

CELEBRATE

Easter!

*In his great mercy he has given us...
a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

1 PETER 1:3 (NIV)

Lent 2022

Dear Friends,

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation, by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

We are entering the season of Lent. Lent is a time to reflect on the new creation that has come about in our world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the classic hymn teaches us, the lessons of this season are what we build the foundation of our church, our faith, our lives upon.

This Lent we will be looking at the Book of Judges. It may seem an odd place to turn, full of odd stories and violence. But the theme of the book makes it clear what happens when a people does not have the firm foundation of a king to build their identity upon. They again and again crumble and fall and need to be rebuilt.

As we reflect upon this need for rebuilding, we can reflect upon the ways that our lives and our faith have been a little shaky and in danger of falling. And we can look to that firm foundation that builds us up. As another hymn tells us, "*On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.*"

Each year, the Fonda Reformed Church collects an Easter offering to help with the ministry of the church. In this year that we are reflecting on our foundations, a need has arisen for our building's foundations. The flooding over the summer has done some damage to the basement and the areas under the walkway by the parking lot that will need to be repaired so that we can continue to have our building be the safe and secure place for worship and gathering for the community. Therefore, the Consistory has designated the Easter offerings to go towards this work, which is scheduled to be done in the spring. We hope that as you reflect on the many ways that God has supported you that you will take this opportunity to support us in this project.

We hope you will join us throughout this Lent, at the ecumenical Lenten services throughout the area, during Holy Week, and on Easter when we celebrate the great victory and firm foundation upon which we can build our lives – Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Linda