



The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter

Fonda Reformed Church

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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
Wayne Bobilin
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Jaye Evangelista
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
Laurie Fischer
Carrie & Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
Joan Francisco
Vernon Francisco, Jr.
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
Jay Hine
The Hortons
Gus Joyce (B. Marshall)
Mary Kansfield
Sue Sammons Kennedy
Stacy Kimball
Megan Kucel
Lisa Knapp (Pete Perez)
Sebastian Lasher (Rob Garren)
Bob Langdon
Rosanne Lybolt
Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
Art Marshall
Anas Mashhadi
Kaden McRedmond
Pat Mosher
Carol Y Persse (N. Langdon)
Lucas Polsinelli
Andrea Rogers
Hunter Rose
Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
Robert Smith (L Huth)
Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
Cheyanne Sawyer (G. Kimball)
Sue Swanson
Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
Carolyn Whipple
Bill Whipple
Lu Wilmot
Judy Wilson
Sarah Woodcock
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

Dear Friends,

As I began to think about the Easter season - which begins on Easter Sunday and goes through Pentecost, I decided that the theme for the season would be "Surprise!" As I prepared for the sermons, I thought that what would be great was a bulletin cover with a gift box opening, spraying confetti and saying "Surprise!"

Not being able to find what I wanted in any of the clip art libraries I use, I did what people do now - I turned to AI. Using an art program, I put in a description of what I wanted and waited while the computer created something. And after a few tries, it was great – an open box spraying confetti. I quickly sent the art to both church admins to put on the bulletin cover on April 27th. I looked at it. They both looked at it. We all checked it multiple times as the bulletin process played out. (I think you can see where this is going...)

On the morning of the 27th, I looked at the bulletin and realized...it didn't say surprise. The beautiful gift box spraying confetti said, "SURPPISE!" And the r didn't even look like an r. Huge fail for AI and for me.

So I did the good Christian thing, and I confessed. I explained at announcement time and I emphasized to all the students in attendance that this is why you do not trust AI with anything important.

We all had a good laugh and that was that.

But as I thought a bit more about it later, I wondered if this might not be a lesson for the church. God has given us all the information and training to create a perfect church. We have the word of God, and the words of Jesus. We have the Spirit leading us in right paths and placing faith in our hearts. God has created a very good creation for us to live and work in. All is in place for us to be the people that we are called to be. And yet...we aren't.

We use all of these things. We – on our best days – are better than most. But on our worst days, we can be just as bad as the world we are called to improve. And sometimes the world looks at us in our imperfection and wonders how we can even claim to speak for God. The world sees the extra p and the character that sort of looks like an r and writes us off as a huge fail.

But God never writes us off. God knows that the church of Christ was perfect when imagined by Christ, but was placed in imperfect, human hands. God celebrates when we get it right – when we reflect God's love and light into the world. When we share the love of Christ and serve the least of these. And when we get it wrong, God nudges us back on track and listens when we confess and repent. God calls us to not be afraid to learn from our mistakes and to make corrections. We will never be perfect, for we are human, but we hope to get better and better, and closer and closer to being the church that is as God would have it be.

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF May

May 4

Third Sunday of Easter "An Unlikely Friendship"
Worship with Communion

May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter– Acts 9:1-20 "An Unlikely Invitation"

May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter-Confirmation/Children's Day
"An Unexpected Change of Menu" (Chuck Hesselink preaching at Johnstown)

May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter-Acts 16:9-15 "An Amazing Escape"

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF May

May 4

Jesus is Risen: The Road to Emmaus

May 11

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

May 18

Children's Day

May 25

The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper 1 & 2

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 second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Elders

Bob Kruger (518-810-3502)
Dave Patterson (518-369-3781)
Jill Perez (518-844-6343)
Deb Silvernail (518-844-7092)

Deacons

Dave Delaney (518-944-4736)
Judy Ferguson (518-332-6500)
Rob Garren (518-866-9217)
Tom Hoefs (518-505-3206)



May Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

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| 15 David and Karen Patterson | 18 Edward & Robin Sargalis |
| 18 Joshua & Jessie Mitchell | 27 Peter and Jill Perez |

NOTE About PRAYER LIST, Birthday and Anniversary List:

If you have any additions or removals from any of these lists, please let us know. There is a printout of all lists on the table as you enter the sanctuary where you can edit information or you can let Cindy in the office know by email: fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com

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 meets on Tuesdays at 7pm. Please come and join us. We are a fun-loving group of women from different churches who gather to discuss God's Word. We are using Sarah Young's "Jesus Calling-Enjoying Peace in His Presence". For more information 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

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

Friday Mornings is for you fellas! It begins at 6:15am and is Online. For more information, contact Dave Patterson at (518) 369-3781

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 school (through May 18th)

*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?

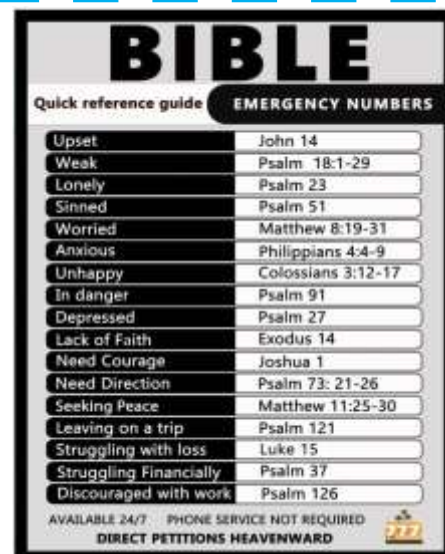
Sign-ups can be found on the table in the upstairs atrium.

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

Please speak with Pastor Linda if you are interested in church membership

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 518-853-3513

	Church Office	518-853-3621
Pastor	Linda Gold	518-853-2130
Treasurer	Doug Hall	518-848-9557
Music Director	Karen Patterson	518-684-0321
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



May

Pastor Linda's working days are Tuesdays and Thursday and Sunday.

Please call if you'd like to make an appointment

Thursday	1	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	2	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	3	6am 12:30-2pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	4	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship with Communion After-Service Coffee Hour Elder's Meeting with Confirmation Class
Monday	5	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	6	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	7	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	8	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	9	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	10	6am 12:30-2:30pm 4pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting Parking at Speedway
Sunday	11	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship Happy Mother's Day! No coffee hour
Monday	12	8-11:30am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	13	- 10:30am 6:30pm 7pm	Seniors on Trip Pastor Linda at Wells House Consistory Meeting Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	14	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	15	10:30am-1pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE

May

Friday	16	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	17	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	18	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship– Children's Day and Confirmation After-Service Coffee Hour
Monday	19	8:30am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	20	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	21	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	22	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	23	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	24	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	25	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice Worship After-Worship Coffee Hour
Monday	26		Memorial Day Parade
Tuesday	27	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	28	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	29	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	30	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out

June Newsletter

Our next newsletter comes in June. If there is any event happening that you'd like us to include in the newsletter, please have your info to us by **May 21st**. Thanks!



Christian Women Connecting Presents:
“Mother’s Day Tea Party”

With Inspirational Speaker: Mary Elsasser

Monday, May 12 at 11:30am

Holiday Inn, Route 30A (N. Comrie Ave.), Johnstown

\$19.50 pay at the door

Cheese tortellini w/meatsauce & zucchini OR
Chef salad

Dessert: Vanilla ice cream with Oreo crumbs

Special Feature: Denise Dickerson, Owner of “Sweet Delight”

For reservations call Patti at 518-842-1997

Or email womentoconnect2@gmail.com

Childcare available upon time of reservation



A New Season of Racing at the Fonda Speedway!

We are planning again for the racing season at
the Fonda Speedway.

We’ll be parking cars at the village lot next to the
Dairy Bar and are looking for some volunteers to help on:

May 10

June 14

September 13

Please contact Sherrie Gray at 518-332-2512

FFCSD Backpack Program

We will be collecting food for the Fonda Fultonville School Back Pack 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 are glad to continue to serve the ‘least of these in Jesus’ name’ in this small way. Items needed: canned 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 and granola bars.





Would You Like to be a Part of the Memorial Day Parade?

This year we will, again, be riding our float in the Memorial Day Parade in Fonda on Memorial Day, Monday May 26th.

If you're interested in joining in and representing the church as we remember and honor those who died for our country.

You can contact Pastor Linda for more information.

Women's Assembly—Glen Reformed Church

Saturday, May 3

9am-2pm

“Letting God in from Overwhelmed to Overjoyed”

Come and listen to Keynote speaker,

Reverend Peggy Traester and Stacey Delaney.

Karen Patterson will be leading worship.

Tickets are \$25 each if purchased by April 25

And \$30 if purchased at the door.

Brochures can be found in the back of the church

Glen-Mohawk Seniors



The Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group meets **every Tuesday at 10:30 am** 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. **We go on trips together and also have \$6 Senior Movie Days at Johnstown Movieplex each month and includes popcorn & a drink! And a Free movie each month at the Johnstown Holiday Inn.** 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

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.

This year's schedule is as follows:

June 1 August 24 November 16

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sherrie Grey for more information and to sign up