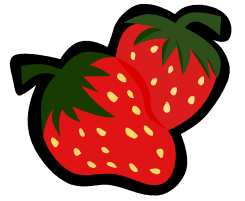




# PAL PRES

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## — REFLECTIONS —

*“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen.  
The person who never reads lives only one.”*  
— George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*

Once again we are approaching the summer months. Here are my suggestions for summer reads. This year the list is light on fiction but most of the memoirs I've included are humorous. Some titles are recent and some are oldies but goodies. They are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction, spiritual and not so spiritual. I hope you will share your own reads on our Facebook page.

- 10: Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy by Anne LaMott
- 9: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson (I put this on last year but if you have not read it PLEASE do. It's just that important.)
- 8: The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Happiness by Paula Poundstone
- 7: Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond
- 6: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine: A Novel by Gail Honeyman
- 5: The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings by Jan Richardson
- 4: All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen
- 3: On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder
- 2: Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 1: The Bible

Also, some Christian spiritual reads:

- An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor
- Poverty of Spirit by Johannes Baptist Metz
- A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life by Jane Marie Thibault
- Don't Forgive Too Soon: Extending the Two Hands that Heal by Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn and Matthew Linn.

I know its summer but please continue to read the newspapers too. It is so important these days to stay informed.

Blessings and Good Reading!  
Angela

## Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 10  
2:00 – 6:00 pm  
Rain or Shine

### Deacons' Corner

It's not too late to sign up to help the Deacons with the Strawberry Festival! Many thanks to those who already offered. A Deacon will call you ahead to remind you of the time you signed up for. We hope the weather will cooperate so we can all have a nice get-together on June 10.

The next "Deacons Corner" will be in September but even though you will not get the Pal Pres during July and August, all Deacon related affairs continue as usual. For rides call Jim Rubenstone, for casseroles call Margaret Allen and for special prayers call Stephen van Dyk. We all wish you a great summer!



### PAL PRES Vacation

Pal Pres will be on vacation for July and August. See you in September.

### Accessibility Project

The addition of a handicapped accessible entrance to the sanctuary from the front of the building has long been discussed. Thanks to a generous designated gift from the Moser Family, we are able to move forward with exploring this project. Prior to the donation, Eric hired architect William Pfaff of Nyack to work on a preliminary design that would maintain the aesthetics of the building and also create a safe and accessible way for all to enter the sanctuary. Session approved the preliminary design and the Operations Committee obtained bids based on the design. Eric and Patty's gift is expected to cover the expense of the entire project which will include a ramp entrance to the sanctuary as well as a walkway to the office. Session has approved moving forward by hiring Mr. Pfaff to provide detailed architectural drawings and obtain the necessary approvals from the town. A rendering of the proposed project will be on display in the Parish House. We are grateful to Eric for making this long term goal a reality.

## SUMMER CALENDAR

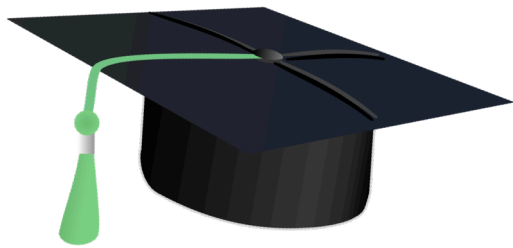
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

- 4 Communion, Communicants Join  
10 Strawberry Festival  
11 Last day of Sunday School and Choir:  
Collection of Cents-a-bility coin boxes  
Ice Cream Party after service
- 25 Rev. Ruth Wainwright, guest preacher

### Study Leave

Rev. Maddalone will be on Study Leave June 19-26. She will be attending the Association for Professional Chaplains Annual Conference. The guest preacher on June 25 will be the Rev. Ruth Wainwright.



### Congratulations to this year's graduates:

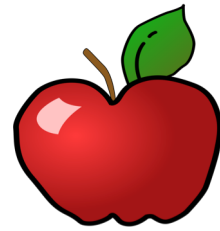
Graduating from middle school (8th grade):  
Rachel Alexandre  
Vienna Guzewich  
Hannah Healy  
Samantha Shanahan

Graduating from high school:  
Henry Garrison  
Francesca Lede will attend Manhattanville College (Honors program)  
Annaleise McGlade will attend Savannah College of Art and Design  
Erik Rasmussen will attend Rockland Community College  
Scott Rasmussen will attend Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

### Communicants

During worship service on June 4, we will receive the four young women who have completed the Confirmation class and shared their statements of faith with Session. Welcome to our newest members: Vienna Guzewich, Samantha Shanahan, Rachel Alexandre and Hannah Healy.

## Sunday School



A special thanks to all our teachers this year:  
Johanna Albin  
Faith Alexandre

And all the parents who participate on our Sunday School Team: We are grateful for you!!!

Sunday, June 11 is the last day of Sunday School. We will collect the children's Cents-a-bility coin boxes and enjoy ice cream sundaes following morning worship. Also on June 11 at the last parent and teacher meeting we will discuss summer plans:

- summer picnic / pool party
- back yard campout (?)
- the curriculum-- "what worked and what didn't"
- "brainstorm" events for next year

### Choir Recognition



Thank you to our choir for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. They lend their talent and their beautiful voices to enliven our worship every Sunday. My heartfelt gratitude to Dallas Abbot, Margaret Allen, Carol Knudsen, Bill Menke, Susan Orlando, Ernie Quick, David Sanders, Jennifer Shapiro, and Nina Von Eckardt.  
Michael Shapiro, Music Director.

### Checks

Our bank has informed us they will only honor checks that are made out to **Palisades Presbyterian Church** written in full. Any form of abbreviation will render the check not valid. Please take care to honor this new requirement so that we may deposit and use funds immediately and avoid unnecessary bank fees for returned checks.

