

Reformed Church of Palmyra

236 Canandaigua St.

Palmyra, NY 14522



The Messenger

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

May, June 2024

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.

BUILDING BLOCKS



"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed His steps; I have kept to His way without turning aside." Job 23:10-11

"Do you see what I see?" Remember that repetitive line from the Christmas song, The Little Drummer Boy? If God is omnipresent---present everywhere at all times ("*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?*"), and God is omniscient---nothing He doesn't see and know ("*There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*"), then picture God asking, "Do you see what I see?"

From the first sin in the garden of Eden, the normal response after sinning is to hide---hide the sin and hide from the eyes of any authority whom we have sinned against. *John 3: 20* says, "*For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed*". The modern, progressive approach to sin is to minimize it and universalize it, so that it becomes a socially acceptable norm. Is there such a thing as "a little white lie?", when we are to gird ourselves about with the belt of truth? Here's a convicting thought from William Gurnall's *The Christian in Complete Armour*: "Every sin is contempt of God---we think amiss of God before we do amiss against God".

Gurnall goes on to show how a person follows this "*deceitfulness of sin*": "First he argues in his heart that God cannot see, or at least forgets that He can see; and this deception makes him bold to sin against the Most-High God." So, what is his remedy? "Remember God no matter what you are doing." "*He who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.*" How do we remember God? *Hebrews 11: 27* tells us that "*By faith Moses forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible*". Can we see the invisible? By faith we can; it is "*the evidence of things not seen*". "*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" "*He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*"

For further meditation: *Psalms 139: 1-13, Hebrews 3: 12-15; 4: 9-16, John 3: 17-21, Proverbs 28: 13*

Thank you to our wonderful friend for this message.



Reformed Church of Palmyra

Address: 236 Canandaigua St., Palmyra, NY 14522

Webpage: www.palmyrareformedchurch.org

Email Address:
palmyrareformedchurch236@gmail.com

Facebook: [palmyrareformedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/palmyrareformedchurch)

Phone: 315-597-4341



Accessible to Persons with Disabilities

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

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
- ♥ Come to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday

Information regarding our service

- **Sunday School**, for all ages, is from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- The **Offertory plates** are not passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and table by the elevator.
- **Venmo** is available.
- Our service is **live streamed via YouTube**.
- **Closed-Circuit TV** is available downstairs in the Comfy Room
- **Free daily devotionals and DVDs** are available in the sanctuary on the back table
- A **Nursery** for young children is downstairs
- **Refreshments** are served in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

Please Keep in Prayer

Contact Carol Fanelli (716-512-0589) to have a name added and also let her know when a name can come off.

- † **Len Main**
- † **Mike Holbein**
- † **Kim Pulcini**
- † **Roy Vanderwall**
- † **Monica Mashner**
- † **Mrs. J** (friend of Deb Thompson)
- † **Laura Davis** (niece of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- † **Mike Buck** (nephew of Dave & Carol)
- † **Ruth Lonneville**, (friend of Carol Wandersee)
- † **Lee Nichols**, (friend of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- † **Ed Fickess**, (friend of David Kish, cancer)
- † **Josh**, (Marlene Slocum's nephew)
- † **Dan Buchiere**, (Rocco's friend)
- † **Those in assisted living homes**
 - * **Eunice Reynolds**
 - * **Mysty Wadsworth**
 - * **Roy Vanderwall**
 - * **Phil Proeto**

Community, Country, and the World:

† Missionaries that our church support

- ♥ **Sophia McMullen**
- ♥ **The Ricci family**
- ♥ **Greg & Jean Davis**
- ♥ **Schaffer family in Africa**

† All missionaries around the world

† The victims of warfare

† Replace hatred with love in people's hearts

† The victims of natural disasters

† The local organizations who offer help:

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

† Compass Care

† Those in the military and our veterans

† Show our government officials your love

† Those who must practice their faith in secret for fear of being killed

Congratulations:

Hess and Amanda Harden were married

February 16. Congratulations! Blessings on your life together. Be sure to keep the Lord with you.

Dave Premyslovsky received his Eagle Scout Award. His project was building "charging benches" for the Palmyra Community Center. This is Dave and his mentor, Mr. Gary Laberge.



Spencer Nies played Eric in the Newark Middle School Musical, *Matilda Jr.* Congrats Spencer!

Congratulations to **Preston & Emily Smith** and **Suzie, Zeky and June** on the arrival of **Mabel Anne Smith** on April 16 about 3:02 am. LORD, THANK YOU for blessing this family!



Condolence

To the family of **Scott Farmer** who passed in March. He was a friend of Tina Haak. Lord, please be with this family.

PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know (on the church email) of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family

Happy Anniversary:

- | | | |
|------|----|---------------------------|
| May | 7 | Petr & Cheryl Mason |
| | 11 | Chris & Joyce Bucknam |
| | 23 | Milton & Monica Mashner |
| | 24 | Todd & Laurie Pipitone |
| | 29 | Josh & Glendy Hale |
| | 30 | Andrew & Isabelle LeGrand |
| June | 11 | Caleb & Joanne Mason |

- | | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 27 | Jack & Deb Thompson |
| 30 | Devin & Ella DeRuyter |

Happy Birthday:

- | | | |
|------|----|---------------------|
| May | 1 | Elaine Bushart |
| | 3 | Lisa Premyslovsky |
| | 4 | Michele Mariconti |
| | 4 | Sean Edmunds |
| | 6 | Sadie Gowen |
| | 7 | Thomas Premyslovsky |
| | 8 | Ariel Klingler |
| | 14 | Eunice Reynolds |
| | 17 | Rick Sitterley |
| | 25 | Julian Smith |
| | 26 | Bob VanderMeere |
| | 27 | Rosaline LeGrand |
| | 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 (Mary) Colon |
| | 18 | Priscilla Harden |
| | 20 | Peter Mason |
| | 20 | Elena (Lenny) Colon |
| | 21 | Jonathan Harden |
| | 23 | Kathy Phillips |
| | 25 | Brenda Becker |

THANK YOU

Our thanks to the following for their continued help in the church:



Donna Edmunds has taken over the card ministry. Thank you so much **Donna**. And thank you to **Cheryl Mason** who was doing this ministry.

A special thank you to those who helped with the Ham Loaf Dinner. The Women's Ministry could not support their missions without your help; they earned close to \$1,000. THANK YOU TO ALL WORKERS!

Sean Edmunds is heading up the Walk for Life. Thank you Sean.

There are always a ton of people to thank for the weekly operation of our church. From the smallest to the biggest work, it is to God's glory: proof readers, custodian, yard workers, those who bring refreshments, Sunday School teachers, all teachers, church leaders, those who bring in Kleenex and hand lotions, Jr. Church and Nursery supervisors, etc. I could go on and fill the page. It boils down to THANK YOU to EVERYONE!

Mission Work, Works!

This adorable little girl received one of our Christmas shoeboxes. Which one of us packed her shoebox? It is a checkers game.



Thanks to those who helped with The Walk for Life. As of Sat., we raised \$7,000.

HELPING HANDS

Greeter/Usher:

May 5 Caleb & Joanna Mason
 12 Peter & Cheryl Mason
 19 Len & Roberta Main
 26 Dave & Lisa Ondra
 June 2 Rocco Pizzirusso
 9 Premyslovsky family
 16 Rick & Amy Sitterley
 23 Bill & Emily Smith
 30 Tom & Marcy White

Flowers:

May 5 Cal & Joan Bucknam in loving memory of Jake & Florence Cleason
 12 **MOTHER'S DAY** Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Petr's parents, Franticek and Miloslava Premyslovsky
 19 Rick & Amy Sitterley in loving memory of Julia & John Adler
 28 Loving memory of James & Edna Hoffman from their family
 June 2 Carol Wandersee in loving memory of her mother, Norma Reitz
 9 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Donna Ondra
 16 **FATHER'S DAY** Richard Vanderwege in loving memory of Marvin and Anna Mae Vanderwege
 23 Jack & Deb Thompson in loving memory of family members who have passed away
 30 Jack Milliken in loving memory of



Coffee Hour:

May 5 Carrie Nies & Roberta Main
 12 Ella DeRuyter & Donna Edmunds (Mother's Day)
 19 Joyce Bucknam & Laurie Pipitone
 26 Fellowship Sunday - Red, White & Blue Theme luncheon
 June 2 Marcy White & Amy Sitterley
 9 Ashley McMullen & Linda Harden
 16 Lisa Ondra & Raquel Kish (Father's Day)
 23 Carol Fanelli & Diana Holbein
 30 Fellowship Sunday - Family Heritage Food luncheon

Jr. Church/Nursery:

May 5 Devin, Ella DeRuyter, David Premyslovsky
 12 Lisa Premyslovsky, Jeff Brannan, Spencer Nies
 19 Ellena Colon, Glendy Hale, Kerstin Pipitone
 26 David, Raquel Kish, Thomas Premyslovsky
 June 2 Chris, Audrey Hohenboken, Brennan Pipitone
 9 Steve, Brittany Hullings, Kerstin Pipitone
 16 Devin, Ella DeRuyter, David P.
 23 Lisa P., Jeff B., Spencer N.
 30 Elena C., Glendy H., Kerstin P.

CALENDAR

May ?? – Women's Ministry - TBD
 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Sr. Bible Study at 11:00am with lunch
 May 1 – Consistory 7:00pm
 May 3,4 – "Walk for Life"
 May 5 – Mission of the Month – CareNet Crisis Ctr.
 May 8 – Educational Media Night 7:00pm
 May 12 – Communion Sunday
 May 12 – Mother's Day
 May 12 - Christian Education 11:45 am
 May 15, 22, 29 – Evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm
 May 18 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
 May 19 – Pentecost Sunday
 May 26 – Fellowship Sunday



May 27 – Memorial Day – *Never Forget*
 June 2 – Mission of the Month – Compass Care
 June 3 – Ladies Dinner Out
 June 5, 12, 19, 26 – Sr. Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
 June 5 – Consistory 7:00pm
 June 9 – Christian Education meeting - 11:45am
 June 12 – Media Education Night at 7:00pm
 June 15 – Men's Breakfast 8:00am
 June 16 – Father's Day & strawberry shortcake
 June 19, 26 – Evening Bible Study at 7:00pm
 June 30 – Fellowship Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberta & Len Main would like to have someone take over the decorating the Fellowship Hall. They have the supplies; and they will give them to you. See Roberta or Len.

If you get chilly during the church service, there are blankets available under the back table in the sanctuary.

Attention Parents – On the table in the foyer is a booklet you can take, ***Catechism for Young Children***.

Cheryl Mason is now the person to contact for use of the church facilities. Please, be sure to inform her of any dates or activities that may require use of the church (cheryld9260@gmail.com or 585-414-3354).

Consistory - First Wed. of month at 7:00 pm
These are open meetings.

- * **May 1**
- * **June 5**

Women's Ministry –

- ♥ In May we have not set a date yet. We will be visiting Sauders Market in Seneca Falls but we are trying to find a date that is good for all.
- ♥ June 3 the ladies will go out for dinner at 5:30. Details will be coming later.
- ♥ There will not be Women's Ministry meetings in July & Aug.

ACT (Activity Come Together) is alive and well –

This is a fun way for groups of 6-10 to get together for a *fun activity* of your choice. ACT will last till June and then there will be a break for the summer and we will restart in September with new groups. Some ideas are: Sat. morning breakfast out, potluck dinner at a member's home, coffee and a walk, picnic in a park, dessert night, etc. It is completely up to the groups when and where to meet and what to do..... If you have any questions see a member of the Fellowship Ministry Team (Cheryl Mason, Ashley McMullen, Marcy White, & Joanna Mason).



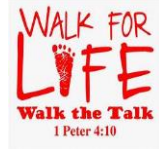
Wed. Morning Bible Study - starts at 11:00 am.

Lunch is served about noon. Thank you cooks!

- * **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
- * **June 5, 12, 19, 26**

May 4 – Walk for Life for Compass Care

You can participate as a walker and get people to support you or you can be a supporter. Contact our Team Captain, Sean Edmunds (seanedmunds9@yahoo.com or 315-573-3955) to learn where and when our Walk will be held or how you can donate.



May 5 - Mission of Month - First Sun. of each month. A special offering is taken. **Lisa Premyslovsky** will give information on these missions during the morning service.

- * **May - we are supporting CareNet Crisis Center**
- * **June - will be Compass Care**

Education/Media Night - Second Wed. of month 7:00 pm. GOOD movie and popcorn – can't beat it.

- * **May 8 – *The Essential Church Part II***
(Dave & I saw the first half – it is **good!**)
- * **June 12** - Movie to be determined.

May 12 - Communion. Please contact Preston or a Consistory member to have communion brought to you if you cannot come for the church celebration. Gluten-free bread will be available.

May 12 - Mother's Day

The poster says it all! Thank you, Lord, for our mothers! Come, see what the Fellowship Ministry Team has planned.



We will start the **CareNet Baby Bottle Campaign** on Mother's Day and it will end on Father's Day.

Christian Education - Second Sun. of the month at 11:45 am. Teachers, supervisors, and those interested in our children are asked to grab a coffee and snack and please meet in the kitchen.

- * **May 12**
- * **June 9**

Evening Bible Study - 3rd, 4th, 5th Wed. month @ 7:00 pm

- * **May 15, 22, 29**
- * **June 19, 26**

May 18 - Men's Breakfast - Third Sat. of the month, 8:00 am. Please bring a breakfast item and your bible. The 15th is the June date.

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

Why is Pentecost important to Christianity?

Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest but to remember when the Holy Spirit invaded the Church in Acts 2.

Vs. 1 - On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and added 3,000 new believers. The account in Acts 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).



May 26 - Fellowship Sunday - Last Sunday of each month our church family will come together for a potluck lunch and fellowship, time of worship and a short Bible teaching. Each month will have a theme for the potluck:

- * **May 26 is red, white and blue theme**
- * **June 30 is Family Heritage Food theme**

May 27 – Memorial Day



June 9 – Baby Celebration for:

- ♥ Brittany & Steve Hullings
- ♥ Danielle & Justin Kane

Two new members are arriving. Let's celebrate!

June 16 – Father's Day and Strawberry Social



Children in Church:

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Bring them to church!!

Way to help others

Reformed Church of Palmyra has boxes & containers (in the kitchen by the church phone) for:

- Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry – they provide Sunday School literature for Spanish speaking churches
- Pull top tabs from beverage cans for dialysis
- Food Pantry for Palmyra, Macedon and Farmington
- Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the black plastic bag below the phone in the kitchen (these go to EPCS)

Pal-Mac Food Pantry items needed:

All soaps Canned fruit Pasta Bread
Spagh. sauce Peanut butter Jelly Soup
Pancake mix Syrup Cereal Juices
Canned meals Boxed meals Canned veg/fruit
Toilet paper Hygiene items Reusable bags

The collection box is in the kitchen on the recycling shelves.

EPCS - Get the following at the EPCS office:

- Greeting cards sold individually for \$1 per card (or by the box for an even cheaper deal!). We offer cards for all different occasions.
- Rada Cutlery- These too, are also located at the school and you can take them right home with you after purchase. Great gifts.
- Cookbooks: \$5
- Wilhelmina mints: \$2
- ♥ Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the apple crate outside the school
- ♥ Used printer cartridges can be left in the box outside with the bottles.

For Children (Of all ages)

Memorial Day Word Find

P Y V E A R T T M O S R P I A
 O T L M H A F G C H O N O R L
 M L S W I C E V T A C F P R O
 O P B R W S F W G H V T P A Y
 N J M E M O R I A L D A Y K N
 D K N A P L R B T R U X U E V
 A X R T Q D S E P C T V D W E
 Y R O H K I B T N Y F I A N T
 N T E I B E S R E W A Q X S E
 G U Y S E R V I C E P N A T R
 A E D I P C A N U W I M K R A
 F X P S R E N P F A F Q S L N
 Y O R V U N C L H L O V R Y S
 J W L A X P N T A B A E M O W
 D Z T C H S X H G I D G N T U

Can you find the following words in the above puzzle?

service
 flag
 half mast
 war

Memorial Day
 poppy
 honor
 veterans

respect
 wreath
 Monday
 sacrifice



Created by Jolanthe @ Homeschool Creations ~ www.homeschoolcreations.net

MEMORIAL DAY CRAFTS

WWW.BABYGIZMO.COM



Memorial Day Color and Cut Activity

Color these patriotic hearts and cut out to display

▶
ink saving Eco



Just for Fun!!



I have no idea who came up with these, but 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 remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- 7) I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- 8) Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- 9) 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?"
- 10) 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.
- 11) I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- 12) I run like the winded.
- 13) When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- 14) When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- 15) I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- 16) When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "East."
- 17) 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.
- 18) Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- 19) My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.