



The Fonda Reformed Church

Newsletter

Fonda Reformed Church

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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.

**Individuals with
health concerns:**

Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
Paula Frasier Bobilin
Wayne Bobilin
Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Jaye Evangelista
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
Laurie Fischer
Joan Francisco
Vernon Francisco, Jr.
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
Rosanne Lybolt
Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
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)
Sue Swanson
Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
Bob VanAlstyne (M Francisco)
Carolyn Whipple
Lu Wilmot
Judy Wilson
Sarah Woodcock
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

Dear friends,

This June, I was honored to serve as a delegate to the Reformed Church in America's General Synod. Delegates from all over the world – the usual United States and Canada, but also Central and South America – met in Tucson, Arizona to hear and reflect on the current ministry of the RCA and also to make decisions as to where we want to be in the future.

A few Frequently Asked Questions up front - Yes, it was super hot (The Wednesday we were there it hit 105). Yes, I had travel issues – although not as bad as the group that spent a day and a half in Houston. And no, I did not get to the mike often – when I had something I would have spoken on, someone usually said what I was thinking much better than what I would put together.

If you would like to know all of the details of the decisions that were made, I refer you to the RCA web page. Much of our work revolved around restructuring the denomination and collapsing the two layers of government the currently exist between the Consistory and the General synod into one layer of Middle Assembly. These changes will take effect at the end of 2026, and there will be opportunities to discuss how that will affect us as the work continues to make this happen. But what I want to share with you is my general feelings about the future of our denomination.

And despite some anxiety going in, my feeling is one of hope. There will be challenges, of course, but this year's gathering encouraged me that we will be able to do ministry together.

There was laughter. There were difficult but respectful discussions on current events – refugees, immigration, war. A conversation on mental illness encouraged many delegates to go to the microphone and share their own struggles and the struggles of their families in what was a safe and sacred space that would have been difficult to imagine in the contentious and divided years of the past. It was not all agreement, but none of the measures passed on a 51%/49% vote.

One story demonstrates the place where we are. James Hart Brumm, a professor at New Brunswick Seminary, was nominated to be a General Synod Professor. General Synod Professors are a unique fourth office to the RCA and are called to aid the denomination in their work. After the recommendation, Greg Brewer, came to the microphone. It was well known in the room that these two disagree on just about everything, and several times during these meetings had spoken passionately on opposite sides of several debates. So there was a slight fear as Greg was called on.

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After acknowledging their usual lack of agreement on ANYTHING, he said, “I think that our strength as a denomination is that we can disagree and disagree with grace. I know I’m not right about everything, and I need someone like James who disagrees with almost everything I think. I think James thinks he needs someone like me, too. I’m reminded in James that our unity is not uniformity, but our common love and unity in Jesus Christ.”

So this is what gives me hope. That the years of contentious disagreement are past, and we have moved into an era of grace-filled unity. Not uniformity by any means, there were times when I disagreed strongly with what was being said by speakers, and by people with whom I shared a table. But it was good to be in a place and at a time where we could disagree agreeably and still be siblings in Christ at the end of it.

The RCA is approaching its 450th birthday. We are smaller than before – in parts of the country this commitment to unity in the face of disagreement has led to churches choosing to leave the denomination. But we are also opening up and expanding in ways we never imagined – the meetings were all simultaneously translated into Spanish and Portuguese so that leaders from churches in the global south could participate fully. We are truly learning the lessons of our crest – “In unity there is strength.”

A complete news summary of the week is found on the RCA site at: https://www.rca.org/general-synod-2025-news-summary/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLKL_dleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETE3aW1mY3pNdnZlajJGNUNrAR5mMsP_1c6P0lhysY2kfv9GBzQiECJUZjq6iRu_wt2xscabBYB0BRZX4ROZ6g_aem_rJDfuazoK5MbUIqn-fGEeg

If you have questions on any of the specifics, please let me know and I will be happy to explain them. Please keep all working for the RCA in your prayers during this time of transition.

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTHS of July & August

July 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—
"A Humbling Intervention" 2 Kings 5:1-14
Communion

July 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—
"Love Unconditionally" Luke 10:25-37

July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—
"Stop and Listen" Luke 10:38-42
Outdoor Worship

July 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost -
Pastor away, Deb Silvernail preaching

August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—
"Be Persistent in Prayer" Luke 11:1-13
Communion

August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—
"Look Beyond Yourself" Luke 12:13-21
Worship in Fellowship Hall

August 17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—
Worship in Fellowship Hall

August 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—

August 31

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—
8am Worship Service at Fonda Fair

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
Dave Patterson
Jill Perez
Deb Silvernail

Deacons

Dave Delaney
Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren
Tom Hoefs



JULY Birthdays

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

AUGUST Birthdays

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

JULY Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Bonnie Kruger
- 19 Mike & Michelle Knapik
- 24 Thomas & Barbara Hoefs
- 26 Seth & Jessica Mitchell
- 28 Rob & Tammy Garren
- 30 Clark & Gretchen Subik

AUGUST Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Andy & Sharon Carpenter | 8 Kevin & Katie Bowler |
| 6 Dave & Stacey DeLaney | |

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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JULY

Calendar



Tuesday	1	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	2	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	3	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	4	6:15am	Men's Bible Study HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
Saturday	5	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	6	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship
Monday	7	9-11am	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	8	9-11am 10:30-1pm 10:30am 7pm	Vacation Bible School Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda at Wells House Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	9	9-11am 2:30-4:30pm	Vacation Bible School (through Friday) Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	10	9-11am 12pm	Vacation Bible School Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	11	6:15am 9-11am	Men's Bible Study Vacation Bible School (final day)
Saturday	12	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	13	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship
Monday	14		
Tuesday	15	10:30am-1pm 6:30pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Consistory Meeting Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	16	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry

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Thursday	17	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	18	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	19	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's Online Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	20	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship—Outdoor Worship
Monday	21		Pastor away until July 29
Tuesday	22	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	23	2:30-4:30	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	24		
Friday	25	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	26	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's Online Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	27	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship—Deb Silvernail Preaching
Monday	28		
Tuesday	29	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	30	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	31	12pm 6pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Covered Dish at the Subik's

AUGUST

Calendar



Friday	1	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	2	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Men's Bible Study AA Meeting
Sunday	3	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship
Monday	4		
Tuesday	5	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	6	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	7	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	8	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	10	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship in Fellowship Hall
Monday	11		
Tuesday	12	10:30am-1pm 10:30am 6:30pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor at Wells House Consistory Meeting Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	13	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
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Thursday	21	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	22	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	23	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	24	9:30am 10:30am 12pm	Praise Practice Worship NOAH
Monday	25		
Tuesday	26	10:30-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study (walking)
Wednesday	27	2:30-4:30pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	28	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	29	6:15am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	30	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meetig
Sunday	31	8am	Worship at the FONDA FAIR

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 on Wednesdays** 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
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





VBS is Here, Summer, 2025!

High Seas Expedition:
Exploring the Mighty Love of God
Vacation Bible School is happening!

July 7-11th, 9am-11am

Ages: Pre-K –6th grade

Haul anchor and join us on the high seas where we'll be exploring the Mighty Love of God! Bible adventures, outdoor games, activities, music and fun!

There's still time to register by visiting our Facebook page or FRC website and scrolling down the the online fillable form. Hope to see you there!

Would You Like an Official Fonda Reformed Church T-Shirt?!



Wear this beautiful graphic and be a witness to your faith in this Fonda Reformed Church graphic tee shown in the design to the left. Shirts are navy blue with light blue lettering and come in Youth S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL, 2x, 3x, 4x and 5x. Order here:

NAME: _____

YOUTH S _____ M _____ L _____

ADULT S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X _____ 4X _____ 5X _____

Indicate quantity of each size on line next to sizes, please. **Price is \$15 per shirt S, M, L, XL (Adult 2X is \$17 and Adult 3X, 4X and 5X is \$18) Orders Due by July 13th**



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, go on trips and have interesting guest speakers and entertainment at our meetings! We welcome new members.

We also have \$8 Senior Movie Days at Johnstown Movieplex. July 10, 1pm includes popcorn & a drink!

And a Free movie each month at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. July 28, 11:30-1:30 the movie is, "Roman Holiday" starring Audrey Hepburn & Gregory Peck.

If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875



Potluck Dinner at Subik Farm

Please come for dinner at the Subik farm on **July 31 at 6pm!**

Clark and Gretchen will be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share, favorite beverage and a chair. Families are encouraged. The swimming pool will be open. We will be exploring God's design for our church.

Please RSVP so that they'll have plenty of food! Come and be prepared to laugh and celebrate our church.

Address: 1140 Old Trail Road,
Fonda.

(RSVP: gsubik1140@gmail.com)



Worship at the Fonda Fair

On **Sunday, August 31st**, we will be holding a worship service at the Fonda Fair at 8am. We will meet at the Horse Arena— in the back by the train tracks. We are looking forward to this time of music, Scripture and prayer. Admission to the fair is free that morning. Join us for this special service! If you need a ride or are able to offer those in need a ride to the fairgrounds from the church, use this form or use the sign-up sheet on the table by the Sanctuary entrance.



I need a ride: _____

I am able to drive: _____

Just put your name on the appropriate line and **put in the offering plate or** on the desk in the office...thank you!

We hope your child(ren) can join us for VBS this July! For your convenience, you may fill out the registration form here and bring it with you on the first day of VBS (Monday, July 7) Hope to see you there!

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**Vacation Bible
School 2025 High**



High Seas Expedition

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

(One form per child, please)

July 7- 11 from 9:00-11:00 AM

Student Full Name: _____

Nick Name: _____ Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Grade entering: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury, and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above-named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature

Date