



The Fonda Reformed Church

Newsletter

Fonda Reformed Church

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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
Wayne Bobilin
Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Jaye Evangelista
Frances Filanova (B. Kruger)
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
Laurie Fischer
Joan Francisco
Vernon Francisco, Jr.
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
Jay Hine
The Hortons
Gus Joyce (B. Marshall)
Mary Kansfield
Sue Sammons Kennedy
Stacy Kimball
Peter Klock (S. Emery)
Megan Kucel
Lisa Knapp (Pete Perez)
Sebastian Lasher (Rob Garren)
Bob Langdon
Rosanne Lybolt
Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
Art Marshall
Anas Mashhadi
Kaden McRedmond
Eva Hrastnig-Mieras
Pat Mosher
Carol Y Persse (N. Langdon)
Lucas Polsinelli
Andrea Rogers
Hunter Rose
Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
Robert Smith (L Huth)
Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
Cheyanne Sawyer (G. Kimball)
Sue Swanson
Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
Bob VanAlstyne (M Francisco)
Carolyn Whipple
Bill Whipple
Lu Wilmot
Judy Wilson
Sarah Woodcock
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF February

February 2

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—Communion

Luke 4:14-21 "Hometown Boy"

February 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11 "Called and Sent"

February 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:17-26 "Fullness and Emptiness"

February 23

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:27-38 "Unlimited Love"

Reception of New Member & Baptism

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF February

February 2

The Leaven

February 9

Sower

February 16

The Good Samaritan

February 23

The Wise & The Foolish Man (I Wonder)

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 second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Elders

Bob Kruger (518-810-3502)

Dave Patterson (518-369-3781)

Jill Perez (518-844-6343)

Deb Silvernail (518-844-7092)

Deacons

Dave Delaney (518-944-4736)

Judy Ferguson (518-332-6500)

Rob Garren (518-866-9217)

Tom Hoefs (518-505-3206)



FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 2 Matilda Zaetz
Joy Haggart | 16 Amiah Valdez |
| 5 Tom Persse | 17 Amelia Kruger |
| 5 Kyle Nare
Kylie Kruger | 18 Craig Newkirk |
| 6 Art Marshall | 21 Russel Pedrick, Sr. |
| 7 Rebecca Newkirk | 22 Christine Pedrick |
| 8 John Nare II
Carolyn Smith | 23 Brandon Akey |
| 9 Sarah Subik
Robin Sargalis | 25 Heather Hanson
Teagan Moran |
| 13 Scott Ferris | 26 Natalie Whipple |
| 14 William Wemple | 29 Matthew Bruno |
| 15 Chris Jones
Abigail Douglas | |

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

- 3 Laura and Andrew Bowles
- 11 Joe and Bev Guiffre
- 17 Clay and Kathie Carpenter

NOTE About PRAYER LIST, Birthday and Anniversary List:

If you have any additions or removals from any of these lists, please let us know. There is a printout of all lists on the table as you enter the sanctuary where you can edit information or you can let Cindy in the office know by email: fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com

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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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

Ladies Bible Study meets on Tuesday nights at 7pm. Please come and join us. We are a fun-loving group of women from different churches who gather to discuss God's Word. For more information you may contact Sherri Gray (518)332-2512 or Gretchen Subik (518)848-2682

Wednesday Evenings Praise Practice

If you're musically gifted, and Praise Practice is continuing give Karen Patterson a shout. We meet Wednesdays at 7pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am before service

Saturday Morning Early Risers!

There is an early-morning ONLINE prayer group for you early risers! Join us at 6:00 am to start your day in a wonderful way! For more information or assistance setting up Zoom please contact Debbie Silvernail. dsilvernail@ffcsd.org

Sunday school (following the FCSD Schedule)

*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. Sunday school is at 9:30, before the church service each week.

Volunteer for Worship

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.

Interested in exploring a deeper connection to Christ by joining the church?

Please speak with Pastor Linda if you are interested in church membership

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! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3513

**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!**

	Church Office	518-853-3621
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



Dear Friends,

I recently read something in a devotional book that made me stop and think. Frederick Buechner, one of my favorite authors, wrote, “We can’t see light itself. We can only see what light lights us, like the little circle of night where the candle flickers – a sheen of mahogany, a wineglass, a face leaning toward us out of the shadows.”

He goes on to explain that Jesus tells us that he is the light of the world. But we can’t see Jesus. We can only see the things that Jesus lights up in the world.

We may sometimes feel like we are in complete darkness, but when we have Jesus with us, we are able to light up a little way up the path and that gives us hope. And when we walk with someone else in faith, we are able to light up a little bit more together. And when we walk with a community of faith, we are able to be the light that we are called to be. The more we align ourselves with other believers, the more light, the more hope, the more promise we can shine in the world.

Those in the world may not see Jesus in our lives or our actions, but they should see what he lights up in the world. And when they ask about what they see, that is our opportunity to share the light with them.

We are in the church season of Epiphany. Epiphany means a revealing, an enlightening. It celebrates the season of Jesus’ life in which he enlightened the world by shining his light forth. It also highlights the times where he calls us to shine our light, which is a reflection of his.

Jesus tells his followers, “‘You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’” (Matthew 5:14-16)

A t-shirt read, “Be the moon. Reflect the Son.” That is the lesson of Epiphany. May we be the light to the world by reflecting the Light of the World, the only true light sent from God.

Shalom

Pastor Linda

February

Pastor Linda's working days are Tuesdays and Thursday and Sunday.

Please call if you'd like to make an appointment

Saturday	1	6am 11am-1pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	2	9:30am 10:30 am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany After-service Coffee Hour
Monday	3	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	4	10:30-1pm 4pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Faithwalking Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5	8:30am-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	6	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	7	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	8	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	9	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany After-Service Coffee Hour
Monday	10	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	11	10:30am-1pm 4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Faithwalking Consistory Meeting Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	12	8:30am-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	13	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	14	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
Saturday	15	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting

February

Sunday	16	9:30am 10:30 am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship After-service Potluck Lunch
Monday	17		
Tuesday	18	10:30am-1pm 4pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Faithwalking Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	19	2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Pastor Linda at Family Retreat at Camp Fowler 1/19-20 Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	20		
Friday	21	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	22	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	23	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship: Christ the King Sunday After-Service Coffee Hour
Monday	24	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	25	10:20am-1pm 4pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Faithwalking Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	26	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	27	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	28	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out

March/April Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be a combined March and April edition. If there is any event happening in either March or April that you'd like us to include in the newsletter, please have your info to us by **February 21st**. Thank you!



Ash Wednesday and Wednesday Lent Services:

Mark your calendar for Lent, which begins in March. This year, the Glen-Mohawk clergy will once again be holding services on the **Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm**. The full schedule and locations will be in the March newsletter. We will begin with **Ash Wednesday on March 5th at 7pm at Fonda Reformed Church**. We hope you will plan on joining us for these special services. During the services, offering will be taken up for the Glen-Mohawk Scholarship fund, which gives a small scholarship to graduating seniors who are part of one of the Glen Mohawk churches. These scholarships are given out at the Baccalaureate service in June, and we hope that you will help in allowing us to continue to support these graduates in their future goals.



Perth Bible Church Women's Conference

This year's conference will be held on **March 15th, 9am-3:30pm**.

Admission is \$75 Registration will close **March 8th**

The keynote speaker and musical artist is Grammy & Dove Award winner **Sandi Patty**. The theme for this year's conference is "Finding Your Voice" To register for this wonderful event, visit: www.perthbible.church/womensconference

Heart to Heart

Inspirational Speaker: Sharon Ditton

Monday, **February 10, 2025** at 11:30am at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown (\$19.50 pay at the door)

Fresh baked Haddock w/creamy dill sauce (or) Grilled Cheese, bacon & tomato sandwich w/ broccoli soup

Kathy McCarthy from the American Heart

Association will be the special guest & Gifts by **Pam Santos** available for sale

For reservations: Patti 518-842-1997
Or email womentoconnect@gmail.com



Souper Bowl Sunday!

On February 9th, the FRC will once again join in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national program whose

mission is to eliminate hunger in every community. The totals are reported nationally and cans/funds are donated locally each year.

On the 9th, we invite you to bring a can of soup and \$1 for our soup pot. The cans will be sent to the Fonda-Fultonville backpack program and the funds will go to the Fonda Food Pantry. Both groups live out the goals of making sure that those in need in our community are not hungry.

Whoever you are rooting for in the big game, reducing hunger here at home is a win for all!

FFCSD Backpack Program

We will be collecting food for the Fonda Fultonville School Back Pack Program. This program provides food for those families who rely on school lunches during the week and allows them to feed their children over the weekends and school holidays. There is a box in the atrium outside the sanctuary for you to leave your donations.

We are glad to continue to serve the 'least of these in Jesus' name' in this small way. Items needed: canned 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 and granola bars.



WORSHIP: The Work of the People

Attn: Preaching Elders, Church Leaders, Musicians, Pastors: Albany Synod invites you to an inspiring Festival Day of Learning, Fellowship & Celebration at the **First Reformed Church of Scotia, Feb. 22, 9am-3pm**. Workshop offerings include: Writing Prayers & Reading Liturgy, Church Music, How to Lead a Funeral, Conducting Congregational Prayer, Children's Messages and more. Visit albansynod.org to register. \$20/individual \$50/church. Childcare & lunch included



Glen-Mohawk Seniors

The Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group meets **every Tuesday at 10:30 am** at the Fonda Reformed Church Hall. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to attend a meeting and see 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.

We go on trips together and also have \$6 Senior Movie Days at Johnstown Movieplex each month and includes popcorn & a drink! **And** a Free movie each month at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875 or Vice President Gloria Kimball at 518-853-3126.



The Library is more than just books!

The Frothingham Library in Fonda has an amazing array of books, e-books, audio books and more for all ages, but did you know that they also offer enriching activities for children, toddlers-to-teens as well as adults!

February's lineup is: Children's Story Hour every Tuesday at 10:30am, Book Club 2/5 at 6pm, Adult Arts & Crafts class 2/19 at 6pm, Garden Club 2/11 at 6pm, Dungeons & Dragons Club every Tuesday at 6pm and Adult Yoga every Thursday at 6:30 pm. To register, please visit the library's website: www.frothinghamlibrary.org

NOAH—Needy or Alone and Hungry

This program serves a free meal every Sunday to between 60-150 people.

FRC has a team that prepares and serves these meals several times throughout the year. This year's schedule is as follows:

March 9 June 1 August 24 November 16

If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up