

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.

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)
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)
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
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

“All have the stars but they are not the same things for different people. For some, who are travelers, the stars are guides. For others they are no more than little lights in the sky. For others, who are scholars, they are problems. For businessmen they were wealth. But all these stars are silent. You—you alone—will have the stars as no one else has them—And at night you will look up at the stars.” – The Little Prince

Dear Friends,

We are in a season of stars. Children cut paper stars to decorate classroom walls. Shining stars are pulled out of boxes and gently placed upon trees. We look up at the night sky, in increased hours of dark, and see a scattering of stars.

As the Little Prince reminds us, we all have the same stars, but we all see them in our own way. Following our own path, guided by the stars that God has put in front of us to guide us.

This year, we have been following two stars. One has been before us day by day, week by week. One might be in a drawer and not thought of in almost a year.

We are coming to the end of our year of the Bible. We started in January “In the Beginning” and are soon approaching “Amen.” Our worship and learning have been shaped by the rhythm of the books, going off into unknown corners, and exploring hidden gems among the familiar path. It has challenged us to read things that made us uncomfortable, or were boring or repetitive. And it has challenged me to use different stories and verses to illuminate the seasons of the year and the familiar story of salvation. I hope you have enjoyed this discipline of reading together and that the Amen of January 4th will not be the end of your Scripture journey.

On January 1st, we drew Star-Words at worship. We were challenged to reflect on what the word we drew meant to us, and how it would direct our year. If you have your star, I encourage you to spend some time this month reflecting and praying about how that star guided you. Even if you haven’t thought about it all year, you might be amazed at the way that God has used that word in your life.

As we gather on December 31st, we will be reflecting on these two stars. There will be an opportunity to share with one another the ways that God has worked through these stars. Did you read a familiar story in a new way by reading what was around it? Did you gain greater understanding of something hard? Did you find something new that you loved (or didn’t care for much) in the Bible and how did you incorporate that into your daily walk?

How did you find your word in your life this year? Did it take on a new and unexpected meaning? Did it confuse you in January looking forward, and yet snap into perfect focus looking back in December?

No two of our stories will be identical, as no two people look at the stars in exactly the same way. For our God has created us, and known us, and loves us, and guides us each individually to follow the one whose star led the wise ones from the East.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? – Psalms 8:3-4

Have a blessed Advent season, a joyful Christmas and join us as we look to the New Year.

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF December

December 3

First Sunday in Advent - Communion

1 Thessalonians 5:1-24 Hope

December 10

Second Sunday in Advent

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Peace

December 17

Third Sunday in Advent

James 1:2-4 Joy

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 24

10:30 am service—Fourth Sunday in Advent

1 John 3:11-24 Love

7pm Christmas Eve Worship with carols and candles

December 31

First Sunday after Christmas

Revelation 21:1-6 We will reflect on the year of the Bible and our 2023 star words.

We will also choose new star words for 2024

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



DECEMBER Birthdays

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|----|---|----|---------------------------------|
| 2 | Rebecca Wilmot
Diane Jones
Sophie Frenyea | 20 | Laura Hayes Bowles |
| 4 | Matheu Dettenrieder | 22 | Alan Hinkle
Elizabeth Valade |
| 6 | Malcolm Kosiba | 23 | Marilyn Kimball |
| 8 | Lucy Bellinger
Steve Cook
Sammy Kosiba | 24 | James Boshart |
| 9 | Jessica Mitchell | 25 | Jesus Christ |
| 12 | Andrew Patterson | 28 | Luke Nare |
| 13 | Bill Boshart | 29 | Curt Woodcock |
| 16 | Nancy Langdon
Alex Gyurik | 31 | Jay Hine |
| 18 | Margaret Peck
Tom Flander | | |

DECEMBER Anniversaries

- 9 Michael and Heather Hanson
- 21 Judd and Sherri Kirschman
- 31 Steve and Dana Monk

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. For the month of December, we will be joining the Thursday evening **Advent Bible Study** (please see that schedule) 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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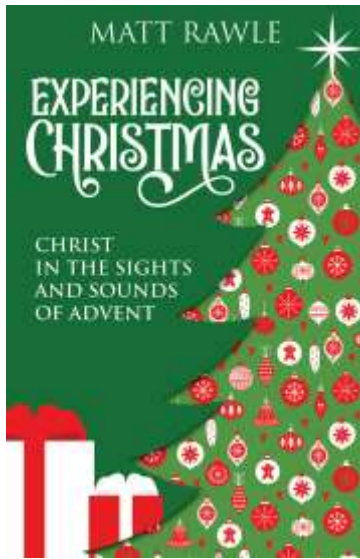
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Sunday School Director	Cindy Mitchell	518-853-3712
Finance Ministry	Nancy Langdon	518-853-1224
Worship Ministry	Bonnie Kruger	518-853-4398
Prayer Chain	Peg LaBarge	518-853-4318
Building & Property	Peter Perez	518-774-0585
Hospitality Ministry	Gretchen Subik	518-853-3678
Outreach Ministry		518-853-3621
Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513
	Troy Chatwin	518-795-4477

December

Friday	1	8:30-11am	Mom's Morning Out	Colossians 3:1-4:18
Saturday	2	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13
Sunday	3	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship with Communion Annual Church Meeting after Service	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:28
Monday	4	6:15am 8:30-11am 6pm 7pm	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory Meeting	2 Thessalonians 1-3:18
Tuesday	5	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours	1 Timothy 1:1-3:16
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	1 Timothy 4:1-6:21
Thursday	7	9am-12pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Advent Bible Study	2 Timothy 1:1-2:26
Friday	8	8:30-11am	Mom's Morning Out	2 Timothy 3:1-4:22
Saturday	9	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Titus 1:1-3:15
Sunday	10	9:30am 10:30 am 2pm	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship- 2nd Sunday in Advent "Peace" Caroling at Well's House	Philemon 1-25
Monday	11	6:15 am 8:30-11am 6pm	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Hebrews 1:1-3:19
Tuesday	12	10:30am-1pm 9am-12pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Hebrews 4:1-6:20
Wednesday	13	8:30-11:00 am 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	Hebrews 7:1-9:28
Thursday	14	9am-12pm 7:30pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Advent Bible Study	Hebrews 10:1-11:40
Friday	15	8:30-11 am	Mom's Morning Out	Hebrews 12:1-13:25
Saturday	16	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	James 1:1-2:26

December

Sunday	17	9:30 am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship w/Sunday School Program Potluck w/Year of Bible Discussion	James 3:1-5:20
Monday	18	6:15 am 8:30am-11am 7pm	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out Elder's Meeting	1 Peter 1:1-2:25
Tuesday	19	10:30-1pm 9am-12pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours	1 Peter 3:1-5:14
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) Praise Practice	2 Peter 1:1-2:22
Thursday	21	9am-12pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Advent Bible Study	2 Peter 3:1-18
Friday	22			1 John 1:1-3:24
Saturday	23	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	1 John 4:1-5:21
Sunday	24	9:30 am 10:30 am 7pm	Praise Practice Worship Christmas Eve service with carols and candles	2 John 1-12
Monday	25		Merry Christmas!	3 John 1-15
Tuesday	26			Jude 1-25
Wednesday	27	12pm 3-5pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC)	Revelation 1:1-2:29
Thursday	28	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Revelation 3:1-5:14
Friday	29			Revelation 6:1-8:5
Saturday	30	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Revelation 8:6-11:19
Sunday	31	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Revelation 12:1-14:20



Advent Bible Study

We hope you will join us for our Advent Bible Study!

Even if you couldn't make our first meeting on Nov. 30, come and jump in! 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 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!

NEWS FROM THE FROTHINGHAM LIBRARY



Please join us at the Frothingham Free Library this month for great books and activities! We will host a Family Traditions Tree Farm will host a **Holiday Wreath Workshop** at St. Cecelia's (church) Hall in Fonda on December 11th at 6pm where they will show you how to make your own evergreen wreath to take home. Enjoy a fun night with friends while learning and creating a beautiful holiday decoration! The cost is \$50 and includes all supplies, ribbons and decorations. Feel free to bring any additional decorative elements of your own. A portion of all proceeds go to the Library. To register, stop by the library or pay on the Family Traditions website: www.familytraditionstreefarm.com and click on the Frothingham Workshop.

Christmas Eve Service with Carols and Candles

We will have our 10:30 am worship service as usual on Sunday, December 24. Come again at 7pm for the Christmas Eve Service with Carols and Candles. It will be beautiful.



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. **Our 2024 dates** are:

January 14, April 7, June 30, September 22 and December 8. If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up

**“The Wonders of Christmas”
International Speaker & Special Music: Sharon Palmer**

Monday, December 11 at 11:30 am at the Holiday Inn, Route 30A (N. Comrie Ave.) Johnstown
Ham & Scalloped Potatoes with mashed butternut squash



or

Grilled Cheese Bacon & Tomato on wheat with creamy tomato cheddar soup
Dessert: Bread Pudding with vanilla sauce

Provided by Queen Bee Bakery, 21 Main Street, Fultonville, NY

Owner: Katie Cope

\$17.50 pay at the door

For reservations, call Patti @ 518-842-1997

Or email womentoconnect@gmail.com

Childcare available upon time of reservations

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SAVE THE DATE!

We will be Christmas Caroling at the Wells House in Johnstown on Sunday, December 10th.

Come bring the joy of the holidays and fellowship to the residents. We will meet at the Wells House at 2pm



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.