



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.

Individuals with health concerns:

- Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
- Paula Frasier Bobilin
- Ruthie Burke
- Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
- Polly Calhoun
- Cherie Craig (M. White)
- Suzanne Douglass (J. Perez)
- Jaye Evangelista
- Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
- Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
- Laurie Fischer
- Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Judy Ferguson
- Joan Francisco
- Vernon Francisco, Jr.
- Paul Frasier
- Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
- James Hernigle (S. Emery)
- 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
- Pat Mosher
- Andrea Rogers
- Hunter Rose
- Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)
- Robert Smith (L Huth)
- Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
- James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
- Cheyenne 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

The 1989 Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, “Aspects of Love,” opens with a song called “Love Changes Everything” The first lyrics are:

*Love, love changes everything: hands and faces, earth and sky.
Love, love changes everything: How you live and how you die
Love can make the summer fly or a night seem like a lifetime.
Yes love, love changes everything: Now I tremble at your name.
Nothing in the world will ever be the same.*

The musical is about romantic love, but the power of these words can also be seen in the type of love that we experience as God’s people.

Jesus instructed his disciples that the way that they could show the world that they belonged to him was to love one another. And he was very clear that this included those that they might not get along with or would have nothing to do with otherwise. He told them to love those they disagreed with, those who were different than them, those who annoyed them. He told them to love those who they would otherwise not give a thought to – the poor, the hungry, the outcast. He told them to not just throw them crumbs, but to truly love them with the love that they received from him.

And this love would have changed everything in their lives. They might go places and do things that they wouldn’t have even imagined doing before. They might get to know their neighbor and not just see them as their race or accent or the condition of their house. They might change their priorities to have more time to be with one another and in the community.

Paul spelled it out this way for the Philippians, “If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” (*Philippians 2:1-4, The Message*)

It is hard. It was hard for people living in a culture that have divisions of class and race and economic status built into it – and that is pretty much every human culture since the beginning. And our love is never perfect, for only God’s love is perfect. But in this season in which the world celebrates love, we can remember the great truth that, “We love because <God> first loved us.” (*1 John 4:19, NRSV*)

And how much does God love us? We know that: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us. That is a whole lot more than anything that we are asked to do in love for our neighbor.

So let us live out all the aspects of love that God puts before us, following the example of Jesus and taking the tools of inspiration that those gifted by God with the gift of writing beautiful words and music give to us:

*Off into the world we go, planning futures, shaping years.
Love bursts in, and suddenly, all our wisdom disappears.
Love makes fools of everyone: All the rules we make are broken.
Yes, love, love changes everyone.
Live or perish in its flame. Love will never, never let you be the same.*

Rejoicing in Christ’s love,
Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF February

February 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship: "The Art of Neighboring-For the Love of God", Romans 12:9-21
Communion

February 11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Worship with Burning of Palms
& Burying of Alleluia /Collection for Souper Bowl/ Installation of a Deacon
Worship: "The Art of Neighboring-Our Need for Help", Luke 7:36-50

February 14

Ash Wednesday—Service 7pm

February 18

First Sunday in Lent

Worship: "A Table in the Wilderness" - Jesus - Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Second Sunday in Lent- "A Table in the Wilderness"
Israel—Manna & Quail - Exodus 16

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

Elders

Ruthie Cook
Stacey DeLaney
Bob Kruger
Jill Perez

Deacons

Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren
Tom Hoeffs (after 2/11)

February

Thursday	1	9-12	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	
Friday	2	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	
Saturday	3	6am	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group	
Sunday	4	9:30am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship with Communion Coffee Hour	
Monday	5	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	
Tuesday	6	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	
Wednesday	7	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice	
Thursday	8	9am-12pm 6:30pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Outreach Planning Meeting	
Friday	9	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	
Saturday	10	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	
Sunday	11	9:30am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship-Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Burning of Palms, "Souper Bowl" and Installation of a Deacon Coffee Hour	
Monday	12	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	
Tuesday	13	9am-12pm 10:30am 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours (10:30 Pastor at Wells House) Glen-Mohawk Seniors Women's Bible Study	<u>LENTEN BIBLE READINGS:</u>
Wednesday	14	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC) Ash Wednesday Worship Service	Jonah 3:1-4:11 Luke 18:9-14
Thursday	15	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Heb. 12:1-14 Mark 2:18-22
Friday	16	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Philippians 1:1-11 Mark 5:1-20

February

Saturday	17	6am 12:30-2pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Phil. 2:1-11 Mark 8:31-38
Sunday	18	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship—First Sunday in Lent Potluck Luncheon after Worship	Exod. 3:1-15 John 1:35-50
Monday	19		Office Closed for Holiday	Exod. 3:16-4:17 John 2: 1-12
Tuesday	20	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	Exod. 5:1-6:1 John 2:13-22
Wednesday	21	3-5pm 7pm	Pastor Linda on Retreat 2/21-22 Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice	Exod. 7:8-24 John 2:23-3:15
Thursday	22			Exod. 9:13-35 John 3:16-21
Friday	23	6:15 am	Men's Online Bible Study	Exod. 10:21-11:8 John 3:22-36
Saturday	24	6am 12:30-2pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting	Exod. 12:1-20 John 4:1-26
Sunday	25	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Praise Practice & Sunday School Worship –Second Sunday in Lent Coffee Hour	Heb. 1:1-14 John 4:27-42
Monday	26	8:30-11am 6:30 pm 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Consistory Meeting Girl Scouts	Heb. 2:11-18 John 4:43-54
Tuesday	27	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Lenten Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	Heb. 3:1-11 John 5:1-18
Wednesday	28	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice	Heb. 3:12-19 John 5:19-29
Thursday	29	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Heb. 4:1-10 John 5:30-47



FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 2 | Matilda Zaetz | 16 | Amiah Valdez |
| | Joy Haggart | 21 | Russel Pedrick, Sr. |
| 5 | Tom Persse | 22 | Christine Pedrick |
| | Kyle Nare | 23 | Brandon Akey |
| 6 | Bob Frenyea | 25 | Heather Hanson |
| | Art Marshall | | Teagan Moran |
| 7 | Rebecca Newkirk | 29 | Matthew Bruno |
| 8 | John Nare | | |
| | Carolyn Smith | | |
| 9 | Sarah Subik | | |
| | Robin Sargalis | | |
| 13 | Scott Ferris | | |
| 15 | Chris Jone | | |
| | Abigail Douglas | | |

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

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| 3 | Laura and Andrew Bowles |
| 11 | Joe and Bev Guiffre |
| 17 | Clay and Kathie Carpenter |

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

During Lent, beginning on February 20th-we will be joining the group Lenten Bible Study, meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information can be found in this newsletter or 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.

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 is in session (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.

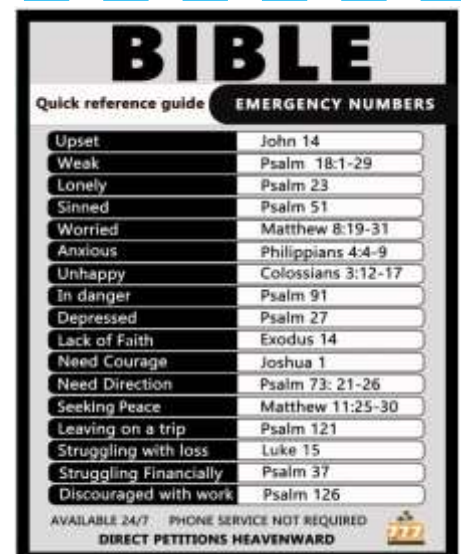
The Food Pantry is always looking for reliable, dedicated volunteers to help feed our community. From picking up food, organizing shelves, cleaning the pantry to working a Wednesday time slot... there is a space for you! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3621

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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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



Outreach Planning Meeting

Love God. Love Others. Jesus summed up our Christian mission with those two broad commandments. Throughout His ministry, He provided instruction and examples to guide us in carrying out those commands.



On Thursday, February 8th, we will be having a planning meeting to review our church's outreach and related ministry efforts in light of Christ's directives, our spiritual gifts, and our ministry passions. The goal is to organize our activities for the year and identify coordinators for those activities.

If you have a verse of scripture that really stands out to you as an important instruction that we should be living out, please jot that down on an index card, sticky note or piece of paper and bring it along with you to help guide our discussion.

The meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, February 8th

Please consider joining us to help design a schedule of activities that will enable us to effectively carry out our Christian mission. Contact Ruthie Cook (rd.sj.cook@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

A logo with the words "Love is all AROUND" in a stylized, hand-drawn font. "Love" is at the top, "is all" is in the middle, and "AROUND" is at the bottom. The letters are black with some white highlights and a slightly distressed texture.

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“Love All Around”

International Speaker: Jennifer Ebaugh

Monday, February 12th

at 11:30 am at the Holiday Inn, Route 30A (N. Comrie Ave.) Johnstown

Chicken and Biscuits with Mashed Potatoes

or Grilled Tuna & Cheese on white with Cream of Broccoli Soup

Dessert: Lemon Meringue Pie

Unique Leather Roses by Michelle Blake

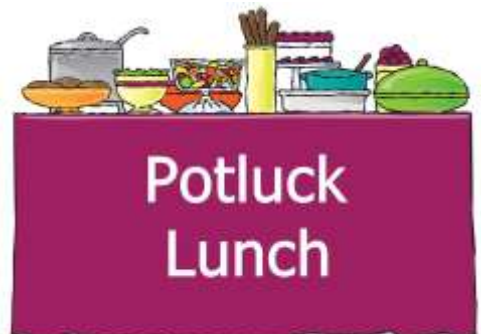
\$17.50 pay at the door

For reservations, call Patti @ 518-842-1997 Or email womentoconnect@gmail.com

Childcare available upon time of reservations Sponsored by CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTING

After-Church Coffee Hour—POTLUCKS!

Coffee hours are such a special part of our Sunday service as a chance to further-congregate with our friends and church family. We are expanding this and having a Potluck Luncheon after services one Sunday a month instead of the usual coffee hour.



Cassoulets, Casseroles and Mac ‘n Cheese, Oh My! There will be a potluck lunch served after church on Sunday, **February 18th**. Please join us for fellowship, laughter and good food. Come for delicious fare—and bring a dish to share! We will also be packing take-out meals for anyone who needs a little Sunday warmth, just let someone in the kitchen know. We are also looking for couriers. So if you are able after church to drop off a meal, let us know.

Schedule for Lent 2024

Sunday, February 11: Burning of the palms in worship in preparation for Lent. If you have any palms from previous Holy Weeks, please bring them to worship.

Wednesday, February 14 : 7pm, Ash Wednesday worship at Fonda Reformed Church in the Sanctuary with the churches of the Glen Mohawk Clergy Association (This year there will *not* be weekly Wednesday worship services at the various churches.)

Tuesday evenings in Lent, beginning on **February 20th** at 7pm, we will have a Lenten Bible Study in Fellowship Hall. We will be using the study, **“Meeting Jesus at the Table”** by **Cynthia M. Campbell** It is available for Kindle or in Paperback on Amazon at:

https://www.amazon.com/Meeting-Jesus-Table-Lenten-Study/dp/0664267793/ref=sr_1_1?crid=7DEYM6O9E0VI&keywords=meeting+jesus+at+the+table+a+lenten+study&qid=1706287026&sprifix=meeting+jesus+%2Caps%2C109&sr=8-1

or at Christian Book Distributers at:

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We will be putting in an order from the office. If you would like us to get the book, please let the office know by **February 4th**.

March 28 (Maundy Thursday) and March 29 (Good Friday): Watch for information in the bulletin and the March newsletter for these services

Easter Sunday, March 31 : 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service hosted by the Glen Mohawk Clergy Association at the Kateri Tekakwitha shrine in Fonda. Worship will be followed by a time of fellowship. An offering will be taken up for the Glen Mohawk Scholarship fund..

Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens

The Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group meets 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 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. If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875 or Vice President Gloria Kimball at 518-853-3126.

Local Events this Month:

February 8th, 1pm: A \$6 Senior Movie which includes popcorn, a drink and entrance to one of the movies at the Johnstown Movieplex.

February 26th, 11:30-1:30: Lunch on your own and a free movie at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. Matt Damon, Angelina Jolie & Robert DeNiro star in *The Good Shepherd*, a powerful thriller about the birth of the CIA. Please let Gloria know if you will be attending.



Collection for Easter Baskets

As we do each year, we will be assembling Easter Food baskets that will help families during the week of Spring break, when other food sources are not available. We will make baskets for other members of the community in need.

During Lent, we will be collecting the following items;

- Boxes of pasta
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal

We ask you to bring these items in by March 24th so that we have time to assemble and distribute the bags before Easter. Any extra items will be sent in for the backpack program at Fonda-Fultonville Schools.