

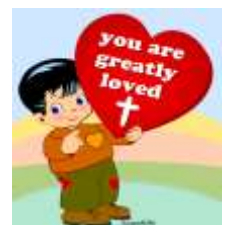
The Messenger

Palmyra Reformed Church Newsletter

January, February 2019



Palmyra Reformed Church
236 Canandaigua St.
Palmyra, NY 14522-0323





Heidelberg Catechism (A. D. 1576)

This catechism was written by Zacharias Ursinus (1534-1583) and Caspar Olevianus (1536-1584) in Heidelberg, Germany and published in 1563 in German. It was endorsed by the Synod of Dort and embraced by Reformed Churches in many different countries. It is the custom of many churches that use it to explain it from the pulpit every Sunday afternoon, so it is divided into fifty-two sections.

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.[1] Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,[2] and am still inclined to all evil,[3] yet God, without any merit of my own,[4] out of mere grace,[5] imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.[6] He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,[7] if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.[8]

[1] [Rom. 3:21-28](#); [Gal. 2:16](#); [Eph. 2:8, 9](#); [Phil. 3:8-11](#). [2] [Rom. 3:9, 10](#). [3] [Rom. 7:23](#). [4] [Deut. 9:6](#); [Ezek. 36:22](#); [Tit. 3:4, 5](#). [5] [Rom. 3:24](#); [Eph. 2:8](#). [6] [Rom. 4:3-5](#); [II Cor. 5:17-19](#); [I John 2:1, 2](#). [7] [Rom. 4:24, 25](#); [II Cor. 5:21](#). [8] [John 3:18](#); [Acts 16:30, 31](#); [Rom. 3:22](#).

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.[1] I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.[2]

[1] [I Cor. 1:30, 31](#); [2:2](#). [2] [Rom. 10:10](#); [I John 5:10-12](#).

62. Q. But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God,[1] whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.[2]

[1] [Deut. 27:26](#); [Gal. 3:10](#). [2] [Is. 64:6](#).

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For Prayer Support:

- Call Rev. Barham at 585-319-8729
- Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- Fill out a Prayer Request Form (in tract rack)
- To have the Prayer Chain started, call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589

Sunday Mornings:

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. Nursery
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Committee Meetings:

Consistory First Wed. of the mo.
Women's Mission Ministry First Mon. of the mo.
Prayer Meeting Last Wed. of the mo.
Christian Education Second Sun. of mo.
Youth Group

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers Are Asked For:



- ♥ Eunice Reynolds
- ♥ Thelma Schuldt
- ♥ Ray & Fran Stein (Deb Thompson's father & mother)
- ♥ Lorraine Healy (Joan Bucknam's sister)
- ♥ Rev. & Mrs. Peter Mason
- ♥ Ruth Lonneville (Carol Wandersee's friend)
- ♥ Linda Billings (friend of Linda VanderMere)
- ♥ Those facing personal challenges
- ♥ Our members in Care Facilities
 - Lillian Barham (Hill Haven, Webster)
 - Jean Craft (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - Clara DeNearing (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - Bertha Main (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - Ann Milliman (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - Ruth Moore (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - Phil Proeto (Jewish Home)
- ♥ Our work at Palmyra Reformed Church

Town, Country and the World:

- † The missionaries we support
 - John & Laura Iamaio (college ministries in the Rochester area)
 - Ahaus Doctors ministry in Honduras
 - Greg & Jean Davis - Bridges International
- † All missionaries around the world
- † Our honored veterans
- † Those in the Armed Forces and their families
- † The victim of natural disasters
- † Senseless acts of hatred
- † Our Nation and its leaders
- † Those in prisons
- † Those struggling with addictions
- † Those persecuted in the name of the Lord
- † Palmyra-Macedon Food Pantry
- † East Palmyra Christian School
- † Care Net Pregnancy Center
- † Good Neighbor Fund
- † Meals on Wheels
- † Green Angels
- † Grace House

Condolences - Our Sincere Sympathy:

Please keep the family of **Doug Bushart** (who went home to our Lord Nov. 10, 2018) in your prayers.

Please keep the family of **Gordon Bushart** in your prayers. He passed away Nov. 15, 2018.

Our sympathy to the family of **Barb Bucknam** who passed away in Dec. She is **Cal & Joan's sister-in-law**.

Please keep the family of **Sharon Schinsing** in your prayers. She went to our Lord in Dec. She was a neighbor and friend of our church.

Dear Lord, please bless each family member peace and comfort.

Congratulations:

Tom & Lisa Thompson were blessed with a baby girl on Dec. 22, 2018, name is **Mylah Nicole Thompson**. This makes Jack & Deb Thompson grandparents again and it makes Scott & Chastity aunt and uncle again. May God bless this family and their newest addition.

Way To Go:

Scott Thompson has taken the Civil Service exam for Wayne County Deputy Sheriff and Police Officer and Rochester Police Department. He scored 80% on the exam and was 1st in the physical fitness test.

Moving:

- **Cal & Joan Bucknam** moved in November. Their new address is: Woodlands – Apt. 312, 10 Stonebrook Dr., Fairport, NY 14450.
- **Milton & Mysty Wadsworth** moved to the apartments at Parkwood in Macedon during Dec.

Happy Birthday

(Please contact Carol Fanelli for corrections or

103rd Birthday: Lenny Main's mother, Bertha Main, celebrated her 103rd birthday this month. If you wish to send her a belated card, her address is Wayne County Nursing Home, 1529 Nye Rd., Lyons, NY 14489. The Lord's blessing on you.

Belated Birthday Dec. 30 Derek Thompson

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| Jan. | 2 | Bella Gowen |
| | 5 | Jack Thompson |
| | 11 | Kaylie Cauthen |
| | 12 | Emily Ondra |
| | 14 | Hunter Thompson |
| | 22 | Collin Clark |
| | 24 | Calvin Bucknam |
| | 29 | Logan Dayton |
| | 31 | Tina Haak |
| Feb. | 1 | Joan Bucknam |
| | 8 | Karen Swartele |
| | 9 | Amy Sitterley |
| | 10 | Charlie Ike |
| | 10 | Zoe Premyslovsky |
| | 14 | Deb Wood |
| | 15 | Roy Vanderwall |
| | 19 | Sharon Taber |



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| 22 | Chastity Thompson |
| 24 | Mike Fordon |
| 24 | Sharon Dayton |

Happy Anniversary:

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| Jan. | 2 | Cal & Joan Bucknam |
| Feb. | 19 | Scott & Chastity Thompson |

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trick or Treat for UNICEF! Thank you to the **Thompson Family, Fordon Family, Wagner Family (friends of Steve Marsille), and the Premyslovsky Family!!!** The children collected almost \$200!!!

Trunk or Treat: Thank you to **Bill, Emily & Bailey** (their dog) **Smith; Chris & Joyce Bucknam; Will & Candy Barham and Dave & Carol Fanelli** for helping the children enjoy Halloween. Bill and Emily brought a "big" bale of hay made into a huge pumpkin (so cute) and we gave out glow sticks, stickers, pencils, soft balls, and tons of candy to name a few. Oh yes, there was hot cider for adults and children.

Our thanks to everyone who brought in supplies and/or helped pack boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. We packed 22 boxes. Blessings and prayers on the children who received these boxes.

Christmas Program Thank You:

- ♥ To ALL of the cookie bakers (I don't want to list names in fear that I will leave someone out)
- ♥ Those who worked on the Christmas Program
- ♥ **The children** for being the main part and center of the program
- ♥ To the **Jr. Band** for entertaining us
- ♥ To **Kit Hohenboken** for leading the Caroling
- ♥ To **Carol Wandersee**, our costume maker
- ♥ To **Elma Fox, Joan Bucknam and Carol Fanelli** for filling the cookie boxes

Thank you to our **Advent Readers: David Fanelli; David, Thomas, Hana, & Lisa Premyslovsky; Emily Ondra; Molly Gowen & Deb Miller.**

May your *light* shine to others.

Our sincere thank you to **Mysty and Milt Wadsworth** for the refrigerator they gave us. Having three refrigerators is definitely a blessing when we have dinners. Thank you!

A special thanks to **Bill and Emily Smith** who helped get the refrigerator to the church.

Announcements

The results of our Congregational Meeting held in November are:

- The 2019 budget was passed
- Jack Thompson and Chris Bucknam were re-elected as elders for a period of 2 years
- Dave Ondra and Scott Thompson were re-elected as deacons for a period of 2 years

Jan. 12 - Safe Church Event put on by Albany Regional Synod and Rochester Classis at Palmyra Reformed Church.

The purpose of Safe Church is to provide education for all those who teach children or are actively involved in a children's ministry. As the name suggests, the goal is to ultimately create a safe atmosphere for our children's learning. Sadly, in our day and age, it has become a mandatory requirement, and many insurance carriers are requiring this training as well. All those who are involved in any form of children's ministry must attend this meeting.

This will be an excellent event for churches and consistories to learn how to keep children safe. Come to learn, worship, and have lunch together. Cost will be \$5 a person or \$25 for teams to attend from the same congregation. Our General Fund will cover our registration fee. The snow date for this event will be the following week, on Jan. 19.

Jan. 20 – Chili Cook-Off – This is our competition for the “*Best Homemade Chili in Palmyra*”. Please bring:

- Your homemade chili **or**
- Bring in an accompaniment (i.e. bread, crackers, dessert) **or**
- A main dish to pass (if you don't like chili)
- Your table service
- Sampling cups will be provided

Jan. 27 - Communion Sunday

- Rev. Will and elders are available to serve communion to those unable to receive it at church. Call Rev. Will or an elder if you would like communion at your home.
- Gluten-free bread is available for those with special diets

Feb. 9 – Valentine Day Breakfast from 9-11:00am. All are invited - bring a friend or relative and come and enjoy a free breakfast. You only need to bring yourself. There will be a variety of breakfast foods to pick from. Come enjoy, compliments of the Women's Ministry.

Feb. 26 - Rochester Classis Meeting will be hosted by us. All of the churches in the Rochester Classis will be meeting here.

Mar. 3 – Soup Luncheon

This annual Feb. luncheon is going to be held a week later this year making it Mar. 3.

Please bring:

- A soup or
- A side dish or
- A dessert and
- Your table service

The Gideons held a Thank You Buffet for Pastors at the Log Cabin Restaurant. **Rev. Will & Candy Barham, Jack Thompson, Dave Ondra, and Dave & Carol Fanelli** represented our church. It was great food and a good program - *they do so much work for our Lord around the world.*

Each church got a new supply of Gideon greeting cards. They are FREE! You can get one on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Consistory Meeting at 7:30 pm – it is open to all

- **Jan. 2**
- **Feb. 6**

Christian Education (Sunday School) Committee –

- **Jan. 13**
- **Feb. 10**
 - We will meet at 12:00 immediately after Sunday School
 - Teachers are asked to attend

Missions of the Month & Mission Programs:

- Jan. 6 – New Church Planting
- Feb. 3 – Disaster Response
 - A special offering will be taken during the Offertory
 - The Missionary Program will be presented by Lisa Premyslovsky during Sunday School time at 11:30am

Bible Study/Prayer at 7:00pm at the church

This opportunity of study and prayer is open to all! Come, learn and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

- Jan. 30
- Feb. 27

4H Club will be meeting in our church at 6:00pm (love having them use the church):

- Jan. 7 & 21
- Feb. 4 & 25

Women's Ministry at 4:00pm

- ♥ Jan. 7 – Carol Fanelli has topic and devotions with Lisa Premyslovsky serving refreshments. We will be working on:
 - Taking down the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall
 - The 2019 schedule
 - The Safe Church Event at our church
 - The Chili Cook-Off
- ♥ Feb 4 – Lisa Premyslovsky will have topic and devotions with Carol Fanelli serving refreshments. We will be organizing:
 - The Valentine Day Breakfast on Feb. 9
 - Rochester Classis meeting on Feb. 26

The Rochester Classis newsletter, *Traces of the Spirit*, is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or if you wish to check it out on line, go to the link

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/i2f7lcx1fwpaem9/November%202018.pdf?dl=0>

Family Promise – This is a new program that the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring. It is a nationwide program providing housing, food and education for those without a home. Our church has signed up to be responsible for occasional meals. There is more information on-line – go to Family Promise of Wayne county and their website will come up.

Local Missions - the following items may be brought in and left in the kitchen:

- Food Pantry
- Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
- Used greeting cards – VA Hospital
- Pull top tabs from beverage cans – dialysis
- Used magazines and good reading books can be brought to Newark Hospital
- NEW birthday, anniversary, sympathy & get-well cards can be given to Candy Barham (she sends out cards to our church family)
- **East Palmyra Christian School** can use:
 - St. Pauly's Textile shed – Bring your gently used clothing, blankets, shoes, purses, etc. to the shed in EPCS parking lot
 - Printer ink cartridges – bring to the school
 - General Mills box tops for education

Pal-Mac Food Pantry – They are always in need of food supplies. Please bring in the following items :

Bread	Juices
Peanut butter	Canned fruit
Pancake mix	Syrup
Spaghetti sauce	Canned meals

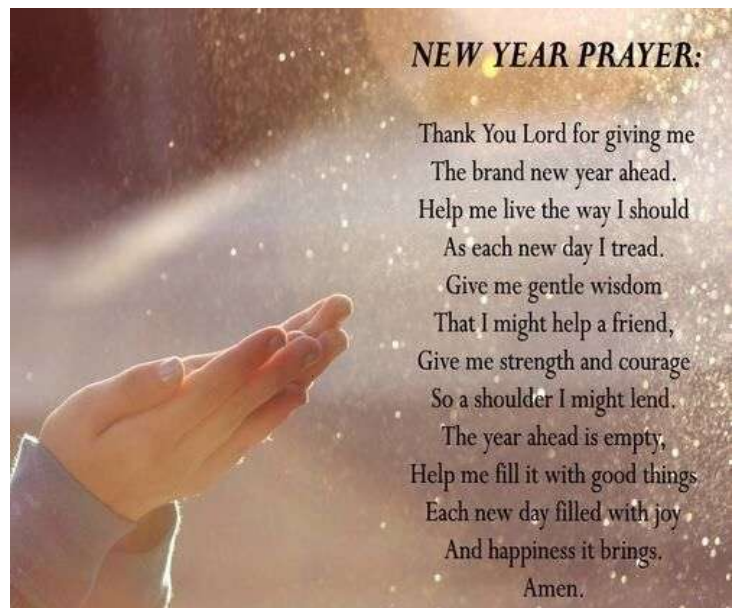


Boxed meals	Pasta
Jelly/jams	Toilet paper
All soaps	Hygiene items
Plastic grocery bags	

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

Grace House is a new facility in Palmyra

- It is housed at 114 Canandaigua St. in Palmyra.
- Grace House was founded by a core of committed members of Zion Episcopal Church. They have trained ministers and volunteers.
- This endeavor is founded totally by individual donations, a grant from Hope House in Webster and the Zion Episcopal Church.
- They provide a hospitable, caring and confidential environment to listen to and access personal needs.
- The Clothing Closet (that was in the Methodist Church) has now been expanded to include adult clothing.
- **What can we do?? They are asking for:**
 - **prayer**
 - **household items**
 - **linens**
 - **clothing of all ages**
- They are open:
 - Mondays from 6-8 pm
 - Thursday 3-5 pm.





See Carol Fanelli if you would like to help in any of these areas: (phone 315-926-0305 or palmyrareformedchurch236@gmail.com)

Greeter(s):

- Jan. 6 Lenny & Roberta Main
- 13 Steve Marsille
- 20 Karl & Carrie Nies
- 27 Dave Ondra

- Feb. 3 Premyslovsky family
- 10 Bill & Emily Smith
- 17 Jack & Deb Thompson
- 24 Scott & Chastity Thompson

Flowers:

- Jan. 6 Poinsettias
- 13 Lenny & Roberta in loving memory of John & Kate Blankenberg
- 20 Carol Wandersee in loving memory of deceased church members
- 27 Cornie VanderWerf in loving memory of Bonnie VanderWerf

- Feb. 3 Bob & Linda VanderMere in loving memory of their son Stephen & wife Amy VanderMere
- 10 Chuck & Sandy Lehman in loving memory of Eileen Lehman
- 17 OPEN
- 24 Alma Haak in loving memory of



Nursery:

- Jan. 6 Louis, Sp4 Donald & Linda Haak
- 13 Scott & Chastity Thompson, Thomas Premyslovsky
- 20 Scott & Chastity, Quinton Holcomb
- 27 Scott & Chastity, Kaylie Cauthen
- 27 Scott & Chastity, David Premyslovsky

- Feb. 3 Lisa Premyslovsky, Jack Thompson, Thomas Premyslovsky
- 10 Lisa, Jack, Quinton Holcomb
- 17 Lisa, Jack, Kaylie Cauthen
- 24 Lisa, Jack David Premyslovsky

Refreshments:

- Jan. 6 Deb Wood
- 13 Emily Smith
- 20 Chili Cook-Off
- 27 Chastity Thompson

- Feb. 3 Deb Thompson
- 10 Tina Haak
- 17 Linda VanderMere
- 24 Mysty Wadsworth



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 2 – Consistory at 7:30pm
- Food Pantry Supervision
- 6 – Mission of the Month - Church Planting
- 6 – Mission Program at 11:30am
- 7 – Women’s Ministry at 4:00 pm
- 7 – 4H Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 – Safe Churches event at our church, sponsored by the Albany Synod and Rochester Classis
- 13 – Sunday School meeting at 12:00
- 20 – Chili Cook-Off luncheon immediately after the morning service
- 21 – 4H Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 27 – Communion Sunday

- 30 –Prayer/Bible Study Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 3 – Mission of Month - Disaster Response
- 3 – Mission Program at 11:30am
- 4 – Women’s Ministry meeting at 4:00 pm
- 4 – 4H Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 6 – Consistory meeting at 7:30pm
- 9 – Valentine Day Breakfast 9-11:00am
- 10 – Christian Education Meeting 12:00
- 25 – 4H meeting at 6:00pm
- 26 – Rochester Classis meeting here at PRC
- 27 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm



The Funny Side



Holy Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?'

The son replied, 'I do know!'

'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite.)'

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.'

The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'

For the Kids

BibleWise

WORD SEARCH
Samuel, Saul, David, and Goliath

Have fun finding and circling words from the stories.

A	B	E	A	R	C	M	A	N	O	F	W	A	R
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Bear
Coat of Mail
David
Five
God
Goliath
Harp
Helmet
Israelites
Jonathan
Lion
Lord
Man of war
Philistines
Samuel
Saul
Scrip
Sheep
Shepherd
Shield
Sling
Smooth Stones
Spear
Staff
Sword and shield
Ten thousand

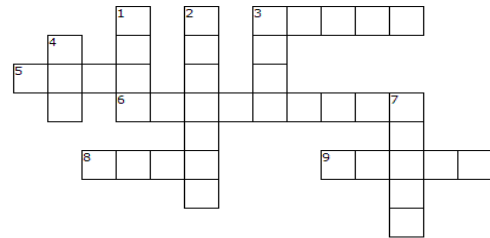
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Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

New Life in Christ



ACROSS

- A clear, colorless liquid; H₂O
- To receive sounds with your ears
- A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
- The period from birth until death
- The real facts about something; not false

DOWN

- To be brought into life by birth
- A person who instructs or trains others
- The movement of air outside
- To observe by using your eyes
- Something that can be heard

HEAR	TRUTH	NICODEMUS	WIND	TEACHER
WATER	SOUND	SEE	LIFE	BORN