

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:

- 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)
- Sue Sammons Kennedy
- Stacy Kimball
- Megan Kucel
- Lisa Knapp (Pete Perez)
- Sebastian Lasher (Rob Garren)
- Bert Langdon
- Bob Langdon
- Tom Lewis
- Rosanne Lybolt
- Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
- Al Mancini
- Art Marshall
- Anas Mashhadi
- Pat Mosher
- Andrea Rogers
- Hunter Rose
- Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
- Robert Smith (L Huth)
- Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
- James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
- Cheyenne 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)

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” – Luke 2:7

Dear Friends,

These are super familiar words. We read them every year. We do **not** usually read them in the last week of September. You would be forgiven for checking the rest of the pages to see if maybe you had been sent the wrong month’s newsletter.

But for this year’s Bible readings, we are reading of the coming of the baby Jesus in the opening days of fall instead of the darkest days of winter (don’t worry, we will read them then too.)

It is one of the interesting parts of this Bible journey we are on. Things are read out of the boxes we have put them in, away from the sparkle and celebration that we give them. We read of the first home of our Lord and Savior, God-with-us, Jesus Christ. But instead of picturing the fancy nativity set that we have set up by the pretty tree, we can take the time to picture the roughhewn, wooden feed box full of smelly hay. We can strip the baby of his radiant, white, flowing wrappings and see the bands of cloth, the scraps, that Mary used to keep her baby clean and warm. We can take the holy family off of the table surrounded by poinsettias and tinsel and put them in the back room and leftover space they found themselves in.

Because the Luke passages have nothing to do with the holiday that we tie them to. They are about a greater truth, a truth that should be a part of every day, every month, every season. Jesus Christ was born among us – God with us – Emmanuel.

We also must deal with the birth and death of Jesus being separated by two weeks rather than 3 or 4 months. We are forced to remember that this is the story of the same person. We tend to ignore the death at Christmas time and just forget about the birth at Easter, but they are connected and important each and every day.

I hope that you enjoy this last quarter of reading together. It is where it will all come together, where everything that we have read will come to fruition. Where all God’s promises that have been made will become flesh in Jesus and all God’s plans will be realized in the church. Whatever the season, this is the Good News, this is what we believe.

Shalom,

Pastor Linda

Advent Bible Study

Yes, you read that right, we are looking to Advent already. We are planning on an Advent Bible Study and are looking for some input to make it something that will enrich your Advent time. We ask that you answer a few questions, to help us gauge interest and to choose a book. You can return the paper to the box in the back of the church during worship or send your answers to the office.

Advent begins on December 3, 2023, so we would like to have all the information for the November Newsletter so we have time to order books and make arrangements, so we ask for your input by October 23rd.

What day/time would you prefer for a four-week Advent Bible Study (sessions would be about an hour):

- Sunday morning following worship
- Wednesday evenings at 6pm
- Thursday evenings at 7pm
- Thursday morning at 10am

Which of these books would you like to study (check as many as you like):

- Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes – “How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it”
- The Heart That Grew Three Sizes – Finding faith in the story of the Grinch
- An Unlikely Advent – Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story
- Experiencing Christmas – Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent



OCTOBER Birthdays

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Kelsey Gray | 19 Cory Douglass |
| 3 Joshua Lewis
Ellianna Garren | 20 Pastor Linda |
| 6 Stacey DeLaney
JoLynn Douglas | 23 Heather Young |
| 7 Thomas Etkorn | 24 Dean Smith |
| 8 Morgan Knapik
Sherrie Gray | 25 Brayden Monk |
| 10 Paul Kruger
William Henry | |
| 12 Peg Labarge | |
| 15 Seth Mitchell
Delanie McRedmond | |
| 18 Polly Calhoun
Jacob Belfance | |

OCTOBER Anniversaries

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| 1 Dave & Deborah Gibson | 10 Tim & Deb Silvernail |
| 2 Tim & Heather Young | 12 Fred & Sandy Hoffman |
| 7 Tom & Bonnie Channell | 14 Ron & Penny Pollock |
| 8 Tom & Liane Lewis | |

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 October

October 1

9:30—Sunday School, Praise Practice

10:30—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion Sunday

Luke 2:41-52

October 8

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Disability Awareness Sunday—

Luke 10:38-42

October 15

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost—Baptism of Piper Diana Meyers

John 1:1-18

October 22

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost—John 2:13-23

October 29

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost—Acts 2:41-47

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 (except in July)

Elders

Troy Chatwin
Stacey DeLaney
Sherrie Gray
Jill Perez
Bob Kruger

Deacons

Sharon Carpenter
Steve Cook
Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren

October

Sunday	1	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship: World Communion Sunday Coffee Hour	Luke 4:14-5:39
Monday	2	8:30-11am 6pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory Meeting	Luke 6:1—49
Tuesday	3	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study	Luke 7:1-8:39
Wednesday	4	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Praise Practice	Luke 8:40-9:62
Thursday	5	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Luke 10:1-11:36
Friday	6			Luke 11:37-12:59
Saturday	7	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Luke 13:1-14:35
Sunday	8	9:30 10:30	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship w/ Pot Luck Lunch after service	Luke 15:1-16:31
Monday	9			Luke 17:1-18:43
Tuesday	10	9am-12pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours No Seniors Meeting (Oktoberfest Trip) Women's Bible Study	Luke 19:1-48
Wednesday	11	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5 pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Praise Practice	Luke 20:1-21:38
Thursday	12	9am– 12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Luke 22:1-71
Friday	13	8:30-11am	Mom's Morning Out	Luke 23:1-56
Saturday	14	6 am 12:30– 2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Luke 24:1-53
Sunday	15	9:30 10:30	Sunday School and Praise Practice Worship w/ Coffee Hour	John 1:1-2:12
Monday	16	8:30-11am 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	John 2:13-3:36

Tuesday	17	9am-12pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours No Seniors (Banquet Holiday Inn) Women's Bible Study	John 4:1-54
Wednesday	18	8:30-11 am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Praise Practice	John 5:1-6:21
Thursday	19	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	John 6:22-7:9
Friday	20	8:30-11 am	Mom's Morning Out	John 7:10-8:59
Saturday	21	9am-12pm 12:30-2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	John 9:1-10:42
Sunday	22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12pm	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship & Coffee Hour NOAH	John 11:1- 12:50
Monday	23	8:30-11 am 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	John 13:1-14:31
Tuesday	24	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study	John 15:1-17:26
Wednesday	25	8:30-11 am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Praise Practice	John 18:1-19:42
Thursday	26	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	John 20:1-21:25
Friday	27	8:30-11 am	Mom's Morning Out	Acts 1:1-2:47
Saturday	28	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Bible Study AA Meeting	Acts 3:1-5:16
Sunday	29	9:30 am 10:30 am 4-6pm 11:30	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship Trunk-or-Treat at Church Coffee Hour, Year of Bible Disc.	Acts 5:17-7:60
Monday	30	8:30-11 am 7pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Worship Committee Meeting Girl Scouts	Acts 8:1-9:43
Tuesday	31	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study	Acts 10:1-12:25

After-Church Coffee Hour—POTLUCKS!

Coffee hours are such a special part of our Sunday service as a chance to further-congregate with our friends and church family. We are considering expanding this and having a Potluck Luncheon after services one Sunday a month instead of the usual coffee hour. There will be a potluck lunch served after church on Sunday, **October 8th**. Please join us for fellowship, laughter and good food. We will have pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy—and bring a dish to pass! We will also be packing take-out meals for anyone who needs a little Sunday warmth, just let someone in the kitchen know. We are also looking for couriers. So if you are able after church to drop off a meal, let us know.

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.

Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens

The Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group meets 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 what we are about. Our meetings usually last about an hour and light refreshments are served.

October 10—Trip to Holyoke, MA, Log Cabin . Join Herr Schnitzel and the charming Frau Kartoffelpuffer for an afternoon of German music, polkas and humor that is always 'sehr unterhaltsam'! The duo, in traditional Bavarian outfits, bring you an authentic, lively show that will put a 'rah' in your 'Val-der-ee"! PROST!

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.

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:

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

Ladies' Bible study is at 7pm on Tuesday nights. Currently we are using Max Lucado and studying Colossians and Philemon. These two New Testament books of the Bible are great reminders of God's great grace and mercy. They will encourage and challenge your walk with God. Paul also speaks on the importance of forgiveness. Please feel free to join us.

For more information 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

Sunday school is in session!

*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 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! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3621

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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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 REFORMED CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

The Glen Reformed Church will be hosting it's 2023 Church Fall Festival on Saturday, **October 14th** this year from 12-4pm. It will be held on the church parking lot and lawn. There will be a wonderful variety of art/crafts available with food and music! Join us to celebrate the fall season! Contact Kim or Courtney at 518-853-3088 for more information.



Haven of Hope Farm & Residence Annual Banquet

Mark your calendar for Saturday, **October 7th**, 5-9pm, as Haven of Hope holds it's Annual Banquet at the Johnstown Moose Lodge. Come and enjoy a 5-course farm-to-table feast (roast beef and roast chicken) along with a silent auction and live music by Maggie Mulligan (vocals) and Robert Etzkorn (on piano). Appetizers will be served at 5pm and dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are \$25/pp or you may reserve a table of eight for \$175. For reservations, call Pat Brooking at 518-522-3342 or email: pbrooking@nycap.rr.com

"Finding Shelter"

Monday, October 2 @ 11:30 am, Inspirational speaker, Jane Alkins, will be at the Holiday Inn, Comrie Ave., in Johnstown. \$17.50 (pay at door) Beef stroganoff served over egg noodles with veggie (or) Ham & swiss on rye with Manhattan clam chowder. Also speaking, Vince DeSantis, Mayor of Gloversville about 'Code Blue Shelter'. For reservations call Patti 518-842-1997 or email womentoconnect@gmail.com. Sponsored by Christian Women Connecting. For the upcoming luncheon on Monday, we would greatly appreciate any donations towards our November Auction fundraiser for Stonecroft Ministries. Please do not donate clothes or shoes.

NEWS FROM THE FROTHINGHAM LIBRARY

Please join us at the Frothingham Free Library this Fall for great books and activities! We will host our 15th Annual '**Taste of Chocolate**' fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st from 6-7:30pm at St. Cecelia's Church Hall in Fonda. Enjoy delicious chocolate desserts, live music and more! Bid on awesome baskets at \$1/ ticket and \$5 admission. We hope to see you there! Please see our FB page or our website <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info/> or call 518-853-3016 for more details.

FAITHWALKING

The Faithwalking 101 Retreat is coming in October at the Niskayuna Reformed Church. The Faithwalking process will change your life. The retreat follows a cycle of large group presentations, times of personal reflection and small group sharing. DATES & TIMES: Friday, Oct. 27, 7pm-9:30pm Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:30am-5pm & Sunday, Oct. 29, 1pm-5pm This is **FREE** to our church members! Contact Pastor Linda or SherriMV at pastorsherrimv@gmail.com or Abby NL at nortonlevering@gmail.com for more information



SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Start gathering your items! After-school supplies sales are perfect for using as items to fill our 'shoe boxes'. School supplies, hygiene items, small toys/stuffed animals and accessories (hats, socks, hair-clips, etc.) We have plastic totes to be used, so start collecting items to pack in your shoe box. For more information, contact Sharon

Carpenter, Barb Smith or Gretchen Subik (518-848-2682)

FFCSD Backpack Program

We continue to collect food for the **Fonda Fultonville School District Backpack 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 will also be collecting winter coats and gear (hats, mittens, scarves) for school children. You can leave those donations in the same box in the atrium. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Baskets: Also being collected for local families in need this Thanksgiving are food items to help them enjoy the holiday. You can leave: gravy, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix and breakfast cereal (for the morning after 'turkey day'!) in the box in the atrium as well. We are glad to continue to serve the "least of these" in Jesus' name in this small way.

Trunk-or-Treat at the Church!

We will host a Halloween 'trunk-or-treat' at The church on **Sunday, October 29th** from 4-6pm. We're looking for creative people who'd like to decorate their cars and hand out candy as well as volunteers to guide people and manning games. It will be a fun community event!



SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday, November 5th**, at 2pm, a group will be visiting Wilkinsons Nursing Home in Amsterdam to sing to the residents. If you are interested in joining us, watch for more info or speak to Karen Patterson.