



The Fonda Reformed Church

Newsletter

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Prepare
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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:

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,

Last month, I wrote about my time at the denomination's General Synod meeting and some of the changes that were coming to the way that we will be doing business in the Reformed Church in America. In the time between now and December of 2026, many more conversations will need to be had and decisions made. Our Regional Synod will be meeting in October to lay out plans and options for moving forward, so there will be information to share after that meeting.

But among all of the changes and new things and restructuring, I would like to highlight one thing that will not change about how we do church.

At the opening of their report to General Synod, the Restructuring Task Force stated their vision as, **"Making disciples of Jesus who participate in God's reign everywhere."**

There are many different ways to think about who or what is a disciple. Many think immediately of the twelve men who are mentioned in the Gospels as traveling with Jesus during his ministry and end there. But even the Gospels stretch out the circle to all who heard Jesus' words. The Book of Acts and the Epistles extends it to those who are learning the Gospel from Paul and those who he sends to teach. We also are told that the title extends to all who believe and follow in Christ's way.

The most important thing to remember is that disciple is a verb, not a title. It is something you are, but more importantly, it is something you **do**. The writer Dallas Willard prefers to use the term "apprentice to Jesus" to disciple. We know what apprenticeship looks like: Learning a trade under someone who is a master at it. Practicing under their watchful eye. Being willing to be corrected. Always looking to the day when the student has learned enough from the master to go out and do

This fall, in worship, we will be exploring not who disciples are, but what they do. We will look at the ways that our Master Jesus has apprenticed us into discipleship. And we will see how we can help others join in the work and become disciples of Christ.

I hope you will join us in this time of learning, worship, and work, so that we can see how we can be a discipling community and participate in God's reign everywhere.

In Christ's Name

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH of September

September 7

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Communion

Disciples Take Faith Seriously—Luke 14:25-33

September 14

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church—Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Disciples Resist Greed—Luke 16:1-13

September 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Disciples Practice Generosity—1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

September Calendar

Monday	1		Happy Labor Day!
Tuesday	2	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	3	2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry Praise Practice (?)
Thursday	4	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	5	6:15am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning out?
Saturday	6	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	7	9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Worship with Communion
Monday	8	8:30-11am	Mom's Morning Out
Tuesday	9	10:30am-1pm 10:30am 6pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor at Wells House Consistory Meeting Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	10	2:30-4:30 8:30-11am 6pm	Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry Mom's Morning Out Praise Practice
Thursday	11	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	12	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	13	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	14	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS! Worship After-Service Coffee Hour
Monday	15	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	16	10:30-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies' Bible Study

September Calendar

Wednesday	17	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry Praise Practice
Thursday	18	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	19	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	20	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	21	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship After-worship coffee hour
Monday	22	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	23	10:30am-1pm 7pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies' Bible Study Praise Practice
Wednesday	24	8:30-11am 2:30-4:30	Mom's Morning Out Fonda-Fultonville Food Pantry
Thursday	25	12pm	Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE
Friday	26	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	27	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	28	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship After-worship coffee hour
Monday	29	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	30	10:30am-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies' Bible Study



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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| 1 | Mallory Monk | 17 | Sherri Kirschman |
| 2 | Jennifer Carelli | | Phillip Boshart, Sr. |
| 4 | Lula Wilmot | 20 | Gretchen Subik |
| | Jordan Chatwin | | Ida Ford |
| 5 | John Stanton | 23 | Bill Gray |
| 6 | Cameron Ferris | | Jo Tylutki |
| | Alexis Smith | 25 | Johnathan Flander |
| 7 | Nathan Hoffman | 26 | Jordan Therrien |
| 9 | Peter Carelli & Alexander Calhoun | 28 | Deborah Gibson |
| 10 | Michael DeCicco | 30 | Lance Hinkle |
| 11 | Lynda Stanzel | | Linda Petterson |
| 14 | Tim Calhoun | | |
| | Danielle Flander | | |

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 4 Craig and Rebecca Newkirk

Congratulations on your special days!
May you be blessed this day and every day

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

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. Stay tuned for more information on the fall study schedule. You may contact Sherri Gray (518)332-2512 or Gretchen Subik (518)848-2682 for more information

Wednesday Evenings Praise Practice

If you're musically gifted, give Karen Patterson a shout. We will resume practice on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning September 10th 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 will resume September 14th at 9:30am!

*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.

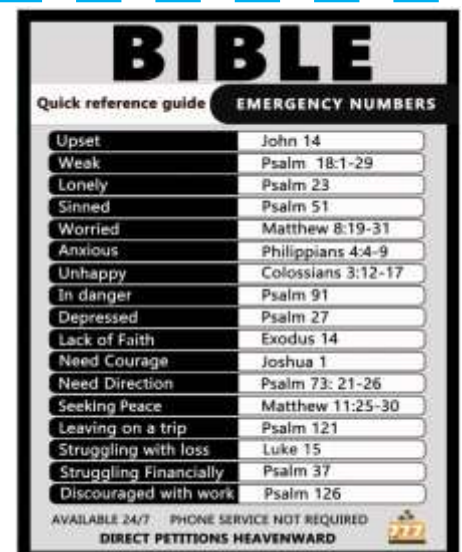
The Food Pantry is always looking for reliable, dedicated volunteers to help feed our community. From picking up food, organizing shelves, cleaning the pantry to working a Wednesday time slot... there is a space for you! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3513

If you have ideas on how to help our community we would love to hear them so please let us know!

We would love to team up and do awesome things!

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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





Sunday School Starting!

As the school year begins, so will Sunday school! We're gearing up for another year of bringing the Word of God to the children in our church family and community. Sunday school will begin on **September 14th** before the service at **9:30am**. We're thankful for our teachers this year: Julie Burr, Sharon Carpenter, Barb Smith, Sherry Gray and Kathie Carpenter.

Contact Cindy Mitchell or the church office if you have any questions

NOAH—Needy or Alone and Hungry

This program serves a free meal every Sunday to between 60-150 people. FRC has a team that prepares and serves these meals several times throughout the year.

Our next date is this month: September 22

With December 8 coming up.

If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up

Simply September

With Inspirational Speaker: Florence Wadman

*Monday, September 8, 2025 *11:30 a.m.*

*Holiday Inn * Route 30A * N. Comrie Avenue * Johnstown*

\$19.50 (Pay at the door.)

Honey Mustard Chicken Salad OR
Turkey Sandwich on Wheat with Chicken and Rice Soup

Complimentary childcare is available upon request at time of reservation.

*For reservations, call Patti 518-842-1997 or
womenTOconnect@gmail.com*

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RACING AT THE SPEEDWAY

We will be helping with parking at the Fonda Speedway on SEPTEMBER 13th!

We're always appreciative of volunteers who can help with parking cars and part of the parking proceeds go to the church to help in support of our programs. If you'd like to help out at the speedway, we'd love to have you! Contact Sherrie Gray for more details.



Fonda Reformed Church T-Shirts... and now Sweatshirts!

The order of FRC t-shirts is in! If you haven't gotten yours yet, they are in the meeting room Across the hall from Pastor's office.

If you're interested in ordering more t-shirt(s).. And now sweatshirts will be available, we'll have a new order form available soon so you can have year-round literal 'wearing your faith on your sleeve'!! More details/order form soon!



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. 1pm on September 11th.. includes popcorn & a drink!

And a Free movie each month at the Johnstown Holiday Inn.

September 22, showing "Grumpy Old Men".

If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875 or Vice President Gloria Kimball at 518-853-3126.