



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](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.

- Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
- Paula Frasier Bobilin
- Wayne Bobilin
- Ruthie Burke
- Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
- Polly Calhoun
- Cherie Craig (M. White)
- Jaye Evangelista
- Frances Filanova (B.Kruger)
- Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
- Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)
- Laurie Fischer
- Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)
- Joan Francisco
- Vernon Francisco, Jr.
- Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
- 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
- Kaden McRedmond
- 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)
- Sue Swanson
- Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
- Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
- Bob VanAlstyne (M Francisco)
- Carolyn Whipple
- Bill Whipple
- Lu Wilmot
- Judy Wilson
- Sarah Woodcock
- Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)



## You've Got Mail!

We are in the process of organizing our mailing lists, email and 'snail mail'.

Would you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter by email or printed and physically mailed? Please let us know your preference... even if you'd like both, so we can update and organize our mailing list.

If you don't wish to change your preference, no action is necessary. If you would like to make any change, you can let us know by email: ([fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com)) or phone 518-853-3621. Thank you so much!



## Clean Up Day at the Church

Local Girl Scout Troop #2833  
will be donating their time

in doing Spring cleanup  
outside, here at the church, on

Sunday, May 5th. Thank you, girls!

If you are interested in volunteering, as well,  
please let us know or meet us at the church the  
'day of'!



## WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF April

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter - Communion

"Meals, Nourishment, Reconciliation and Celebration:  
A Service of Scripture and Song

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

A Celebration of Long-time Members  
Psalm 4

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8

### 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 third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm**

#### **Elders**

Ruthie Cook  
Stacey DeLaney  
Bob Kruger  
Jill Perez

#### **Deacons**

Judy Ferguson  
Rob Garren  
Tom Hoefs

April, 2024

Member: 1) A body part or organ, such as a limb. 2) One of the individuals composing a group. 3) A person baptized or enrolled in a church. (*Merriam-Webster*)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves<sup>[a]</sup> or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. – *1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

Words are funny things. They can have multiple meanings, but usually all of those meanings tie together in a common understanding. So if you know one meaning, and you hear it used in a different way, you can usually figure out what someone is trying to say. (There is actually a type of word called a contronym that has two meanings that are opposite each other, but they are rare and not in this post)

For this month’s “church word”, we will consider “**member**”. This is a word that we use often, in many contexts. But in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he lays out a beautiful picture of what it means to be a member of the body of Christ.

He is writing to an early church that is still getting used to the idea of moving from a bunch of people who have heard about Jesus and believe in him, to a group of people who will serve God together in the name of Christ. They are all coming with different stories and from different lives. They are people who might not ever have considered sitting next to each other. They might have spent their entire lives not speaking to each other. Except now... Jesus. Jesus has brought them together, Jesus has spoken to them all. And it is up to them to figure out how to work together.

And so Paul reminds them of something that they are intimately familiar with – their own bodies. They each have hands, feet, eyes, ears, and all of the other members that make up the body that gets them around each day. And each of those body parts – those members – do something different. And yet they all work together to get up in the morning, do their daily work, see, walk, speak, eat – everything that needs to be done to keep the body healthy. They might have had the experience of having a body part that didn’t work right, and how much harder that made getting their needed work done. And how even the tiny parts of the body can be the most important, depending on the task at hand.

And so, Paul says, is the body of Christ. We all have a job to do, and those jobs are all different. And we work better when we acknowledge and appreciate the function that each of the members brings to the table. We work together with all our sisters and brothers in Christ to serve God and our neighbors in Jesus’ name.

We also serve the body of Christ through our membership in individual denominations and local churches. Each of these serves as a body in which God's people can serve and also as a member of the larger body of Christ.

In the Reformed Church in America, membership in congregations includes "confessing" members, "baptized" members.

When an infant is baptized, they are received as a member of the church of Christ. They have a calling and a purpose and a ministry. That job for a while might be to learn at the feet of others the lessons of faith. But they are also welcomed to the Lord's Table and invited to participate in worship as they are able. It is important to remember and recognize their place in the body.

When a baptized member grows, they may reach a point at which they are ready to take on the baptismal vows made for them when younger. This is an opportunity to profess their faith and take their place as a full, functioning member of the community. The Elders will meet with them and invite them to commit to the work of the church – especially the hearing of the Word and the use of the Lord's Supper. This profession is the sign that they take seriously the work of the church and they commit to joining alongside others in that work.

This month, we will be celebrating those who have been members of the Fonda Reformed Church for many years. Their service to Christ and to his church here in Fonda have been part of the history that has allowed us to continue to do God's work. We honor them, and all who have put in the work to answer God's call as members of the church.

In May, we will be starting a new members class for those who are interested in taking the step of making a Profession of Faith here at Fonda Reformed Church. I invite you to prayerfully consider if this is a time for you to do this. Were you baptized years ago and never made a profession? Now may be the time. Have you been attending Fonda for years and never thought to join? This may be the moment. Are you a member who attended and had life or circumstances or Covid cause you to drift away? Come and recommit. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak to myself or any of the Elders and we will keep you informed when we are starting up.

*Because we are members of his body. (Ephesians 25:30) we find our individual purpose so that we can do the work together.*

Pastor Linda

# April

Monday	1		(Pastor away through week) No Mom's Morning Out this week
Tuesday	2	10:30-1pm 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	3	3-5pm 7pm	Fonda Food Pantry (Fultonville RC) Praise Practice
Thursday	4		
Friday	5	6:15am	Men's Online Bible Study
Saturday	6	6am 12:30-2:30pm	Early Riser's Online Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	7	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am 11:30 am 12pm	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship Coffee Hour VBS Planning Meeting in Church Library NOAH
Monday	8		(Solar eclipse)
Tuesday	9	10:30am-1pm 9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors Pastor's Office Hours Pastor at Wells House Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10	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	11	9am-12pm 6:30	Pastor Linda's Office Hours CLC Meeting
Friday	12	6:15 am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	13	6am 12:30-2:30	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	14	9:30am 10:30am 11:30 (after service)	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship Coffee Hour
Monday	15	8:30-11am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory Meeting
Tuesday	16	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study

# April

Wednesday	17	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (New location 32 Main St. Fultonville) Praise Practice
Thursday	18	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	19	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out
Saturday	20	6am 12:30-2pm	Early Riser's ONLINE Prayer Group AA Meeting
Sunday	21	9:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship After-service POTLUCK Sing at Wilkinsons Healthcare Facility (arrive at 1:15)
Monday	22	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	23	9am-12pm 10:30am-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	24	8:30-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 2:30-4:30pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry (New location 32 Main St., Fultonville) Praise Practice
Thursday	25	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours
Friday	26	6:15am 8:30-11am	Men's Online 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 10:30 11:30	Praise Practice and Sunday School Worship Coffee Hour
Monday	29	8:30-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts
Tuesday	30	9am-12pm 10:30-1pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen-Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study



## APRIL Birthdays

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|----|---|----|-------------------|
| 2  | David Patterson                               | 21 | Spencer Frenyea   |
| 3  | Courtney Carelli                              | 25 | Michael Carpenter |
| 6  | Michael Willis                                | 26 | Katie Bowler      |
| 7  | Linda Jacobs                                  | 27 | Kevin Lewis       |
| 8  | Emma Holland                                  | 28 | Betsy Marshall    |
| 9  | Violet Fallone<br>Kenneth Hoefs               | 30 | Tom Staudle       |
| 10 | Lorna Quinn<br>Tom Lewis<br>Mary Kate Newkirk |    |                   |
| 12 | Doug Hall                                     |    |                   |
| 15 | Riley Cook                                    |    |                   |
| 16 | Ryan Myers                                    |    |                   |
| 17 | Ryan Carpenter<br>Victoria McLean             |    |                   |
| 18 | Molly Young                                   |    |                   |

## APRIL Anniversaries

- 24 Art and Betsy Marshall

### **NOTE About PRAYER LIST, Birthday and Anniversary List:**

If you have any additions or removals from any of these lists, please let us know. There is a printout of all lists on the table as you enter the sanctuary where you can edit information or you can let Cindy in the office know by email: [fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com) or phone 518-853-3621. Thank you!

**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. We have between 5-13 women in the study and no previous Bible study experience is needed. 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.

### **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.

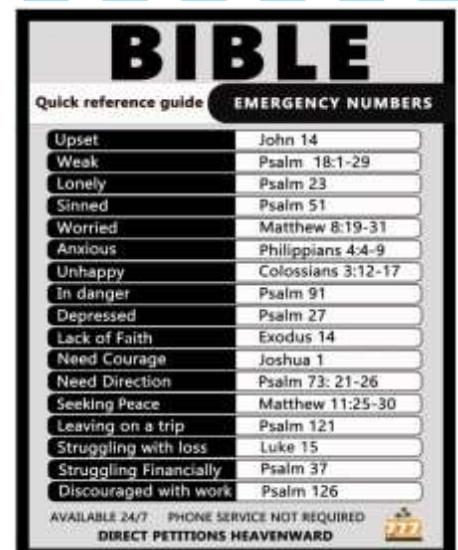
**Interested in exploring a deeper connection to Christ by joining the church?**

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 518-853-3513**

**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!**

	<b>Church Office</b>	<b>518-853-3621</b>
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





## **Bringing Joy in the Spring**

At the request of residents at Wilkinson Residential Healthcare Facility, we are planning a return trip to sing for/ with them on **Sunday, April 21st** at 1:30. No practice will be necessary; we will sing praise songs and hymns with words provided. If you're interested, please meet at Wilkinsons (4988 NY-30, Amsterdam) in the lobby at 1:15. If you would like a ride, please talk to Karen Patterson.

### **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

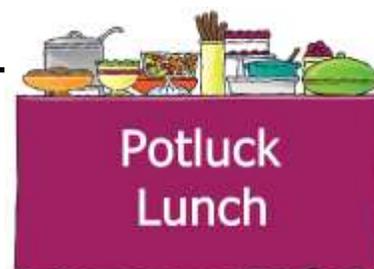
Are you interested in becoming a church member?

Pastor Linda will be offering a series of classes in May/June. Contact an Elder or Pastor Linda for more information.

### **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

Join us for a special Potluck on **Sunday, April 21st** ...As always, we'll need other side dishes and desserts! Come and enjoy a meal and good company after the Sunday service!



**The FRC Fonda Food Pantry has moved!**

Still in Fultonville, the new location is  
**32 Main Street**

with new hours of **2:30-4:30pm**

Thank you to Steve Cook for all the wonderful work you do.



## VBS is Coming, Summer, 2024!

*Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!*  
Vacation Bible School is happening!

July 8-12th, 9am-11am Ages: Pre-K –6th grade

Deb Silvernail & Stacey Delaney co-direct the program which will include science/craft, snack/video and game stations, music and more! We will learn how Jesus' power helps us, gives us hope, be bold, be good friends and live forever. We need volunteers for all activities, all days! Contact Stacey, Deb, Ruthie Cook or Cindy Mitchell for more information.



## Camp Fowler

**Hospitality, Community, Simplicity, Caring for the World**

Camp Fowler is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity. They function first and foremost as a summer camp, aiming to provide

space for children to be themselves, learn from those who are different from them, and intimately experience wonder and love. Campers, Volunteers, and Staff are welcome regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation.

Fowler is a partner ministry of the Regional Synod of Albany, who supports their work. For 70 years, children of the church have had a great summer at Fowler.

Fowler offers overnight camp sessions for campers coming out of 3rd-12th grade. Campers who choose a Residential Camp week will stay in cabins on our 245 acre campus on the shores of Sacandaga Lake. Those who wish to explore the far corners of the Adirondacks can participate in one of our Wilderness trips led by our trained Guides. Whatever you choose, Camp Fowler just might be *the highlight of your summer*.

If you know of a child who would love a week at camp, you can check out the information and registration at [www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org). There are scholarships available for Fonda children to attend and Fowler is committed to making sure that no child misses out on camp due to finances. Speak to Pastor Linda or Nancy Langdon for more information on scholarships available.

## Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens

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 and we would welcome new members. **April 11 at 1pm: \$6 Senior Movie** at Johnstown Movieplex. Includes popcorn & a drink! If you are interested, please contact President Joe Mancini at 518-853-4875 or Vice President Gloria Kimball at 518-853-3126.