

The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



Newsletter

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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.

- Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
- Paula Frasier Bobilin
- Ruthie Burke
- Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
- Polly Calhoun
- Cherie Craig (M. White)
- Suzanne Douglass (J. Perez)
- Jaye Evangelista
- Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
- Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
- Laurie Fischer
- Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Judy Ferguson
- Joan Francisco
- Vernon Francisco, Jr.
- Paul Frasier
- 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)
- 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
- Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

Dear Friends,

An old Chinese folk tale tells the story of four friends who plan a party. Each one of them agrees to bring one jug of wine for the celebration.

When the time comes for the party, the first friend realizes that he doesn't have enough money to bring the best wine, He is afraid that cheap wine will ruin the mix, so he decides to bring water instead, figuring no one will notice.

The second friend has her daughter's wedding use up all her wine, and she didn't want to get more. So she just filled up the jug with water and figures it won't matter.

The third friend and his wife are just tired of having to always bring stuff to parties, so they decide that this time they are just not going to bother and will bring a jug of water.

And the fourth friend completely forgets about the wine until he is heading out the door and doesn't have any time, and so he just grabs some water.

They all get to the party and dump their jugs into the large vat. Their other friends arrive, and I think you can imagine that it was not the celebration they had expected.

We can see as we read the story where it is going to go. But all too often, when we are faced with bringing our gifts to God, we fall into the same traps as these friends. We decide that what we have isn't good enough, so we bring nothing. We have so many other places that seem more important at the time. We get frustrated and feel like others aren't doing their fair share and so we withhold ours. Or we are just too busy to think about it.

We want to pretend that money is earthbound and that our relationship with God should be above that. We get frustrated by requests for money as if they weren't spiritual enough.

But Jesus talked about money. Jesus saw the widow who put in all she had and praised her. Jesus told the rich young man to sell everything he had and give the money to the poor. Jesus told his followers that their heart will be where their treasure is.

In the early days of worship, the people brought offerings of what they grew or raised or made to the temple. These offerings fed the temple staff, maintained the building, and provided for worship. The offerings were a sacrifice to the Lord.

Today consider what you can bring as a sacrifice to the Lord. For most of us, that value will be in money (although I would not turn down lamb chops). Look at all that we do as the church and know that it is all made possible through the sacrifices and offerings of God's people. And commit your thanksgivings to God. For as Paul wrote, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

In the words of the praise hymn:

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You, the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to You, the sacrifices of joy.

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF November

November 5

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost—All Saints Sunday-Communion

Acts 12

November 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:1-21

November 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Stewardship Sunday

2 Corinthians 8:1-11

November 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost— Christ the King Sunday

Preaching Elder Deb Silvernail is leading worship

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



NOVEMBER Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Joyce Tarshis | 17 | Ashleigh Coons |
| 3 | Cindy Mitchell | 18 | Gloria Kimball |
| 4 | Kathie LaBarge | 21 | Kitty Adams |
| 6 | James Mokay | 22 | Lauren Carpenter |
| 7 | Bradley Coons | 23 | Eve Butler |
| 8 | Mark Nare | 24 | Sharon Carpenter |
| 9 | Jennie Wadsworth | | Cindy Mulvaney |
| | Daniel Patterson | | Roger Wilmot |
| 12 | Scott Woodcock | 25 | Judd Kirschman |
| | Justin LaBarge | | Brooke Bellinger |
| 13 | Anne Hine | | Jacob Perez |
| 15 | Ryley Myers | | Taylor Perez |
| | Emma Smith | 26 | Tom Hoefs |
| 16 | Joyce Smith | | Kari Channell |
| | Craig LaBarge | 27 | Melissa Livingstone |

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- 4 Larry and Denise Hayes
- 5 Paul and Bonnie Jo Kruger
- 6 Bill and Sherrie Gray
- 18 Peter and Jennifer Carelli
- 25 Tony and Gloria Bruno

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 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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Finance Ministry	Nancy Langdon	518-853-1224
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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

November

Wednesday	1	8:30-11:00am 9am-12pm 12 pm 3-5 pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville location) Praise Practice	Acts 13:1-15:21
Thursday	2	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Acts 15:22-17:34
Friday	3	8:30-11:00 am	Mom's Morning Out	Acts 18:1-20:38
Saturday	4	6am 12:30 –2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Acts 21:1-23:35
Sunday	5	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 2pm	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship—All Saints Sunday/Communion Coffee Hour Singing at Wilkinsons Nursing Home	Acts 24:1– 26:32
Monday	6	8:30-11:00 am 7pm 7:30 pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory Meeting	Acts 27:1-28:31
Tuesday	7	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study	Romans 1:1-3:20
Wednesday	8	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 (Fultonville location) Praise Practice	Romans 3:21-5:21
Thursday	9	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Romans 6:1-8:17
Friday	10	8:30-11am	Mom's Morning Out	Romans 8:18-10:21
Saturday	11	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Romans 11:1– 13:14
Sunday	12	9:30 am 10:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship with Coffee Hour	Romans 14:1-16:27
Monday	13	8:30-11:00 am 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23
Tuesday	14	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study	1 Corinthians 4:1-6:20
Wednesday	15	8:30-11 am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5 pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville location) Praise Practice	1 Corinthians 7:1-9:27
Thursday	16	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	1 Corinthians 10:1-12:31

November

Friday	17	8:30-11 am	Mom's Morning Out	1 Corinthians 13:1-16:24
Saturday	18	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	2 Corinthians 1:1-3:18
Sunday	19	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship –Stewardship Sunday with Coffee Hour	2 Corinthians 4:1-7:16
Monday	20	8:30-11 am 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	2 Corinthians 8:1-10:18
Tuesday	21	10:30am-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm 3-5pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study Food Pantry TODAY	2 Corinthians 11:1-13:13
Wednesday	22	-	Pastor Linda away 11/22-26	Galatians 1:1-2:21
Thursday	23	-	Office Closed: Thanksgiving	Galatians 3:1-4:31
Friday	24	-	Office Closed for Holiday	Galatians 5:1-6:18
Saturday	25	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Ephesians 1:1-2:22
Sunday	26	9:30am 10:30 am	Sunday School & Praise Practice Worship –Christ the King Sunday (Deb Silvernail preaching)	Ephesians 3:1-4:32
Monday	27	8:30-11 am 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Ephesians 5:1-6:24
Tuesday	28	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm 7pm 1pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Women's Bible Study Liberty ARC	Philippians 1:1-2:30
Wednesday	29	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 (Fultonville) Praise Practice	Philippians 3:1-4:23
Thursday	30	9am-12pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Advent Bible Study	Colossians 1:1-2:23



Advent Bible Study

We hope you will join us for our Advent Bible Study! Our study will be “Experiencing Christmas,” based on the book by Rev. Matt Rawle: “Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. “This will be a sign to you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?”

Meetings will be on Thursday evenings: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. We will gather at 7pm (except for 12/14, which will meet at 7:30 due to the school Christmas concert). Sessions will begin with a video and then a time of discussion. Copies of the book may be ordered in paperback or audio book at Amazon, or paperback or ebook at Cokesbury.com. Spread the word and plan to add this to your preparations for Christ this Advent season!

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday, November 5th**, at 2pm, a group will be visiting Wilkinsons Nursing Home in Amsterdam to sing to the residents. We'll sing some of our favorite contemporary songs as well as traditional hymns. We'll meet at the entrance at 1:30pm. If you are interested in joining us, speak to Karen Patterson.



NEWS FROM THE FROTHINGHAM LIBRARY

Please join us at the Frothingham Free Library this month for great books and activities! We will host a delicious “**Soup & Pie Sale**” fundraiser on Saturday, **November 18th** from 9am-12pm. Homemade soups and pies will be available along with several vendors offering great gift ideas (for yourself or others!) Bring home a delicious lunch and dessert while supporting your local library; 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.

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.

December 7th—Turning Stone - Buddy Holly Tribute (1pm) (\$45/per person (includes \$25 free play and \$5 meal credit) Leave Fonda at 9am—return 6pm. 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.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Start gathering your items! Fill with school supplies, hygiene items, small toys/stuffed animals and accessories (hats, socks, hairclips, etc.) We have plastic totes to be used, so start collecting items to pack in your shoe box and drop off by **November 12th**. 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. 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.

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.

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER: PATRICIA WOOD

Monday, November 13 at 11:30 am at the Holiday Inn, Route 30A (N. Comrie Ave.) Johnstown

Stuffed Sole, mashed potato, vegetable (or)

Turkey Sandwich on wheat with chicken & rice soup

Pumpkin Pie for desert

ALSO: Annual Fun Fall Fundraiser for Stonecroft Ministries

Featuring Silent Auction Baskets & raffle of fun items! Donations appreciated (no clothes or shoes, please bring them early!)

For reservations, call Patti @ 518-842-1997

Or email womentoconnect@gmail.com

Childcare available upon time of reservations

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