

The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



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Job 11:13

Prepare
YOUR



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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:

John Anderson (cancer)
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,

We know that April Flowers bring May flowers. But if you have looked at our Bible Reading calendar, you will see that May readings bring...Psalms.

Yes, we are spending the month of May reading Psalms. All Psalms, and (except for a few days of Job at the beginning) nothing but Psalms.

This may seem like a daunting task. But if you consider the old Sunday School trick of dividing a Bible in half to find Psalms, that means that we have gone through an incredible amount of material — maybe more than you had considered you would be up for at the beginning of this year.

But it will still be a challenge, so as we begin this month, here are some ideas and tips for reading Psalms that you can use whether you are reading the Bible this year or just dip into them occasionally.

1-Remember that the Psalms are poetry and read them that way. After months of reading stories and laws, the Psalms are very different. And so rather than reading them literally, this is a chance to immerse yourself in metaphors and patterns of language that are very different than what we experience every day. Think back to in school when you read poetry. Think about the words as painting pictures. And fully experience the language.

2-Remember that the psalms are worship. And so they have different places that they would be used— both in the lives of the individuals and the worship of the community. Imagine when each Psalm might have been used. Was it a greeting to God and thanksgiving for blessings? Was it a confession and recognition of our need for God's Grace? Was it a lament that things were going horribly and the author is wondering if God is even listening? Psalms of ascent were sung as the people approached Jerusalem for the Holy Days. We might not know what some of the instructions fully meant, but we can use them to remember great congregations that knew and followed then they read those words. Try to read them out loud instead of silently sometimes, or with another person instead of alone.

3-Try to surround your day with them — If you usually do all your readings in the morning, try dividing up the psalms so that you are reading one in the morning, one at midday, and one at night. In monasteries, the flow of time is marked by worship and reading at set times each day, always including a Psalm.

4-And finally, read the whole Psalm. Psalms that begin with lament often end with the greatest professions of faith. And Psalms that seem sweetness and light sometimes take a dark turn (I'm looking at you, Psalm 139). They are complicated and emotionally diverse, just like those who wrote them and those who read them. Often in worship we cut out the difficulties and smooth out the edges. Take the chance to reflect on them in all their complex glory.

Enjoy this month (plus a little more) with the Psalms. Find a rhythm that works for you to fully engage and explore with this songbook of God's people.

Shalom, Pastor Linda



MAY Birthdays

- 2 Richard Wilmot
- 5 Cory Kruger
- 6 Jacob Knapik
- 7 Louise Huth
- 11 Ellsworth Simpson
- 12 Lois Collins & Karen Simpson
- 13 Kayla Roberson & Ava Cassidy
- 15 Adam Kruger & R.J. Douglas
- 16 Randy Douglas, Sr.
- 17 Joshua Kirschman & Demilee McRedmond
- 18 Mitch Gold
- 19 John Boshart, Jr.
- 20 Nate Quinn, Larry Hayes & Tammy Garren
- 21 Lori Myers
- 22 Avery Cook & Allison Newkirk
- 23 McKenzie Carpenter & Maria Carpenter
- 24 Schuyler Livingstone
- 25 Lance Henry
- 26 M.J. Cassidy & Lindsey Stanzel
- 29 Sydney Jones
- 30 Amber Morey

MAY Anniversaries

- 15th - David & Karen Patterson
- 18th - Edward & Robin Sargalis
- 27th - Peter and Jill Perez

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 May

May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter- Communion—Psalm 7—God's Playlist: A Song of Help

May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter—Psalm 23—God's Playlist: A Song of Comfort

May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday— Psalm 51—
God's Playlist: A Song of Confession

May 28

Pentecost Sunday—Psalm 104:24-344, 35b & Acts 2:1-12
God's Playlist: A Song of the Spirit

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



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.

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

Please speak to Pastor Linda or one of the Elders.

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

	Church Office	518-853-3621
Pastor	Linda Gold	518-853-2130
Treasurer	Doug Hall	518-848-9557
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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

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.

Some exciting trips are planned for this summer:

June 28—Dutch Apple Cruise

July 20—Lake George Dinner Theater to see “Sheer Madness”

August 9—Alexandra Bay Boldt Castle, boat ride, and Lunch

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 518-853-3126.

Bloom Where You're Planted
Inspirational Speaker—Peggy Bermudez

*Monday, May 8, 2023 *11:30 a.m.*
*Holiday Inn * Route 30A * N. Comrie Avenue * Johnstown*
\$17.50 (Pay at the door.)

Chicken Piccata with mashed potatoes and sugar snap peas or chef salad, Cherry Cobbler, Coffee or Tea

Sally Peck
Owner of the Flower Barn and Gift shop

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

May

Monday	1	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Job 22:1-31:40
Tuesday	2	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	Job 32:1-37:24
Wednesday	3	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice	Job 38:1-42:17
Thursday	4	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Psalms 1:1-4:8
Friday	5	6:15 am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Psalms 5:1-8:9
Saturday	6	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Psalms 9:1-12:8
Sunday	7	9:30am 10:30am 12pm	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship—Communion Coffee Hour NOAH	Psalms 13:1-16:11
Monday	8	8:30am-11am 6pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory	Psalms 17:1-20:9
Tuesday	9	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	Psalms 21:1-24:10
Wednesday	10	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice	Psalms 25:1-28:9
Thursday	11	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Psalms 29:1-32:11
Friday	12	6:15am	Men's Online Bible Study	Psalms 33:1-36:12
Saturday	13	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Psalms 37:1-41:13
Sunday	14	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Sunday School Worship—Children's Day—Coffee Hour	Psalms 42:1-45:17
Monday	15	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Psalms 46:1-49:20
Tuesday	16	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	Psalms 50:1-53:6

May

Wednesday	17	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice	Psalms 54:1-56:13
Thursday	18	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Psalms 57:1-59:17
Friday	19	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Psalms 6-:1-63:11
Saturday	20	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Psalms 64:1-68:35
Sunday	21	9:30am 10:30am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship & Coffee Hour	Psalms 69:1-72:20
Monday	22	8:30am-11am 6pm	<i>Pastor Linda away 5/22-24</i> Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Psalms 73:1-75:10
Tuesday	23	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	Psalms 76:1-78:72
Wednesday	24	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice	Psalms 79:1-84:12
Thursday	25	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Psalms 85:1-89:52
Friday	26	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Psalms 90:1-95:11
Saturday	27	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Psalms 96:1-101:8
Sunday <i>Pentecost</i>	28	9:30am 10:30am 11:45am	Praise Practice Worship Coffee Hour and Bible Year Discussion time (Job & Psalms)	Psalms 102:1-104:35
Monday	29		<i>Memorial Day—Office Closed</i>	Psalms 105:1-107:43
Tuesday	30	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	Psalms 108:1-112:10
Wednesday	31	8:30am-11am 9am 12pm 3-5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice	Psalms 113:1-118:29

Fonda Speedway Parking

This summer, the church has a few dates when we will be staffing the parking lot at the speedway. We will have more details moving forward, but check your calendar for these dates and let Sherrie Gray know if you are interested in helping. Our dates are June 24, July 15, and September 15. The church will receive a portion of the proceeds for the parking on these nights.

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)

Electronic Giving —on hold

Our plan to offer electronic giving is on hold while we work out a few issues that have arisen. We will update you if we are able to resolve them and offer it.

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

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

MOHAWK VALLEY CHORUS PRESENTS

**DON'T
RAIN ON
MY PARADE**



Our Spring Pops Concert

David M. Rossi, director

Alyssa Rizzo, accompanist

Saturday, May 20 at 7 pm
Mayfield Central
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21 at 3 pm
United Presbyterian
Church in Amsterdam

\$20 general admission

\$15 students/senior citizens

Free for children age 12 and under

Advance sale tickets available at

<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/mvcpops2023>

Tickets also available at the door

Saratoga Arts made this program possible with an Arts Grant Education funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

SARATOGA ARTS
Supporting the Arts Since 1982



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.

On May 4th from 12-4pm, we are offering a free watercolor class for adults and children 10+.

We are now offering a free craft on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm! On May 17th we will be making Candle Jar Terrariums. Please see our FB page or our website <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info/> for more details.

The Frothingham Free Library will be holding our annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale on Thursday and Friday, May 4th and 5th from 10am to 6pm each day. Gently used hard and soft covered books and DVDs for all ages and interests available! Don't forget our **delicious homemade baked goods** as well! Save the date!

Did you know we offer books for children, teens and adults, large print books, eBooks, audio books, DVDs, CDs, interlibrary loans, internet access, fax, copier, and a mini art gallery with a new artist featured each month? Stop in to see what's going on at your local library!

Check us out at: FrothinghamFreeLibrary.mvls.info or Facebook for updates and new events, or to register for any of our programs!

Thank you; we really appreciate your support!



Earth Day Cleanup

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Earth Day Cleanup on April 22nd. Volunteers picked up 25 bags of litter from around the village.

Thanks especially to Sherrie Gray for all her planning.

You're invited!

Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: www.rca.org/virtual-roundtable.

Lenten Mission Project

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the FFCSD Backpack program this Lent. We were able to deliver 9 bags full of items to the school when they returned from Spring Break.

Due to the high need and importance of this program, we are going to continue to collect. 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.

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	

Notes from Sunday School

The Sunday School continues to have two classes. The younger class is continuing their work with Bible Stories. They are learning that we are all part of God's Kingdom and God's love is for all people. They are learning about: a man born blind, Zacchaeus, The Lord's Supper, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. They are also working on memorizing the Lord's Prayer.

The older class—for grades 6-8 — is learning how to read Scripture.

There is no Sunday School on May 28th due to the holiday.

Children's Day will be on June 11th, followed by a church picnic.

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

In the Love of Christ, Cindy Mitchell

If you have any questions call Cindy (518) 853-3712 or the church office (518)853-3621

Vacation Bible School

There is a sign up sheet in the atrium for those who would be interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School this summer. We have all the materials, we just need the workers. Even if you don't know what job you could do, sign up and we will find the perfect one for you.

Mom's Morning Out is now accepting applications for 2023-2024 school year

Mom's Morning Out is a preschool for three and four year old children, providing an excellent foundation in educational/social experiences for their first and even second year. Our program provides opportunities to learn about letters, numbers, concepts such as; over, under, on, etc., colors, shapes, to transition from one activity to another, follow directions, use manners, enhance listening skills, become a classroom helper, speak in front of a group, participate in creative/fine/gross motor activities. Students also learn to increase socialization, to correctly solve disputes with other children, to take turns, play cooperatively and to become more independent. We will be beginning our 45th year this fall. Younger students must be 3 years of age on or before August 31st, 2023 and be fully toilet trained.

Mom's Morning Out closely follows the Fonda-Fultonville Central School calendar with some exceptions. Our first day of school will be Friday, September 8th, 2022 and will end on Friday, June 14, 2023. We meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Enrollment is filled on a first-come first-serve basis, with priority given to students who attended the previous year. For any questions about the program or to receive an application, please call Joann Phelps (518) 775-3454.