

# The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter

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# Newsletter

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Job 11:13

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](mailto: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  
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)

Dear friends,

Around Easter, I started to feel some pain in my shoulder. And I did what any good mom and minister type does, I ignored it. And as happens when we try to ignore pain, it got worse, and worse, and worse, until I couldn't put any weight on it to get out of bed in the morning and the throbbing kept me up all night.

I went to the doctor, and she prescribed physical therapy. I couldn't really spare the time, and was not sure it was worth the money, but I had to try. I went grudgingly, not sure how using it and working it would make the pain better.

And for a while it didn't. The pain got worse after a session. But twice a week, I would go and have my pain made worse and have to use heat and ice to reduce the swelling and still not be able to use it properly.

Until the day last month when I realized that I could use it. That reaching to an upper shelf no longer made me see stars. That I was sleeping through the night. That it hurt a little, but nothing that interfered with my life anymore.

Today ( July 20) I was officially discharged from therapy, with a stronger shoulder than I started with, as well as tips on how not to damage it again, and not to ignore it if I did, *affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. - Romans 5:3b-5*

Paul didn't have physical therapy (although it might have helped the thorn in his side). But he understood the importance of strengthening something weak to make the pain stop.

We all experience weakness in our lives. And when we are feeling down and tired and low, we often let our spiritual life fade. It is too hard to carve out the time to read the Bible. We don't have the mental bandwidth to understand. It makes us feel worse. We sometimes feel like we can't even pray right – why would God want to listen to us complain. We will get back to it all when we are a bit more together.

But the lessons of physical therapy are the same lessons for spiritual strength. When we make the time, and do the work, we will gain strength in the long term. It might not feel like it on any given day, but the day comes when we look back and realize that we are stronger in our faith, closer to God, and have clarity and understanding that we didn't before. And while the pain might not be gone, we know how to live with it, and how not to make it worse.

Because God knows that we are weak. God loves us and proved it “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” *Romans 5:6*

Christ died for us while we were weak, so that we might be strong. So, in God's words to Joshua, “Be strong.” And when you aren't feeling strong, get strength from the one who has promised it to us in abundance when we make the time to come to him.

- Pastor Linda

## AUGUST Birthdays

- 3 Beryl Gold  
4 Erin Carpenter, David Livingstone  
& Hunter Livingstone  
6 Jeremiah Hinkle & Kaylyn Akey  
7 Bev Guiffre  
8 Reagan Webber  
11 Laura Burroughs  
13 John Deckro & Debby Young  
15 Jillian Getman  
16 Michael Hinkle  
17 Alexis Lynn Livingstone  
19 Tom Channell  
21 Peyton Webber  
22 Jason Kruger  
25 Amanda Wilmot & Fred Hoffman  
27 Brett Hanson & Deana Wheeler  
29 Joshua Nare  
30 David Kruger

## AUGUST Anniversaries

- 2– Andy and Sharon Carpenter  
6—Dave and Stacey DeLaney  
8—Kevin and Katie Bowler



**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 August

August 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Communion

Ezekiel 2:3-3:4, 3:10-11

August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Pastor Linda away— Tom Flander preaching

August 20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Jonah 1:1-17

August 27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Micah 6:1-8

## 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](http://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



**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**

Women’s Bible Study will reconvene in the fall, stay tuned! 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!**

**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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Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513
	Troy Chatwin	518-795-4477

# August

Tuesday	1	9am-12pm 10:30 am	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors	Lamentations 3:1-5:22
Wednesday	2	12:30 pm 9am-12pm 3-5 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Pastor Linda's Office Hours Fonda Food Pantry Open	Ezekiel 1:1-5:17
Thursday	3	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Ezekiel 6:1-11:25
Friday	4	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Ezekiel 12:1-16:63
Saturday	5	6 am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Ezekiel 17:1-21:32
Sunday	6	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise Practice Worship with Communion	Ezekiel 22:1-26:21
Monday	7	7pm	Consistory Meeting	Ezekiel 27:1-32:32
Tuesday	8	9am-12pm 10:30	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors	Ezekiel 33:1-37:28
Wednesday	9	12:30 pm 9am-12pm 3-5pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Pastor Linda's Office Hours Food Pantry Open	Ezekiel 38:1-42:20
Thursday	10	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Ezekiel 43:1-48:35
Friday	11	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Daniel 1:1-3:30
Saturday	12	6am 12:30—2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Daniel 4:1-6:28
Sunday	13	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise Practice Worship (Tom Flander preaching)	Daniel 7:1-12:13
Monday	14			Hosea 1:1-5:15
Tuesday	15	9am-12pm 10:30 am	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors	Hosea 6:1-10:15
Wednesday	16	12:30 pm 9am-12pm 3-5pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Pastor Linda's Office Hours Fonda Food Pantry Open	Hosea 11:1-14:9

# August

Thursday	17	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Joel 1:1-3:21
Friday	18	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Amos 1:1-4:13
Saturday	19	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Amos 5:1-9:15
Sunday	20	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise Practice Worship	Obadiah 1-21
Monday	21			Jonah 1:1-2:10
Tuesday	22	9am-12pm 10:30 am	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors	Jonah 3:1-4:11
Wednesday	23	12:30 pm 9am-12pm 3-5pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Pastor Linda's Office Hours Fonda Food Pantry Open	Micah 1:1-4:13
Thursday	24	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Micah 5:1-7:20
Friday	25	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Nahum 1:1-3:19
Saturday	26	6am 12:30—2:30 pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
Sunday	27	9:30 am 10:30 am	Praise Practice Worship	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20
Monday	28			Haggai 1:1-2:23
Tuesday	29	9am-12pm 10:30 am	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors	Zechariah 1:1-4:14
Wednesday	30	12:30 am 9am-12pm 3-5 pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Pastor Linda's Office Hours Fonda Food Pantry Open	Zechariah 5:1-9:17
Thursday	31	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Zechariah 10:1-14:21





## **CAMPFIRE WORSHIP CONTINUES**

**Campfire Worship returns to the Glen Reformed Church**

**Thursdays in August:**

**6:30-7:30pm Fellowship Time with refreshments**

**7:30 pm Worship on the lawn behind the church**

**Guest speakers and guest musicians each week**

**Mark your calendars for Thursdays: August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31**

**Bring a chair and don't forget your family and your neighbor, too!**

**All are welcome. Contact Karen Kosinski at 518-922-6624**

## **GLEN - MOHAWK SENIOR CITIZENS**

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.

**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.

### **FAITH WALKING**

The Albany Synod will host, at Niskayuna Reformed Church, a 2-day retreat "Faithwalking". This is an intense and powerful introduction to the Faithwalking process that is changing lives around the world. Takes place two Saturdays, August 19 & 26, 9am-4:30 pm. Cost is \$100 however funds are available via a grant we have received from the Synod. A flyer is on the bulletin board in the Atrium to learn more or ask Pastor Linda or email

[PastorSherriMV@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSherriMV@gmail.com)

## **Fonda Speedway Parking**

This summer, the church has a few dates when we've been staffing the parking lot at the Speedway. Let Sherrie Gray know if you are interested in helping. Our final date for the season is **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

## Finding Peace

**Monday, August 7, 11:30am:** Inspirational Speaker, Penny Keen will speak at the Holiday Inn, Route 30A, N. Comrie Ave., Johnstown. \$17.50 (pay at the door). Menu: Grilled Honey Mustard Chicken Salad (or) Tuna Sandwich on Pumpernickel with Creamy Broccoli Soup-Peaceful Valley Maple Farms and Restaurant. For reservations, call Patti 518-842-1997 or email: [womenTOconnect@gmail.com](mailto:womenTOconnect@gmail.com). Childcare available when RSVP. Sponsored by **CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING**



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

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.

The library offers so much in August! From craft and movie day to Dino Discovery, the Teen Taste Challenge, STEM play day.. You can Help Build a Rollercoaster, work together as the library becomes an Escape Room, join us for a Foam Party at the Park or on a trip to the Hale Creek Field Station...there's so much happening you'll want to join!

Grown ups can join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 for Yoga (see our website for details)

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](http://FrothinghamFreeLibrary.mvls.info) or Facebook for updates and new events, or to register for any of our programs!

Thank you; we really appreciate your support!



**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.

## Fonda Reformed Church Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Fonda Reformed Church  
is to develop believers and unbelievers  
into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.