

The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



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Job 11:13

Prepare
YOUR



&

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS TO
HIM IN PRAYER

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort those that are suffering, lend skill to the hands of their healers, and bless the means used for their cure. Give them such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when they are afraid, they may put their whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

If you would like to add or remove someone on the prayer list please let the church office know (518)853-3621 or fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com Thank you!!

***Please continue to pray
for those who grieve.***

Please pray for our missions:

The Ford family as they retire from the mission field and settle into their new home in Virginia
Haven of Hope Farm & Residence

Other prayer requests:

Our Shut-ins
Students
Ministries of our church
Government leaders
Our service men and women, and their families
Family & friends separated from Jesus Christ
Those who are struggling through hardships.

Individuals with health concerns:

Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
Paula Frasier Bobilin
Ruthie Burke
Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
Polly Calhoun
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Suzanne Douglass (J. Perez)
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
Paul Frasier
Joan Francisco
Laurie Fischer
Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
Judy Ferguson
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
Jay Hine
Gus Joyce (B. Marshall)
Stacy Kimball
Lee Kimball
Megan Kucel
Lisa Knapp (Pete Perez)
Sebastian Lasher (Rob Garren)
Bob Langdon
Tom Lewis
Rosanne Lybolt
Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
Al Mancini
Art Marshall
Anas Mashhadi
Pat Mosher
Andrea Rogers
Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
Robert Smith (L Huth)
Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
Cheyanne Sawyer (G. Kimball)
Brendan Schuffleburg (J. Perez)
Sue Swanson
Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
Bob VanAlstyne (M Francisco)
Carolyn Whipple
Bill Whipple
Lu Wilmot
Judy Wilson
Sarah Woodcock
Sandra Wright (P. Pollock)
Brette Lee Wilson Zayicek (Stage 4 brain tumor)
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

Dear Friends,

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the dominion of God without being born from above." John 3:1-3

Dear Friends,

As we enter March, we have also entered the season of Lent. Lent is a time to consider our mortality and our sinfulness. But it is also a time to consider the glories that God has prepared for us and the grace that God has laid before us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Rather than fear the dark places, let us embrace them as a part of the journey that brings us closer to God. The following excerpt, from Pearl S. Buck's book *The Big Wave* teaches us this lesson:

"What is death?" Kino asked.

"Death is the great gateway," Kino's father said. His face was not at all sad. Instead, it was quiet and happy.

"The gateway – where?" Kino asked again.

Kino's father smiled. "Can you remember when you were born?"

Kino shook his head. "I was too small."

Kino's father laughed. "I remember very well. Oh how hard you thought it was to be born! You cried and you screamed."

"Didn't I want to be born?" Kino asked. This was very interesting to him.

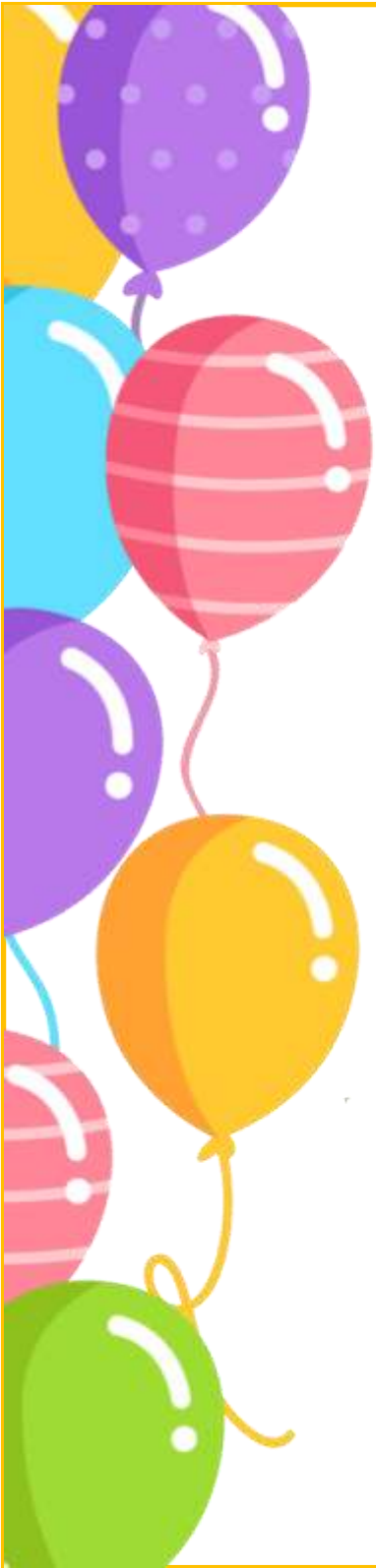
"You did not know anything about it and so you were afraid of it," his father replied. "But see how foolish you were! Here we were waiting for you, your parents, already loving you and eager to welcome you. And you have been very happy, haven't you?"

"Until the big wave came," Kino replied. "Now I am afraid again because of the death that the big wave brought."

"You are only afraid because you don't know anything about death," his father replied. "But someday you will wonder why you were afraid, even as today you wonder why you feared to be born."

Let us not fear the dark places like Kino. But let us be willing, like Nicodemus, to meet Christ in them. Have a blessed Lent.

Shalom, Pastor Linda



March Birthdays

- 2 Kyle Hanson
- 4 Wes Jones
- 5 David DeLaney
- 6 Eunice Bethel
Joseph Guiffre
Michelle Knapik
Louise Boyer
- 7 Gloria Bruno
Celia Henry
Jim Suits
- 10 Sierra Chipps
- 11 Alexandra Gieseler
- 12 Elizabeth Warner
- 13 Vanessa Henry
Dave Gibson
- 14 Caroline Young
- 15 Taylor Young
Lauren Etkorn
- 16 Jerry Collins
- 18 Aaron Gold
Megan Therrien
Amber DeCicco-Smith
- 22 Ron Pollock
- 23 Barbara Smith
- 24 Robert Boshart
- 25 Kent Walrath
- 26 Larry Kruger
Jackie Retallick
- 27 Lee Ferris
Corey Ferris
Jeremy Stanzel
- 29 Peg Nare
Kyle Gray
- 30 Amanda Young
- 31 Leah Newkirk

We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary. If we did, it probably means we don't have it. Please let the Church Office know of birthdays or anniversaries to be included, or if any of the information needs to be corrected.

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WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 5th

Second Sunday in Lent - Communion—Ruth 1:6-22—Holy Character from Royal Heroes: Loyalty

March 12th

Third Sunday in Lent/Girl Scout Sunday - 1 Samuel 3:1-21—Holy Character from Royal Heroes: Attentiveness

March 19th

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Deuteronomy 10:12-22 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13—
Holy Character from Royal Heroes: Character

March 26th

Fifth Sunday in Lent - 1 Kings 3:1-15 - Holy Character from Royal Heroes: Wisdom

Zoom meeting information

Our worship information is the same each week Please feel free to save this sheet with the log in information!

Topic: Fonda Reformed Church Sunday Worship

Meeting ID: 481 802 235

Password: 233126

Telephone audio: 929-205-6099 (New York)

We are also on Facebook Live—you can watch live or catch up with the recording later.

www.facebook.com/fondareformedchurch

Consistory

Consistory meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm

Elders

Troy Chatwin, Stacey DeLaney, Sherrie Gray,
Jill Perez, Bob Kruger

Deacons

Sharon Carpenter, Steve Cook, Judy Ferguson,
Rob Garren

NOAH—Needy or Alone and Hungry

**Fonda Reformed Church will be serving meals at St Johns Church in
Johnstown from 12-1pm on the following date in 2023:**

May 7

July 30

October 22

**If you are interested in helping for any of these meals, contact Sherri Grey
for more information and to sign up**



Between small groups, serving our church or serving the community we want to encourage you to find what fits you the best and get involved!

Tuesday Night Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study will not meet until after Easter in order to attend the Lenten worship services. If you would like information about when they start up again, contact Sherri Gray (518)332-2512 or Gretchen Subik (518)853-3678

Wednesday Evenings are when praise practice happens.

If you’re musically gifted, give Karen Patterson a shout!

Friday mornings is for you fellas!

6:15 online. Contact Dave Patterson if you’re interested! (518) 369-3781

Saturday Morning Early Risers!

For more information or assistance setting up Zoom please contact Debbie Silvernail. dsilvernail@ffcsd.org

Sunday

*If teaching is your passion we would love to have you join our Sunday School teachers and get in on the rotation to teach a Sunday School Class. There are also opportunities to get involved in the worship service. Have you considered reading scripture, lighting candles or hosting a coffee hour? Sign-ups can be found on the table in the upstairs atrium.

The Food Pantry is always looking for reliable, dedicated volunteers to help feed our community. From picking up food, organizing shelves, cleaning the pantry to working a Wednesday time slot... there is a space for you!

If you have ideas on how to help our community we would love to hear them so please let us know! We would love to team up and do awesome things!

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MEET OUR TEAM

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Pastor	Linda Gold	518-853-2130
Treasurer	Doug Hall	518-848-9557
Music Director	Karen Patterson	518-684-0321
Custodian	Ronnie Pollock	518-853-3296
Sunday School Director	Cindy Mitchell	518-853-3712
Finance Ministry	Nancy Langdon	518-853-1224
Worship Ministry	Bonnie Kruger	518-853-4398
Prayer Chain	Peg LaBarge	518-853-4318
Building & Property	Peter Perez	518-774-0585
Hospitality Ministry	Gretchen Subik	518-853-3678
Outreach Ministry		518-853-3621
Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513
	Troy Chatwin	518-795-4477

March

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	
Wednesday	1	8:30am-11am 12pm 3-5pm 7pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Interfaith Lenten Worship—Glen Reformed Church	Judges 3:7-5:31
Thursday	2			Judges 6:1-8:35
Friday	3	6:15 am 8:30am - 11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Judges 9:1-12:15
Saturday	4	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Judges 13:1-16:31
Sunday	5	9:30am 10:30am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship—Communion & Coffee Hour	Judges 17:1-21:25
Monday	6	8:30am-11am 6pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory	Ruth 1:1-2:23
Tuesday	7	10:30am	Glen Mohawk Seniors	Ruth 3:1-4:22
Wednesday	8	8:30am-11am 12pm 3-5pm 7pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Interfaith Lenten Worship—Florida Reformed Church	1 Samuel 1:1-3:21
Thursday	9			1 Samuel 4:1-7:17
Friday	10	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	1 Samuel 8:1-12:25
Saturday	11	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	1 Samuel 13:1-15:35
Sunday <i>Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour</i>	12	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Sunday School Worship—Girl Scout Sunday & Coffee Hour	1 Samuel 16:1-17:58
Monday	13	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	1 Samuel 18:1-20:42
Tuesday	14	10:30am	Glen Mohawk Seniors	1 Samuel 21:1-24:22
Wednesday	15	8:30am-11am 12pm 3-5pm 7pm 7PM	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Interfaith Lenten Service — Fonda Reformed	1 Samuel 25:1-28:25

March

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday		9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	
Thursday	16			1 Samuel 29:1-31:13
Friday	17	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	2 Samuel 1:1-4:12
Saturday	18	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	2 Samuel 5:1-7:29
Sunday	19	9:30am 10:30am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship & Coffee Hour	2 Samuel 8:1-10:19
Monday	20	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	2 Samuel 11:1-14:33
Tuesday	21	10:30am	Glen Mohawk Seniors	2 Samuel 15:1-19:43
Wednesday	22	8:30am-11am 12pm 3-5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Interfaith Lenten Worship— Glen Reformed Church	2 Samuel 20:1-24:25
Thursday	23	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	1 Kings 1:1-4:34
Friday	24	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	1 Kings 5:1-8:66
Saturday	25	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	1 Kings 9:1-11:43
Sunday	26	9:30am 10:30am 11:45am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship Coffee Hour and Bible Year Discussion time (Joshua-2 Samuel)	1 Kings 12:1-16:34
Monday	27	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	1 Kings 17:1-19:21
Tuesday	28	10:30am	Glen Mohawk Seniors	1 Kings 20:1-22:53
Wednesday	29	8:30am-11am 12pm 3-5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Interfaith Lenten Worship — Florida Reformed Church	2 Kings 1:1-8:15
Thursday	30	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	2 Kings 8:16-10:36
Friday	31	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	2 Kings 11:1-13:25

Notes from Sunday School

The Sunday School continues to have two classes. The younger class is continuing their work with Bible Stories. The older class—for grades 6-8 — is learning how to read Scripture

The students made crafts for the shut-ins for Valentine's day, and helped sign Valentines to go to the residents of Wells House.

In March, they are working on St Patrick's crafts for the shut-ins and an art project to decorate the atrium for Youth Art Month.

Please be in prayer for the children and our teachers: Jodi Frenyea, Sharon Carpenter, Barb Smith and Julie Burr.

Youth Art Month

During the first two weeks of March, our atrium will host works of art from the children at Fonda-Fultonville Elementary school in celebration of Youth Art Month. Thanks to Art teacher Angela Bermas and the children for sharing their talents with us.

Glen-Mohawk Seniors

Hi. I'm here to tell you a little about the Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group. We meet every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Fonda Reformed Church Hall. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to attend a meeting and see just what we are about. Our meetings usually last about an hour and light refreshments are served.

We are a very active group and we would welcome new members, If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875 or Vice President Gloria Kimball at 518-853-

Living With Hope

Inspirational Speaker—Elicia Roy

*Monday, March 13, 2023 *11:30 a.m.*

*Holiday Inn * Route 30A * N. Comrie Avenue * Johnstown*

\$17.50 (Pay at the door.)

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo over Rigatoni Pasta with Garlic Bread or Ham Salad Croissant with the soup du jour, Coconut Cream Pie, Coffee or Tea

***Ann Boles, Executive Director
Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce***

Complimentary childcare is available upon request at time of reservation.

For reservations, call Gloria 518-853-3126 or

women2connect@yahoo.com

Sponsored by CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING

Looking for Volunteers for Community Cleanup

Earth Day Saturday April 22 at 9:00 AM starting at the Fonda Reformed Church
For more information please contact Sherrie Gray or Pastor Linda



Ways to Financially Support our ministry **Monthly Using your Bill Pay**

You can set up your monthly or weekly offering using your bank online bill pay. Set up recurring payments on your bank's electronic banking site and you won't need to worry about remembering or catching up if you are away.

Offering Envelopes

We have offering envelopes available for your giving. Using envelopes allows you to receive a statement annually with your giving. If you do not already receive envelopes, please contact Nancy Langdon (518 852 0386) or Doug Hall (518 848 9557)

Coming Soon—Electronic Giving

We will soon offer the option of using Zelle to make offerings to the church using your bank account. We are in the process of setting it up and hope to have it available soon

2023 ASSESSMENTS

In order to fund the work of the Reformed Church in America's 3 levels of which the Fonda Reformed Church is a part of (Schoharie Classis, Regional Synod of Albany and General Synod) there is a per member assessment. The 2023 per active member assessment is \$108.80. Fonda Reformed Church is responsible to pay this amount for every active member of our church. If you would like to contribute towards this amount as an active member, just mark on your offering envelope or your check that it is for the 2023 assessment.

Lenten Mission Project

This Lent we are collecting items for the Fonda-Fultonville School District Backpack program

Many children in the district rely on free school breakfast and lunch as their main meals of the day, and that leaves these families stretching over the weekend. The backpack program provides a backpack full of food on Friday for these families.

Currently over 50 families are being served in this way, and more are contacting the school each week.

We will be collecting the items on their wish list, and we encourage you to bring them to worship and to spread the word for others to join us. We hope that this push will give the program a boost and we plan to continue to collect and support them.

The items used most are:

Caned soup canned pasta Jelly (plastic Jars) single serve cereal oatmeal packets
Packets of mini muffins snack packs-crackers, cookies fruit snacks boxed pasta
mac&cheese Peanut butter tuna fish granola bars
juice boxes fruit cups applesauce cups Canned tomato sauce



The Frothingham Free Library holding a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner Fundraiser at the Winner's Circle on Wednesday, March 22. \$15 Dinner includes chicken and biscuit dinner and a dinner salad. Available for dine in or take out. Tickets available now! Thanks for your support!

Please join us at our every Tuesday at 11am for story hour! A different theme is offered this week, with books, crafts and fun! This is a great way to introduce your kids to the library and love of reading! Give us a call with any questions (518) 853-3016.

We are now offering a free craft on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm! On March 15 we will be Stenciling Tea Towels. Please see our FB page or our website <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info/> for more details.

We would like to plan a gathering of our community of Homeschooling families to do some networking. Contact the library for more info!

Check us out at: FrothinghamFreeLibrary.mvls.info or Facebook for updates and new events!

Thank you; we really appreciate your support!



It's SouperBowl Report!

Thanks to everyone who brought soup to worship on February 12th. Our collection that day—plus contributions from the Seniors and Mom's Morning Out—collected 53 cans of soup and \$615 in donations for the Fonda Food Pantry.

Glen Mohawk Clergy Association
Lenten Worship 2023

"Finding Jesus in the Psalms"

All worship services are at 7pm and will be held in person.

Services will also be broadcast on Facebook Live at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Glen-Mohawk-Clergy-Association-542239960059196>

February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday

"Why do we need to find Jesus in the Psalms?"

Fonda Reformed Church

Fonda, NY

March 1, 2023

Glen Reformed Church

"Finding Jesus with us in our hard places"

Fultonville, NY

March 8, 2023

Florida Reformed Church

"Finding Jesus as Our Shepherd"

Minaville, NY

March 15, 2023

Fonda Reformed Church

"Finding Jesus as Our Hope"

Fonda, NY—Worship led by Preaching

Elder Deb Silvernail

March 22, 2023

Glen Reformed Church

Worship led by Melissa Hopkins

"Finding Jesus as Our Strength"

March 29, 2023

Florida Reformed Church

"Finding Jesus as Our Savior"

Minaville, NY