



The Fonda Reformed Church

Newsletter

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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
- 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)
- James Hernigle (S. Emery)
- Jay Hine
- 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
- 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

Man does not live by bread alone, but he also does not live long without it. To eat is to acknowledge our dependence – both on food and on each other. It also reminds us of other kinds of emptiness that not even the Blue Plate Special can touch. –Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking

Dear Friends,

I love Frederick Buechner for his ability to put deep theological truths into words and concepts that are easier to grasp. Sometimes big concepts about our big God are hard to put our arms around. And yet we read Scripture, we worship, we study... We try.

Sometimes the trying seems pointless. Countless believers have tried to completely understand and explain the nature of God, and all have fallen short. All we know about God is that we will never know everything about God. That parts of God's *hesed* – usually translated loving kindness or something similar – are bigger and broader and deeper than we can express. As Paul wrote, now we know in part.

But we try. We try because we feel that love and we want to share it with others, even though we know our words are going to fall short. Because words are all we have.

So this year, I am going to try to talk about some of the big words we use in our faith life that may not get used in the “real world”. Those words that grasp at something bigger. Those words that can give us a glimpse of the nature of God.

And we start where we are sitting this Lenten season. We start with **Providence**.

Providence is the reality that God takes care of God's world. God directs the universe. And God cares for everything in it on a personal level. Now that is a lot to think about taking care of, and we can't imagine doing it. But we believe God can do it.

Jesus taught us that not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart from God. And he reminds us that we are of more value than many sparrows.

We have been learning that again and again through the story of salvation, God set a table in the wilderness for God's people. That table feeds the people so that they can face whatever they are facing. Because as Buechner reminds us, and God knows, we need more than bread, but we need bread.

Providence is tricky because we see so many that are in need, and it can be easy to wonder why God isn't feeding them. But God does feed us, even when not raining bread from heaven. God feeds us through the growth of grain and the birth of animals. God feeds us through those who work at factories and those who bake. And God feeds us through those who give and share what they have with those who are in need. The food pantry, the backpack program, the meal train, the invitation to lunch, the family dinner – these are all ways in which God feeds God's people in whatever wilderness they are in. We receive God's providence, and we are also the tools of God's providence for others.

We thank God for the times and ways that God has fed us. We thank God for those who have followed the call to feed God's people. And we thank God most of all for the gift of the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, who has taught us of this great love and showed us the way to serve in his name.

Shalom,

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF March

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship: A Table in the Wilderness: Hagar—Genesis 21

Communion

March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship: A Table in the Wilderness: Elijah—1 Kings 19

March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship: A Table in the Wilderness: David—1 Samuel 25

Saint Patrick's Day—After service Potluck

March 24

Palm Sunday

Worship: A Table in the Wilderness: A Hungry Crowd—Matthew 14

March 28

Maundy Thursday: 6pm covered dish 6:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall

March 29

Good Friday: Sanctuary open 9am-4pm for prayer. Prayer service at Noon
(on Facebook, Zoom and in-person at church)

Worship: A Table in the Wilderness: Our Savior—Mark 15

March 31

Easter Sunday: 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service at Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine in Fonda followed by 10:30 am service at FRC in Fonda

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 third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Elders

Ruthie Cook
Stacey DeLaney
Bob Kruger
Jill Perez

Deacons

Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren
Tom Hoefs

March

LENTEN BIBLE READING

Friday	1	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Hebrews 4:11-16 John 6:1-15
Saturday	2	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Hebrews 5:1-10 John 6:16-24
Sunday	3	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship with Communion Coffee Hour	Deut. 8:1-10 John 6:27-40
Monday	4	8:30 am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Deut. 8:11-20 John 6:41-51
Tuesday	5	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study	Deut. 9:6-14 John 6:52-72
Wednesday	6	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 (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice	Deut. 9:15-24 John 7:1-13
Thursday	7	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Deut. 9:25-10:5 John 7:14-36
Friday	8	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Deut. 10:12-22 John 7:37-52
Saturday	9	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Deut. 11:18-28 John 8:1-11
Sunday	10	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship: Fourth Sunday in Lent-Girl Scout Sunday Coffee Hour	Romans 1:1-15 John 12:27-36
Monday	11	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Romans 1:16-25 John 9:1-17
Tuesday	12	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study	Romans 1:28-2:11 John 9:18-41
Wednesday	13	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 (Fultonville RC) Lenten Bible Study	Romans 2:12-24 John 11:1-27
Thursday	14	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Romans 2:25-3:18 John 11:28-44
Friday	15	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Romans 3:19-31 John 12:1-11
Saturday	16	6 am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Romans 6:3-14 John 12:20-26

March

Sunday	17	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship: Fifth Sunday in Lent After Service St. Patrick's POTLUCK	Romans 7:13-25 John 12:27-36
Monday	18	6pm	Girl Scouts	Romans 8:1-11 John 13:1-20
Tuesday	19	9am-12pm 10:30-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study	Romans 8:12-27 John 13:21-38
Wednesday	20	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 (Fultonville RC) Lenten Bible Study	Romans 8:28-39 John 16:16-32
Thursday	21	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Romans 10:1-17 Luke 19:41-48
Friday	22	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Romans 12:1-21 Luke 22:7-23
Saturday	23	6 am 12:30-2:30 pm	Men's Online Bible Study AA Meeting	Romans 16:17-27 Luke 22:28-46
Sunday	24	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship: Palm Sunday Coffee Hour	John 12:12-19
Monday	25	8:30 –11 am 6pm 6:30 pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory Meeting	John 18:1-18
Tuesday	26	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study	John 18:19-27
Wednesday	27	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 (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice	John 18:28-38a
Thursday	28	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Maundy Thursday: 6pm covered dish/6:30 service in Fellowship Hall	John 18:38b-19:16a
Friday	29	6:15 am 9am-4pm 12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Good Friday: Sanctuary open 9am-4pm for Prayer Prayer Service (in person, on FB and Zoom)	John 19:16b-42
Saturday	30	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Romans 8:1-11
Sunday	31	6:30 am 9:30am 10:30am	Easter Sunrise Service: Kateri Takakwitha Shrine, Fonda Praise Practice Easter Worship Service (here)	



MARCH Birthdays

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

MARCH Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month!

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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Cry Out and Shout!

Mohawk Valley Chorus Presents
their 2024 Classics Concert

David M. Rossi, Director Luanne Hawk, Accompanist

Sunday, March 10th 3pm

United Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam

\$20 general admission \$15 student/senior citizen



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 expanding this and having a Potluck Luncheon after services one Sunday a month instead of the usual coffee hour.

Potluck
Lunch



Join us for a special Potluck on **Sunday, March 17th ...**

Dress in green and bring a dish to pass.. Steve Cook is cooking corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day! We will also be providing the boiled potatoes and carrots. Looking for bakers to share their Irish soda bread offerings.

As always, we'll need other side dishes and desserts! Come and enjoy a lovely St. Patrick's Day dinner following the Sunday service.. And don't forget to wear green!

Happy St. Patrick's Day (wearing of the green)

Inspirational Speaker: Judi Merriam

Monday, March 11th

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

Teriyaki Chicken Veg. Stir Fry over rice w/ vegetable egg roll OR

Turkey Sandwich with vegetable soup

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Tiffany Sweet Homemade Wreaths, Centerpieces and More

\$19.50 pay at the door

For reservations, call Patti @ 518-842-1997

Or email womentoconnect@gmail.com

Childcare available time of reservations Sponsored by CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING

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

During Lent we will be joining the group Lenten Bible Study, meeting on *Thursday evenings* at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information can be found in this newsletter or 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

Sunday school is in session (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 to Pastor Linda or one of the Elders.

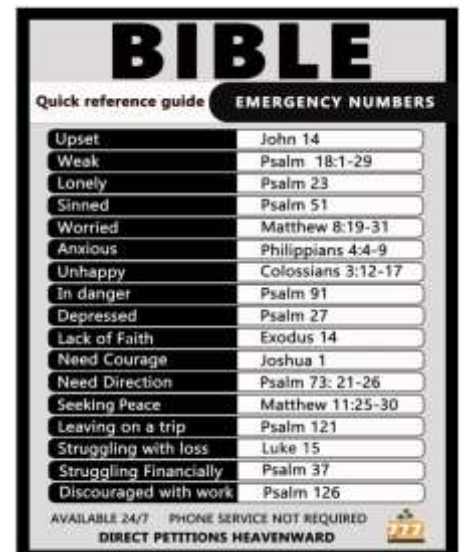
The Food Pantry is always looking for reliable, dedicated volunteers to help feed our community. From picking up food, organizing shelves, cleaning the pantry to working a Wednesday time slot... there is a space for you! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3621

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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Outreach Ministry		518-853-3621
Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513



Schedule for Lent 2024

Tuesday evenings in Lent, we will continue Lenten Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the study, “**Meeting Jesus at the Table**” by Cynthia M. Campbell.

March 28 (Maundy Thursday): 6pm Covered Dish, **6:30 Worship** in Fellowship Hall

March 29 (Good Friday): Sanctuary open 9am-4pm for prayer. Prayer service at noon on Facebook, Zoom and in-person in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, March 31 : **6:30am Easter Sunrise Service** hosted by the Glen Mohawk Clergy Association at the Kateri Tekakwitha shrine in Fonda. Worship will be followed by a time of fellowship. An offering will be taken up for the Glen Mohawk Scholarship fund.
10:30 am Service here at FRC in Fonda. (No coffee hour)



Collection for Easter Baskets

As we do each year, we will be assembling Easter Food baskets that will help families during the week of Spring break, when other food sources are not available. We will make baskets for other members of the community in need.

During Lent, we will be collecting the following items:

- * Boxes of pasta
- * Jars of pasta sauce
- * Peanut butter and jelly
- * Cereal

We ask you to bring these items in by March 24th so that we have time to assemble and distribute the bags before Easter. Any extra items will be sent in for the backpack program at Fonda-Fultonville Schools.

Easter Flowers



If you would like to bring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, we invite you to bring them when the church is open for Good Friday and leave them in the kitchen or bring them on Easter morning.

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. 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.



The Frothingham Free Library

Is celebrating 80 years of serving our community! Join them to celebrate On **Friday, April 12, 7-9pm**. RSVP: 518-853-3016 or frothinghamlibrary.org/80th before April 1. The library will also be hosting a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at Winner's Circle on **March 27, 4-8pm**. Chicken, biscuits, salad & homemade dessert, is only \$15! If you'd like a night off from cooking and supporting a worthy organization, contact Gretchen Subik for tickets. Dinner is available for dine-in or take-out.



Welcome to our new neighbor on Main Street: American Beard & Body

A new, unique barbor shop (plus), located at 10 W. Main Street in Fonda, is opening in April. Owner, Jason Ambesi, started the business as a mobile barbershop, driving to Vetenen's Homes, Retirement Homes & Truck Stops to help those in need of his barbering skills. He is dedicated to Vetenen's causes and the community. Come visit and he asks anyone interested to drop off a wallet size photo of a veteran, living or deceased, to display and honor them in the community. Visit: www.americanbeardbody.com