

# The Gazetteer

Glen  
Reformed  
Church

April-May  
2019

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## Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14, Worship 9:00 a.m.  
including *Distribution of Palms*

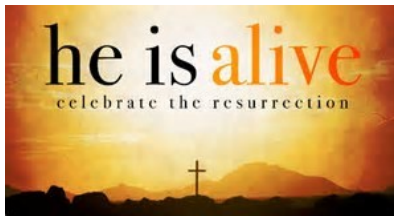


## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18  
6:00 p.m. Covered dish supper  
7:00 p.m. Worship  
including *The Lord's Supper*

## Good Friday

Friday, April 19  
*Pause at noon to remember Jesus' suffering on the cross*



## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
Auriesville Shrine Parking Lot  
Breakfast at Fultonville Reformed immediately following  
9:00 a.m. Joy-filled traditional Easter worship at Glen

*Traditionally our church family has remembered loved ones and honored special people in our lives by placing spring plants in the chancel and sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a plant this year, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or call Marlene Douglass. Plants need to be delivered to the church by 1:00 p.m. the day before Easter. Please label the bottom of the plant with your name.*





## *A Few Moments with Thomas...*

Dear Friends,

Lately I have had time to think, more than I would like to, due to a series of health related events. I have had some mandatory down time. It is causing me to do some soul searching. A time of self reflection.

Those of you who know me well enough know that I do not like or want down time. I want to go, go, go. I need to be busy, busy, busy. But I have been forced to move as little as possible; lower back fractures will do that to you. So, between watching TV and watching TV, I find myself watching TV.

Flicking through the stations the other day, I heard a song, I remember my grandmother used to sing. The words went like this, "Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May."

Wow, how fitting is that! I need to write an article for the April/May newsletter. Let's use that. So I looked up the words and the composers and I realized that this particular golden oldie, and I mean old, like 1920's old, is just what the doctor ordered.

This song, "April Showers" by Silvers and DeSlyva is a song of hope. A song of changing seasons. A song of **hindsight** and **foresight** and **insight**.

The Word of God, the Bible, is the same. No matter what life throws at you, or me, we can have faith knowing that He gives us great Hope. A great Hope of a better tomorrow.

Psalm 30:5 "For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning."

Changing seasons. Everything is for a season. That's the long and the short of it.

Psalms 1:3 "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Great insight.

James 1:5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

So whatever the season, good or bad, happy or sad, may our attitude be a reflection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May we be like a tree planted by the rivers of living water. May we bring forth an abundance of fruit to share with our fellow man in their time of need. May we ask, and generously receive the wisdom provided by God. May we use all things He has given to us for His glory.

Always in His time,  
Pastor Tom



# Christian Education at Glen



*Jen Wilmot*

Sunday School teachers Tammy Moran, Norma Sheldon and Jen Wilmot continue to use the new curriculum, which teaches Bible stories with the aid of felt boards.

## Sunday School

Students enjoy learning through visual and sensory experiences every week.

The Sunday school has focused on personal interactions outside of the church walls this year. A big thank you goes out to everyone who accompanied them to Pineview Commons Nursing Home. They sang songs and delivered 80 valentines to residents who enjoyed it so much they invited them back in the summer!

Also, the Sunday School delivered 50 pajama pants and wheelchair bags to veterans at the VA hospital in Albany. Thank you to everyone who donated, came to sing and deliver them as well! It was a great experience. On Palm Sunday they will visit Hillcrest Nursing Home to deliver Easter cards to their 80 residents and to sing!



Sunday, May 12

*The Sunday School students and teachers will honor moms with a congregational*

*breakfast downstairs prior to worship. Students will also present a special song during worship. Come join us for a great day!*

## Vacation Bible School 2019



**Save these dates:**

**Monday – Thursday**

**July 15 – July 18**

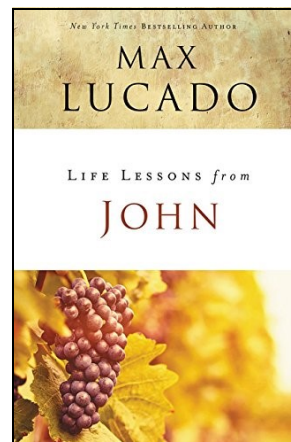
**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Interested in helping?**

**Jen Wilmot 518-775-9322**



## Adult Bible Study Continues



*Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.*

*Please join us!*

*If you can't make it every week, don't despair. We all miss at times.*

*Contact  
Marlene Douglass*

# MISSION

Sue Summerfield

Our Sunday school visited the VA Hospital in Albany in March and reported that they are in need of arts and crafts supplies. So...we would like to make it our "mission" to collect monetary donations and deliver Walmart and Michael's gift cards to the VA sometime this spring or early summer.



Please keep our veterans in your prayers and help us to give them a little sunshine.



As always we continue to support the Fonda Food Pantry. Please leave your non-perishable food items in the narthex of the church.

If you have ideas for other mission projects or would like to join our missions committee please contact Judy Kelly or Sue Summerfield.



Anthony Caldara

## The Death of Johnny Appleseed

from *Almanac for Americans*, Willis Thornton, Greenberg Publishers, Inc. 1941

They said he was crazy, this strange ragged figure whose coat was an old coffee sack, whose hat was a mush-pan on his head, who flitted ghostlike through the woods and the pioneer settlements of the early 1800's, eating no meat, talking to birds and rabbits, never

armed, yet safe among the Indians in their most murderous moods. And always, wherever he went, planting or caring for apple orchards. Yes, people have called John Chapman crazy, unable to understand a man whose eloquent epitaph in Ashland, Ohio reads "...Johnny Appleseed...Patron Saint of American Orchards and Soldier of Peace. He went about doing good..."

In just that way John Chapman spent a life that began May 11, 1768. In the winter he made the rounds of the cider mills collecting bags of apple seeds. Through the rest of the year he restlessly travelled the frontier setting out apple orchards, fencing them, caring for them, selling seeds and seedling trees for whatever the buyer chose to offer, giving them away when the westward moving pioneer had nothing. No tramp, Chapman owned land, orchards, nurseries; He simply chose to use none of these things for himself, but to go barefoot and alone into the wilderness in order that those who should follow him might find orchards and fruit trees awaiting when they came.

And as they came, into western New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, even distant Missouri, there were the trees John Chapman had planted.

He was a religious zealot, a Swedenborgian; He believed literally that all men, all animals, were his brothers. And so they called him crazy. He died near Fort Wayne, IN at the home of friends who had taken him in, about ten o'clock in the morning on March 11, 1847.

General Sam Houston rose on the floor of the Senate in Washington and said, "This old man was one of the most useful citizens of the world in his humble way....He left a place that can never be filled. Farewell dear old eccentric heart. Your labor has been a labor of love and generations yet unborn will rise up and call you blessed.

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## Off the Book Shelf:

Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service  
Gary Sinese, Thomas Nelson Publishing, 2019

The Charm of Fine Manners

Helen Ekin Starrett, J.B. Lippicott Company, copyright 1907, original print 1920

**April & May Calendar**  
**Clip, save & post at home.**

**Worship Schedule for April**

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
<b>April 7</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Judy Kelly	Judy Kelly
<b>April 14</b>	Allan Taylor	Kim Flander
<b>April 21</b>	Allan Taylor	Kim Flander
<b>April 28</b>	Marlene Douglass	Sue Casler

**Worship Schedule for May**

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader
<b>May 5</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Judy Kelly	Judy Kelly
<b>May 12</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	Sunday School	Sunday School
<b>May 19</b>	Katie & Sidney Sheldon	Ron Burch
<b>May 26</b>	Kim Flander	Kim Flander



**April**

- 3 Wyatt Wilmot
- 6 Hannah Lewis
- 8 Dylan Lewis
- 9 Bethany Nacco
- 20 Stepheon Sheldon
- 27 Sue Nacco

**May**

- 3 Eva Wilmot
- 4 Tammy Moran
- 6 Anthony Caldara
- 9 Bryan Gray
- 20 Teresa Sowle
- 20 Tim Trajlinek
- 22 Carol Hesselink
- 23 Derek Lewis
- 25 Theresa Stewart
- 26 Jacob Sheldon
- 26 Jack Sheldon
- 26 John Sheldon



**Inquiring Minds**  
**Want to know...**  
**What is Classis**  
**Supposed to Be?**

*Sue Summerfield*

According to the *Book of Church Order* (BCO) of the Reformed Church in America, the classis is the body that is responsible for superintendence, supervision, and care, ensuring both that ministry continues and that guidelines of the Reformed Church in America are maintained.

Each church has two votes at a classis meeting...the ordained minister and an elder delegate. Since we do not currently have an ordained minister we are able to send two elder delegates to classis meetings. Presently, Karen Kosinski and Sue Summerfield are the Glen Reformed Church's elder delegates to Schoharie Classis.

Classis meetings occur three times per year where there is worship and program time. Karen, Sue, and Tom attended the classis meeting on Saturday, March 9 held at the Schoharie Reformed Church. The program consisted of breaking into groups and having conversations concerning the future of Schoharie Classis. Previously each consistory was charged with discussing and answering several questions regarding the future of Schoharie Classis. It was decided to continue the group discussions at the next classis meeting which will be held on May 28 at the Roxbury Reformed Church.

*Karen and Sue are happy to answer your questions about classis' function and activities.*

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**TO:**

*Yummy! Coming in May!*

**CHICKEN**  
**BBQ**

*Watch for signs posted, Facebook and Website posts for de-*

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Campfire Worship Series will return this summer!**

**August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

A planning team is being formed now. How about joining us? Call, text or email Karen Kosinski



## **Glen Memorial Day Parade**

*Presented by The Glen Conservancy  
Carolyn Hart, Parade Coordinator*



**Monday, May 27, 2019, 12 noon—rain or shine**

*followed by a brief service on the village green at the corner of 161 & 30A*

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. ([www.history.com](http://www.history.com))

Start a new family tradition or continue an old one by attending a parade and honoring those who served to save our opportunity to live our American way of life in the manner of our choosing.