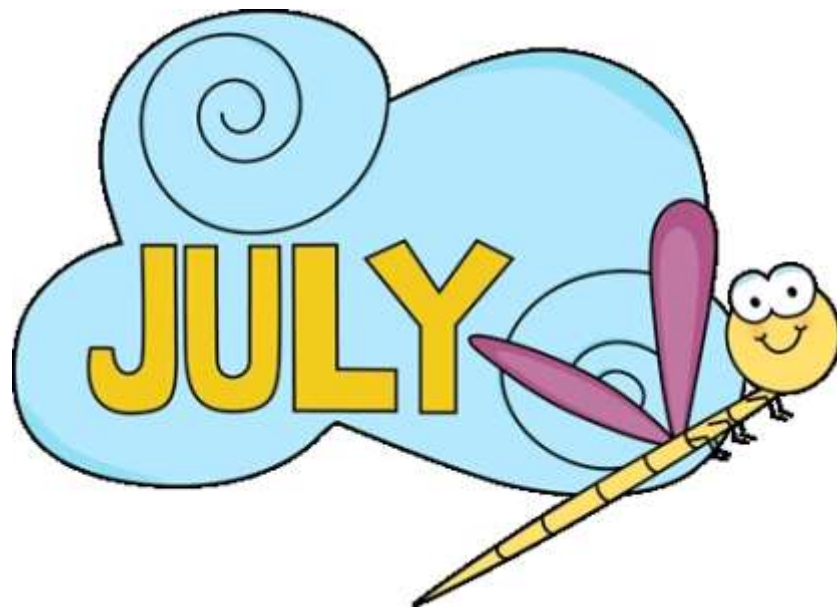


The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



Newsletter

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Job 11:13

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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:

John Anderson (cancer)
Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
Paula Frasier Bobilin
Ruthie Burke
Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
Polly Calhoun
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Suzanne Douglass (J. Perez)
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
Paul Frasier
Joan Francisco
Laurie Fischer
Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
Judy Ferguson
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
Jay Hine
Gus Joyce (B. Marshall)
Sue Sammons Kennedy
Stacy Kimball
Lee 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
Sandra Wright (P. Pollock)
Brette Lee Wilson Zayicek (Stage 4 brain tumor)
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

At the beginning of last month, a pair of robins built a nest in the gutter pipe outside the atrium door. We would watch them swoop in with their sticks and twigs to set up the safe little home. They then began to guard the area, one of them always sitting on the lawn from a distance. There was some concern that they might begin to attack people going in and out of the door, but they seemed to realize that we meant their family no harm and just stuck to watchful waiting.

Soon three little heads popped out of the nest, squawking for food. Mom and Dad kept them fed and healthy, hunting in the lawn for worms that quieted them down and made them grow.

It soon seemed to get a little crowded, and one morning, one of the little ones seemed to fall out of the nest onto the ground. Those of us watching didn't quite know what to do. Would their parents put them back in the nest? Were they big enough to fly on their own? Were their siblings following and did we have to be prepared for a tragic end to this little family?

We didn't know what to do, but the adult robins did. They came and nudged the little one. They got it moving. It took off and proceeded to run into a car tire. It shook that off and went a bit further into the parking lot. And then into the parsonage yard. Soon the other two followed and the three of them were hopping around and taking tentative flights, with their parents watching, showing how it worked, even loudly yelling at a neighborhood cat who got a bit too interested. By the next day, they had all flown to other yards and trees and the adults were perched on the fence, literal empty nesters.

There are several verses of Scripture that compare God to a mother bird, and watching these bird parents at work, it made sense.

Jesus said as he looked over the city of Jerusalem, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (*Matthew 23:37*)

I recently saw a post online that said something like, "Me screaming at a bird to get out of the road before I hit it makes me realize what God must feel like watching me all the time."

All the time, we hop out of safety and into danger. We jump out of safe nests and fly right into the car tires. But our God, who loves us as a mother hen loves her chicks, is there to pick us up, nudge us to safe places to spread our wings, and sometimes even stand between us and danger and scare it away (while yelling at us to move!) We don't always know it. We don't always like it. We can tend to squawk back and think we can go our own way. But God will always help us.

God lifts us up on eagles wings – the wings of a mother eagle, putting her eaglets on her back and flying so that they can feel the wind and the power, and eventually be brave enough to jump off and try their own wings.

I don't know what happened to our little robins, but I know that God does. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows." (*Matthew 10:29-31*)



JULY Birthdays

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| 1 - Jodi Frenyea | 18– Joshua Mitchell |
| 2 - Tony Bruno | 19– Leland Kimball |
| 3 - Jeremiah Nare | Caleb Bowler |
| Anne Marie Carpenter | Dan Kirschman |
| Donald Young | Sue Schwabrow |
| Peter Perez | 20– Jill Perez |
| 6 Katie Boshart | Jacob Richardson |
| Lindsey Therrien | 23– Loren Webber |
| 7 - Alyssa Wilmot | Johnny Gyurik |
| Emerson Mitchell | 24– Susan Boshart |
| 8 - Gene Alan Hinkle | Eric Subik |
| 10 - Bonnie Kruger | 25– Frances Winkler |
| 12 - Bill Nare | Kathie Carpenter |
| 13 - Tom Stanton | 26– Shyanne Roberson |
| 14 - Megan Carpenter | Ashlyn Butler |
| | 30 - Aaron Kimball |
| | 31 - Kevin Getman |

JULY Anniversaries

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| 1 - Bob and Bonnie Kruger | 26– Seth & Jessica Mitchell |
| 9 - Sue and Bill Schwabrow | 28– Rob & Tammy Garren |
| 19 - Mike and Michelle Knapik | 30– Clark & Gretchen Subik |
| 24 - Thomas and Barbara Hoefs | |

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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WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF July

July 2

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Communion
Preaching Elder Deb Silvernail is leading worship

July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—Rev. Abby Norton is leading worship

July 16

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—Isaiah 43:1-7

July 23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—Jeremiah 1:4-10, 3:6-14

July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Jeremiah 31:31-40

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 (except in July)

Elders

Troy Chatwin
Stacey DeLaney
Sherrie Gray
Jill Perez
Bob Kruger

Deacons

Sharon Carpenter
Steve Cook
Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren



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

Over the summer, the ladies of Bible study will be walking together on Tuesday nights, meeting at the bike path. Please come and join us. We are a fun-loving group of women from different churches that gather to discuss God's Word. We have between 5 - 13 women in the study and no previous Bible study experience needed.

For more information contact Sherri Gray (518)332-2512 or Gretchen Subik (518)853-3678

Wednesday Evenings Praise Practice is on ‘summer vacation’!

If you’re musically gifted, give Karen Patterson a shout. Praise Practice is continuing on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am before service , as always.

Friday mornings is for you fellas!

6:15 online. Contact Dave Patterson if you’re interested! (518) 369-3781

Saturday Morning Early Risers!

For more information or assistance setting up Zoom please contact Debbie Silvernail. dsilvernail@ffcsd.org

Sunday

*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. 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!



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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
	Troy Chatwin	518-795-4477

Glen-Mohawk Seniors

Hi. I'm here to tell you a little about the Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group. We meet 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 just what we are about. Our meetings usually last about an hour and light refreshments are served.

July 11: No meeting—Senior Picnic at Loopie's, Tribes Hill at noon

July 18: 50/25/25 Monetary Collection for the Frothingham Free Library; Guest Speaker Laurie Salzer, Certified Home Access Consultant

Some exciting trips are planned for this summer:

July 20—Lake George Dinner Theater to see "Sheer Madness"

August 9—Alexandra Bay Boldt Castle, boat ride, and Lunch

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.



COME TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

The Glen Reformed Church will be hosting four days of Bible School Fun

Starting Monday, July 10th! Join them for:

"Meet Noah: There's Always a Rainbow"

Monday, July 10th—Thursday, July 14th 6-8pm

Bible Stories, Crafts, Snacks, Games

Family Night on Thursday—Fun, Friends, Fellowship

Contact: Norma Sheldon (518) 844-5501

July

Saturday	1		Pastor Linda away on study leave until 7/9	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12:14
Sunday	2	10:30 am	Worship with Communion (Deb Silvernail, Preaching Elder leads worship)	Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16
Monday	3			Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14
Tuesday	4		Independence Day! Office Closed No Women's Bible Study Walking	Isaiah 1:1-4:6
Wednesday	5	12:00 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE	Isaiah 5:1-7:25
Thursday	6			Isaiah 8:1-11:16
Friday	7			Isaiah 12:1-16:14
Saturday	8			Isaiah 17:1-23:18
Sunday	9	10:30 am	Worship with Rev. Abby Norton-Levering	Isaiah 24:1-27:13
Monday	10			Isaiah 28:1-31:9
Tuesday	11	7 pm	Women's Bible Study –WALKING	Isaiah 32:1-35:10
Wednesday	12	12:30 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE	Isaiah 36:1-39:8
Thursday	13			Isaiah 40:1-44:28
Friday	14			Isaiah 45:1-48:22
Saturday	15		Fonda Speedway Parking	Isaiah 49:1-52:12
Sunday	16	10:30 am	Worship	Isaiah 43:1-7 Isaiah 52:13-55:13

July

Monday	17			Isaiah 56:1-59:21
Tuesday	18	7pm	Womens Bible Study—WALKING	Isaiah 60:1-66:24
Wednesday	19	12:30 pm 6:30 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Campfire in Parking Lot	Jeremiah 1:1-4:31
Thursday	20			Jeremiah 5:1-8:17
Friday	21			Jeremiah 8:18-12:17
Saturday	22			Jeremiah 13:1-16:21
Sunday	23	10:30 am	Worship	Jeremiah 1:4-10,3:6-14 Jeremiah 17:1-20:18
Monday	24			Jeremiah 21:1-24:10
Tuesday	25	7 pm	Womens Bible Study—WALKING	Jeremiah 25:1-29:32
Wednesday	26	12:30 pm 6:45 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Churches Learning Change Team	Jeremiah 30:1-33:26
Thursday	27			Jeremiah 34:1-38:28
Friday	28			Jeremiah 39:1-45:5
Saturday	29			Jeremiah 46:1-49:39
Sunday	30	10:30 am 12 pm	Worship—In the Parking Lot NOAH	Jeremiah 31:31-40 Jeremiah 50:1-52:34
Monday	31			Lamentations 1:1-2:22

Fonda Speedway Parking

This summer, the church has a few dates when we will be staffing the parking lot at the speedway. We will have more details moving forward, but check your calendar for these dates and let Sherrie Gray know if you are interested in helping. Our dates are **July 15**, and September 15. The church will receive a portion of the proceeds for the parking on these nights.

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.

2023 ASSESSMENTS

In order to fund the work of the Reformed Church in America's 3 levels of which the Fonda Reformed Church is a part of (Schoharie Classis, Regional Synod of Albany and General Synod) there is a per member assessment. The 2023 per active member assessment is \$108.80. Fonda Reformed Church is responsible to pay this amount for every active member of our church. If you would like to contribute towards this amount as an active member, just mark on your offering envelope or your check that it is for the 2023 assessment

NOAH—Needy or Alone and Hungry

Fonda Reformed Church will be serving meals at St Johns Church in Johnstown from 12-1pm on the following date in 2023:

July 30

October 22

If you are interested in helping for any of these meals, contact Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up



Let Freedom Ring!

Inspirational Speaker, Jean Steber. Monday, July 10 @ 11:30 am. Holiday Inn, Route 30A-N. Comrie Ave., Johnstown. \$17.50 (pay at the door). Menu: Sundried Tomato Spinach & Mozzarella Quiche with fresh fruit and broccoli salad OR Chef Salad. G's Famous Lemon Cookies, 44 E Main St., Amsterdam for dessert. For reservations, call Patti 518-842-1997 or email: womenTOconnect@gmail.com. Childcare available when RSVP. Sponsored by **CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING**



Please join us at the Frothingham Free Library this summer for great books and activities including our SUMMER READING PROGRAM from 7/10-8/25.

We are also offering a free craft activity on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm! The Library also hosts a weekly yoga class on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. The classes are beginner-friendly and include floor stretches and relaxation techniques. Space is limited so you must reserve a spot by visiting the library or its website. The cost of each class is \$10.00

We will also host a special program: Cosby and Tom's Songwriting Workshop. Join these two songwriting musicians and learn various techniques for writing songs. Attendees can create a song in a group or as an individual! For all ages, FREE! Saturday, July 15, 12-3pm

Please see our FB page or our website <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info/> or call 518-853-3016 for more details.

Note for the Summer: Our Tuesday children's story hour will be 'on vacation' but begin again in September.

Did you know we offer books for children, teens and adults, large print books, eBooks, audio books, DVDs, CDs, interlibrary loans, internet access, fax, copier, and a mini art gallery with a new artist featured each month? Stop in to see what's going on at your local library!

Check us out at: FrothinghamFreeLibrary.mvls.info or Facebook for updates and new events, or to register for any of our programs!



Campfire!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 19,
6:30 pm when we will host a Campfire in the
parking lot

Songs, S'mores and Scripture!

Activities and Games!

Fun and Fellowship for All!

Mom's Morning Out is now accepting applications for 2023-2024 school year

Mom's Morning Out is a preschool for three and four year old children, providing an excellent foundation in educational/social experiences for their first and even second year. Our program provides opportunities to learn about letters, numbers, concepts such as; over, under, on, etc., colors, shapes, to transition from one activity to another, follow directions, use manners, enhance listening skills, become a classroom helper, speak in front of a group, participate in creative/fine/gross motor activities. Students also learn to increase socialization, to correctly solve disputes with other children, to take turns, play cooperatively and to become more independent. We will be beginning our 45th year this fall. Younger students must be 3 years of age on or before August 31st, 2023 and be fully toilet trained.

Mom's Morning Out closely follows the Fonda-Fultonville Central School calendar with some exceptions. Our first day of school will be September 8, 2023 and will end on June 14, 2024. We meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Enrollment is filled on a first-come first-serve basis, with priority given to students who attended the previous year. For any questions about the program or to receive an application, please call Joann Phelps (518) 775-3454.