Mon. of the month at 7:00pm
Educational/Media Nite	2 nd Wed. of the month at 7:00p
Ladies' Bible Study	2 nd Thurs of the mo. at 7:00pm
Men's Breakfast	3 rd Sat. of the month at 8:00am
Bible Study	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Wed of mo. 7:00p
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
Josh Hale	585-305-5532
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

Information regarding our service:

- Sunday School, for all ages, is at 9:30 a.m.
- The Offertory plates are not 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
- A **Nursery** for young children is available
- **Jr. Church** is held downstairs during the sermon

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.

- **Rocco Pizzirusso** (ear surgery)
- **Elsie VanGee** (she is home)
- **Virginia Wilson** (she is doing rehab at DeMay Center)
- **Cornie VanderWerf**
- **Janet Bushart**
- **Jessica** (Len & Roberta's granddaughter)
- **Sandy DeRoller** (friend of Todd Pipitone who is facing cancer)
- **Josh** (Marlene Slocum's nephew)
- **Lucas** (Mary Hawkins' grandson)
- **Dan Buchiere** (Rocco's friend)
- **Zachary Thomas** (brother of Pipitone's friend)
- **Laura Davis** (Dave & Carol's niece)
- PRC members in assisted living facilities
 - **Ruth Moore**
 - **Phil Proeto**
 - **Mysty Wadsworth**

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
 - Palmyra/Macedon Food Pantry
 - Green Angels
 - Good Neighbor Fund
 - Grace House
 - CareNet Crisis Center
 - East Palmyra Christian School
 - Palmyra Community Center

Condolences:

Our sincere sympathy and condolences to **Brian Castro** and his family on the passing of his father. Lord, please give comfort and peace to Brian & Becca and their family.

Congratulations:

- **The Baptism of June Lee Smith** was held March 12 after the morning service. Blessings to June and her family.
- **Spencer Nies** performed at the Newark Middle School in *The Addams Family*. Way to go Spencer.

Janet Bushart would like to send her best wishes and prayers to her family in Palmyra.

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	
	4	Sean Edmunds	
	6	Sadie Gowen	
	7	Thomas Premyslovsky	
	14	Eunice Reynolds	
	17	Rick Sitterley	
	26	Bob VanderMeere	
	28	Katy Martin	
	28	Emily A. Smith	
	June	3	Caleb Mason
		5	Kerstin Pipitone
		14	Bill Smith
14		Chris Bucknam	
16		Preston Smith	
17		Amaris Colon	
20		Peter Mason	
20		Lenny Colon	

Happy Anniversary:

May	7	Peter & Cheryl Mason
	11	Chris & Joyce Bucknam
	23	Milt & Monica Mashner
	24	Todd & Laurie Pipitone
	29	Josh & Glendy Hale
	30	Devin & Ella Deruyter
June	11	Caleb & Joanna Mason
	27	Jack & Deb Thompsom

THANK YOU

Elsie VanGee, Virginia Wilson and Eunice Reynolds would like to thank the church family for all the prayers, cards flowers, phone calls and for just remembering them.

Game/Activity Night was attended by about 30 members. It was a lot of fun. Thank you to those who participated. More planned in the future.

Thank you to the consistory - the painting in the Sanctuary looks wonderful. Thank you, Lord for being so faithful to us!

The ham loaf dinner was a success thanks to God and our wonderful members who helped. The Women's Ministry can now share \$804 with their mission partners. Thank You!

Easter bags were handed out to 14 members and friends who need cheering up. Thank you to those

who brought in items, packed the bags and delivered them.

Pancake Tuesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and all Easter activities were wonderful. **He is risen indeed!** Thank you to those who helped.

Our first **Hymn Sing-A-Long** was so much fun. More are being planned in the future. Thank you to **Milt Mashner** for playing.

If you are not attending the **Educational Media** nights you are missing out. The movie about the life of Corrie ten Boom was especially GREAT! Thank you to our **Education Committee** for arranging our films.

Thank you to those who **took out the bushes and to those who are landscaping the church grounds.**

The first phase of work on the parsonage is complete. In addition, the dormer window on the parsonage has been fixed. Thank you to the

consistory for their tireless work of keeping our facilities well taken care of.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The evening Bible Study on April 26 had guest **missionaries Matt & Grace Ricci**. They shared their work in the mission field in China and talked about their current assignment in Morocco.

Communion will be celebrated on May 7 - If you can't come to church, contact Preston or a Consistory member to have communion brought to you. Gluten free bread is available.

Mother's Day will be celebrated with carnations and a light reception on **May 14**. Please bring your mother, grandmother, mother figure, or a friend.

A Baby Shower/Reception will be held in conjunction with Mother's Day, **May 14** (how appropriate) for **Isabel and Andrew LaGrand**. They are expecting their baby girl this month.

CareNet Crisis Center Baby Bottles - On Mother's Day we will hand out baby bottles to fill with change or quiet money for CareNet. Please fill with your donation and return on Father's Day.

Father's Day

- ♥ Our traditional **Strawberry Social on June 18**. Strawberries, biscuits and ice cream. What could be tastier?
- ♥ Baby Bottles are returned.

Memorial Day May 29 – Who is our veteran?



These were taken at the 2022 Memorial Day Parade

Pre-School Sunday School could use some additional helpers, please talk to Lisa Premyslovsky.



Our containers for taking home food are getting low. We need clean, larger containers for our Church's "Non-Tupperware" bin in the kitchen.

Free Greeting Cards - There is now a selection of multi-occasion cards for anyone to take and send to others in the PRC family. Check out the rack next to the bookshelves downstairs. It's a great way to show love and encouragement to others. Our thanks to **Cheryl Mason**.

Ladies - There is now a **Meal Train set up for Cornie** while Virginia is in rehab. Click on <https://mealtrain.com/lyy8lr> to set up an account. Then you can access the page and sign up for the date(s) that work for you. Please see or email Cheryl Mason if you have any questions or do not have a computer.

The **March 2023 Rochester Classis newsletter is out**. <https://www.dropbox.com/t/vsXVdyRRw5usO53m> is the link to see it.

Mission of the Month is held the 1st Sun. of each month: May 7 and June 4.

- ♥ **In May** we will support CareNet Crisis Center with a special offering taken.
- ♥ **In June** we will support Compass Care with a special offering.

Women's Ministry meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm:

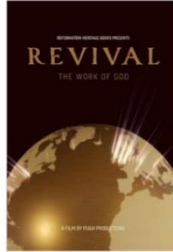
- ♥ **May 1** - May's meeting will start at 6:30 pm
 - **Elma Fox** is our hostess
 - **ALL** ladies are invited to attend.
 - **Kathy Roeland** from the Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be our guest. She will be showing us ways to keep busy this summer making items that can be put in the shoeboxes we pack in Nov. for Christmas delivery.
 - We are planning the Mother's Day Reception & Father's Day Strawberry Social.

- ♥ **June 6 the ladies are going out for dinner at 6:00 pm to Molly Mocher's in Shortsville.** Please let Carol Fanelli know if you wish to go (so I can make reservations) and if you would like to car pool.

Consistory meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm – **May 3 & June 7.**

The 2nd Wednesday of the month is Educational Media Night with movie and popcorn at 7:00pm.
May 10 and June 14

May 10 – What is revival? Should we expect it today? Take a journey through church history, from Pentecost to the present, exploring the dynamic and sovereign work of God in his people and in nations. Expert contributors expound key lessons we can learn for today about the means and instruction the Lord provides in his Word for seeking him. God has done mighty acts in the past; he can again.



Educational Media Night

Wednesday May 10th

7:00 PM

Men's Breakfast is the 3rd Sat. of every month at 8:00 am.
May 13 (exception) and June 17

May 13th - Dan Tomlinson will be our guest speaker. Please bring your Bible, breakfast food item and a neighbor/friend, cousin, boss, father, or brother.

Morning Bible Study and lunch meets every Wed. at 11:00am. Our lunches have certainly been delicious. We are currently working through Mark.

Ladies Bible Study is the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 7:00pm. We are currently studying Galatians.

Evening Bible Study is the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Change!

- Canaltown Days will be September 16 & 17. So, our **Dutch Fritter Sale will be Sept. 16 .**
- The Church/Sunday School **Picnic is Sept. 24.**

The **East Palmyra Christian School is looking for teachers.** If you are interested in working with children in a Christian setting, please, contact Preston Smith at 315-576-8680.

CALENDAR

(Post in a conspicuous place, i.e., refrigerator)

May 1 – Women's Ministry 6:30 p.m.

May 3 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
May 3 – Consistory at 7:00 pm

May 7 – Communion Sunday
May 7 – Mission of the Month

May 8 – Christian Education meeting 7:00 pm

May 10 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
May 10 – Educational Media Night 7:00 pm

May 11 – Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm

May 13 – Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

May 14 – Mother's Day Reception
May 14 – Baby Shower for Isabel & Andrew LaGrand
May 14 – CareNet Baby Bottles handed out

May 17 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
May 17 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

May 24 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
May 24 – 7:00 pm Bible Study



May 29 – Memorial Day

May 31 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
May 31 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

June 4 – Mission of the Month

June 6 – Ladies Dinner Evening out at 6:00 pm

June 7 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
June 7 – Consistory at 7:00 p.m.

June 8 – Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm

June 12 – Christian Education Meeting at 7:00pm

June 14 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
June 14 – Media Education Night 7:00 pm

June 17 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

June 18 – Strawberry Social, honor of Father's Day

June 21 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
June 21 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

June 28 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
June 28 – 7:00 pm Bible Study



See Carol Fanelli (palmyrareformedchurch236@gmail.com or phone 716-512-0589). to sign up

Worship Leader

The month of May will be Preston Smith

Greeter/Usher:

May	7	Bill & Emily Smith
	14	Jack & Deb Thompson
	21	Chris Bucknam
	28	Dave & Carol Fanelli
June	4	Josh & Glendy Hale & family
	11	Chris & Audrey Hohenboken
	18	Lenny & Bobby Main
	25	Dave & Lisa Ondra

Flowers:

May	7	Cal & Joan Bucknam in memory of Jake & Florence Cleason
	14	Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in memory Franticek & Miloslava Premyslovsky
	21	Rick & Amy Sitterley in memory of Carl & Marie Fiorino
	28	Bob & Linda VanderMeere
June	4	Carol Wandersee in memory of her mother, Norma Reitz
	11	Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in memory of Donna Ondra
	18	Richard Vanderwege in memory of Marvin & Anna Mae Vanderwege
	25	Jack & Deb Thompson in memory of family members

Refreshments:

May	7	Carol Fanelli
	14	Mother's Day /Tina Haak
	21	Glendalis Hale
	28	Audrey Hohenboken
June	4	Roberta Main
	11	Father's Day
	18	Ashley McMullen
	25	Carrie Nies

Pre-School Sunday School

May	7	David Premyslovsky
	14	Thomas Premyslovsky
	21	Lisa Premyslovsky
	28	Emily A. Smith
June	4	David P
	11	Thomas
	18	Lisa P
	25	Emily A.

Jr. Church/Nursery

May	7	Elena Colon, Glendy Hale, Kerstin Pipitone
	14	Bill, Emily Smith, David P.
	21	Chris, Audrey Hohenboken, Brennan Pipitone
	28	David, Raquel Kish, Thomas P.
June	4	Steve, Brittany Hullings, Kerstin
	11	Lisa P., Jeff Brannan, Spencer Nies
	18	Elena, Glendy, Kerstin
	25	David, Raquel, Thomas

Children

I loved this and thank you to the person who passed it on to me.

To parents of young children, may we suggest:

- ♥ *God gave children vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!*
- ♥ *Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.*
- ♥ *Quietly explain the parts of the service, and the actions of the pastor, ushers, singers, etc.*
- ♥ *Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.*
- ♥ *If you must leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*



To the Members of our Church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of His church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Why Go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the newspaper. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



- ♥ I run like the winded.
- ♥ I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- ♥ When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- ♥ When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- ♥ I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- ♥ When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East."
- ♥ Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
- ♥ My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

For Children (Of all ages)

Holiday Stories



Memorial Day

Story by Andrew Frinkle



Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is a quiet, respectful holiday. On this day, we honor the soldiers that fought and died for our country.

We have a few similar holidays, like Veterans Day and Armed Forces Day. The major difference between them is that this one celebrates soldiers who lost their lives. It honors their sacrifices.

On Memorial Day, you will often see flags flying halfway up the pole. You will see lots of American flags on display. You can also see parades. You can visit a cemetery and place some flowers to show respect, too. It is a very important day for our country.



If I could thank a fallen soldier, this is what I would say...

Signed: _____

★ MEMORIAL DAY FUN ★

I	O	R	F	T	L	C	R	E	P	Q	F	P	K	P
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