



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.

- Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
- Paula Frasier Bobilin
- Wayne Bobilin
- Ruthie Burke
- Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
- Cherie Craig (M. White)
- Jaye Evangelista
- Frances Filanova (B.Kruger)
- Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
- Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
- Laurie Fischer
- Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Joan Francisco
- Vernon Francisco, Jr.
- Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
- 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
- Kaden McRedmond
- Pat Mosher
- Carol Y Persse (N. Langdon)
- Andrea Rogers
- Hunter Rose
- Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
- Robert Smith (L Huth)
- Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
- James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
- Cheyenne Sawyer (G. Kimball)
- 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)

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF June

June 2

Second Sunday after Pentecost—Communion
2 Corinthians 4:5-12

June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost—Children's Day
(Worship will be led by the children of the Sunday School
as they share with us what they have learned this year.)

June 16

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Father's Day
Mark 4:26-34

June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16

June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—RCA Camp Sunday
Mark 5:21-43

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



JUNE Birthdays

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|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | Amanda Avery | 19 | Jack Nare |
| | Tim Young | 25 | Linda Hanson |
| 5 | Sarah Woodcock | | Alan Hanson |
| 7 | Bob Kruger | 26 | Kristin Mancini |
| | Michael Hanson | 29 | Dakota Chipps |
| 9 | Jacob Kruger | 30 | Stan Mitchell |
| 11 | Victoria Subik | | Mary Lewis |
| 13 | Richard Deckro | | |
| | Clay Carpenter | | |
| 16 | Megan Myers | | |
| 18 | Amanda DeAnda | | |

JUNE Anniversaries

- 30 Jeremy and Lindsey Stanzel

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 or phone 518-853-3621. Thank you!

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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Dear Friends,

I am going to start this month with two translations of Matthew 11:28-30. The first is from the New Revised Standard Version – which is what we read in worship. The second is from Eugene Peterson’s The Message paraphrase of Scripture.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” - NRSV

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” (Matthew 11:28-30 The Message)

In his book, “The Relentless Elimination of Hurry”, John Mark Comer explains what a yoke would have meant to those listening to it in Jesus’ day. He explains that to those encountering him in those days, Jesus was a rabbi. And a yoke was a common idiom for a rabbi’s way of reading the Torah. It set up the rules and expectations that he had for those who would follow and learn from him. It would set up expectations of every part of life – money and relationships and conflict resolution and government. A yoke for a pair of oxen was how they would shoulder and share the load. And the yoke of a rabbi would be how he expected others to share in his understanding of living and faith.

But rather than an exacting and burdening code of conduct for those who followed him, Jesus promised a yoke that was easy to live and follow. One that promised not anxiety about following a million exacting rules, but rather one that promised rest for a weary soul and one who would shoulder all burdens with you.

As Peterson put it, “Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.” An invitation to not live and die by the things that burn us out and stress us, but to allow Jesus to shoulder with us the burdens so we can rest.

And so I get to our “church word” for the month: Sabbath. It’s a familiar one, its right in the Ten Commandments – we are to remember it and keep it holy. We know that Jesus got into trouble a lot for not doing it. But what is it really?

At it’s simplest, a Sabbath is a day of rest. But it is much more than a day off from work and school. Those days often turn busy with appointments to be attended, laundry and other household chores to be done, social requirements to be kept up with, and shopping so we are ready for the next week of work. A day off is hardly a day of rest

And Sabbath speaks of rest. Jesus practiced Sabbath. He would enjoy long meals with friends, He would take naps and sleep in. And each week, he would set aside an entire day for nothing but rest and worship – every single week!

And his Sabbath was right for him. It didn't meet all the stringent rules that were set up about how he should rest. He moved in an unhurried way through his life and said to others, "Follow me" Can you even imagine Jesus being stressed out?

Now in his book Comer, points out that the life of a first-century traveling rabbi is very different than that of a student, manager, parent, pastor or basically anyone living in these days. So the question he puts before us in planning our Sabbath is not, "What would Jesus do?" but rather "What would Jesus do if **he were me**?"

We all have busy schedules and too much to do and adding rest just seems like a recipe for stress. But what if the discipline of Sabbath went into the calendar **first** and the other stuff went around it? Maybe not starting with a whole day, but a block of time that is set for you to spend time with God, in whatever way is fulfilling to that relationship for you. It could be prayer, of Scripture, or reading. It could be visiting with friends and sharing the journey of life. It could be gardening and thanking God for creation, or luxuriating in making slow food that nourishes the soul instead of the quick meals that fit the schedule. It could be sleeping in or taking a walk. The ways to rest and Sabbath and connect are as varied as the people of the earth. The only thing they all have in common is the need to do it.

And summer is a great time to start. The unforced rhythms of life slow down and allow for the rhythms of grace. If you are a book reader, I encourage you to pick up Comer's book and read it (maybe as part of your Sabbath time?) We live in a society that does not value rest, and so taking Sabbath is literally counter-cultural. Are you willing to follow Jesus and rearrange you days so that Jesus' life becomes your new normal?

Pastor Linda

June

Saturday	1	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting Parking at Speedway
Sunday	2	9:30am 10:30 am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship with Communion After-service Coffee Hour
Monday	3	8:30am-11am 6pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Worship Meeting
Tuesday	4	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (32 Main St., Fultonville)
Thursday	6	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	7	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Pastor Away until 6/9 Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	8	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	9	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Sunday School leading Worship Children's Day BBQ Luncheon after Service
Monday	10	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	11	9am-12pm 10:30-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	12	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry
Thursday	13	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	14	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	15	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	16	10:30am	Worship Happy Father's Day!

June

Monday	17	8:30am-11am 6:30pm	Mom's Morning Out (Last Day!) Consistory Meeting
Tuesday	18	9am-12pm 10:30-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	19	9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	20	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	21	6:15am	Men's Online Bible Study
Saturday	22	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	23	10:30am	Worship
Monday	24	6pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	25	9am-12pm 10:30-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	26	9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Baccalaureate Service
Thursday	27	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	28	6:15am	Men's Online Bible Study
Saturday	29	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	30	10:30am 11:30am	Worship: RCA Camp Sunday NOAH

July/August Newsletter

Summer is such a fun and busy time—we hope you enjoy the warmth and have an opportunity to relax. We will be slowing our pace, as well, and having a combined July/August newsletter so look for that in early July. Also, if there is any event, happening in July **or** August, that you'd like us to include in the July/August newsletter, please have your info to us by **Monday, July 22nd**. Happy Summer!

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 Tuesday nights 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'll be meeting over the summer and **walking!** 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 but will **not** be meeting over the summer... see you in September!

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 will not be session over the summer (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.

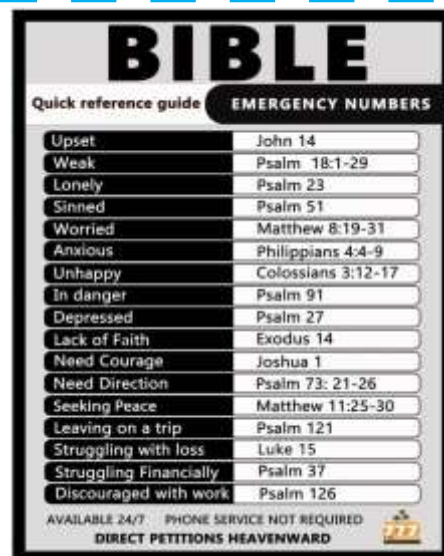
Interested in exploring a deeper connection to Christ by joining the church?

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 518-853-3513

If you have ideas on how to help our community we would love to hear them so please let us know!

	Church Office	518-853-3621
Pastor	Linda Gold	518-853-2130
Treasurer	Doug Hall	518-848-9557
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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





Children's Day at FRC

Sunday, June 9th, the FRC Sunday School will lead the service! Join us for this special service featuring the children of our Sunday school sharing their faith and all they've been learning in Sunday school this year.

Join us following the service for a special **Children's Day BBQ lunch in the Fellowship Hall!** Bring a dish to share!



"A Wonderful Life"

Inspirational speaker: Eileen Banks

Monday, June 10th at 11:30 am

Holiday Inn, Johnstown

\$19.50 pay at the door

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & vegetable

(or)

Chef Salad

Dessert: Carrot Cake

Laurie Jenkins, guest services Via Aquarium

For reservations call Patti @ 518-842-1997

Or email: womentoconnect@gmail.com

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 next date is this month: June 30

With September 22 and December 8 coming up. If you are interested in helping next year, please contact

Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up



Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed

We now have a lovely clothing donation shed in our parking lot.

Donations of clothes, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases and stuffed animals are all collected to be redistributed to people around the world!

Matthew 25 says: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing.." Your donations will help so many and are tax deductible.

For more information contact the church office.



VBS is Coming, Summer, 2024!

Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

Vacation Bible School is happening!

July 8-12th, 9am-11am Ages: Pre-K –5th grade
Deb Silvernail is leading the program which will include science/craft, snack/video and game stations, music and how Jesus' power helps us, gives us hope, be bold, be good friends and live forever.

We need volunteers for all activities, all days!

Contact Deb, Ruthie Cook or Cindy Mitchell for more information.



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 also have \$6 Senior Movie Days at Johnstown

Movieplex. 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.



The Library is more than just books!

The Frothingham Library in Fonda has an amazing array of books, e-books, audio books and more for all ages, but did you know that they also offer enriching activities for children toddlers-to-teens as well as adults! They offer a children's story hour every Tuesday, teen's Game Design program, a Garden Club and special events: **June 15th** join Cosby & Tom

for "Songwriters in the Round", 11-12pm. Free admission and refreshments/door prizes. RSVP 518-853-3016 or visit the library website: <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info>



Camp Fowler

Hospitality, Community, Simplicity, Caring for the World

Camp Fowler is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity. They function foremost as a summer camp, aiming to provide space for children to be themselves and experience wonder and love. Fowler is a partner ministry of the Reginal Synod of Albany, who supports their work. Fowler offers 1-week overnight camp sessions for campers coming out of 3rd-12th grade. Campers will stay in cabins on our 245 acre campus on the shores of Sacandaga Lake. Those who wish to explore the far corners of the Adirondacks can participate in one of our Wilderness trips led by our trained Guides. If you know of a child who would love a week at camp, you can check out the information and registration at www.campfowler.org. There are scholarships available for Fonda children to attend and Fowler is committed to making sure that no child misses out on camp due to finances. Speak to Pastor Linda or Nancy Langdon for more information on scholarships.