



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.

- Sue Baird (S. Gray)
- Willie E. Baker (C. Henry)
- Paula Frasier Bobilin
- Wayne Bobilin
- Ruthie Burke
- Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
- 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
- Rosanne Lybolt
- Tara Nimmo (D. Klim)
- Al Mancini
- 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)
- Cheyenne Sawyer (G. Kimball)
- Sue Swanson
- Helen Tarvin (C. Henry)
- Alan Taylor
- Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
- Bob VanAlstyne (M Francisco)
- Carolyn Whipple
- Bill Whipple
- Lu Wilmot
- Judy Wilson
- Sarah Woodcock
- Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

The New Testament begins in the most stereotypical, boring, Bible-y way possible.

:An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, son of David, the son of Abraham.” – Matthew 1:1

It then traces a list of names from Abraham to David to Jesus. It is the type of passage that people joke about having to read out loud in church and wonder why we even have it in there. It’s just a list of old guy with hard to pronounce names that don’t even matter.

But a closer look at the genealogy shows some surprising inclusions. Among the endless list of men are four women.

A genealogy is written up to prove one’s pedigree. In the case of Matthew, it was written to tie Jesus back to David in order to fulfill the prophesy and back to Abraham in order to cement his identity. In most societies, genealogies only included fathers and sons as that was where the power was. If women were included, it was because their names and stories bolstered the standing of the history being traced.

And yet Matthew includes women whose stories and lives were far from upstanding or powerful. He included Tamar – the widow, Rahab – the prostitute, Ruth – the foreigner, and Bathsheba – well, we know about Bathsheba. These are hardly stories that add prestige to Jesus’ lineage.

And yet, Matthew does include them, despite their messy stories, in order to make the point that the family of Jesus is open to messy stories. Jesus came through a line of imperfect men and women, included to shape the beginning of the story of Jesus, and therefore our story too.

This Advent, we will be looking at these stories of Reckless Inclusivity. We will see how God used these women and their stories to create the family of Jesus, and the family of God. They are not easy, safe, happy stories. But in the spirit of the Messiah come for us all, we remember that he came also for those just like the women that were in his family tree.

We hope you will join us this Advent and listen to the women’s stories.

Pastor Linda

WORSHIP IN THE MONTHS of December & January

December 1

First Sunday of Advent-Communion
"Reckless Inclusivity: Tamar" (Gen.38)

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent
"Reckless Inclusivity: Rahab" (Joshua 2)

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent
"Reckless Inclusivity: Ruth"
(Ruth 1:11-18,2:8-13,3:1-4,4:1-6)
Sunday School Students Program during service

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Reckless Inclusivity: Bathsheba" (2 Sam.12:1-14)

December 24

Christmas Eve
"The Reckless Inclusivity of Christmas"

December 29

First Sunday of Christmas— A Service of Lessons and Carols

January 5

Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Communion

Matthew 2:1-12

Drawing of Star Words for 2025

January 12

Baptism of the Lord
(a service of remembrance of
our baptisms)

January 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany
John 2:1-11

January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Luke 4:14-21



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 third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Elders

Bob Kruger
Jill Perez

Deacons

Judy Ferguson
Rob Garren
Tom Hoefs



DECEMBER Birthdays

- 2 Rebecca Wilmot
Diane Jones
Sophie Frenyea
- 6 Malcolm Kosiba
- 8 Lucy Bellinger
Steve Cook
Sammy Kosiba
- 9 Jessica Mitchell
- 12 Andrew Patterson
- 13 Bill Boshart
- 16 Nancy Langdon
Alex Gyurik
- 18 Margaret Peck
Tom Flander
- 20 Laura Hayes Bowles
- 22 Alan Hinkle
- 23 Marilyn Kimball
- 24 James Boshart
- 25 Jesus Christ
- 28 Luke Nare
- 29 Curt Woodcock
- 31 Jay Hine

JANUARY Birthdays

- 2 Bonnie Jo Kruger
- 5 Alex Pedrick
- 6 Hank Nare
- 9 Liane Lewis
- 10 William Kruger
- 13 Ronald Wilmot III
- 16 Carolyn Whipple
- 19 Karen Patterson
Terry Kimball
Russel Pedrick, Jr.
- 21 Sidney Vanderbilt
- 23 Jack Adams
- 24 Philip Boshart, Jr.
- 25 Ashlee Carpenter-Bryant
- 26 Linda Sambuca
Michael Wilmot
- 28 Rob Garren
Penny Pollock
- 29 Brooke Carpenter
- 30 Micha Kimball
- 31 Brenda Wilmot
Clark Subik

DECEMBER Anniversaries

- 9 Michael and Heather Hanson
- 21 Judd & Sherri Kirschman
- 31 Steve and Dana Monk

JANUARY Anniversaries

- 12 Mitch and Linda Gold

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 will meeting with the Advent Bible Study group during Advent. Please come and join them in January! We are a fun-loving group of women from different churches who gather to discuss God's Word.

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

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

Meets at 6:15am For information, contact Dave Patterson

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

*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

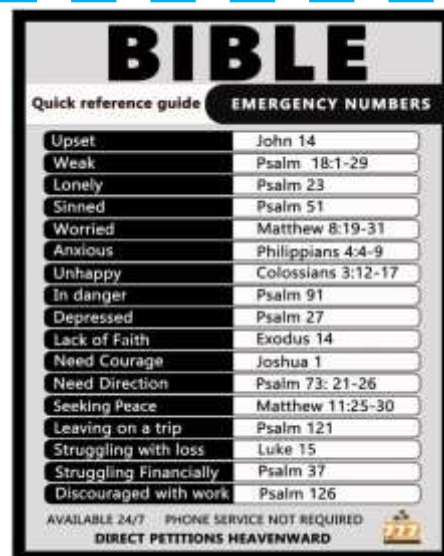
There are also opportunities to get involved in the worship service. Have you considered reading scripture, lighting candles or hosting a coffee hour?
Sign-ups can be found on the table in the upstairs atrium.

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 Thursday time slot... there is a space for you! Contact Steve Cook 518-853-3513

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Worship Ministry	Bonnie Kruger	518-853-4398
Prayer Chain	Peg LaBarge	518-853-4318
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Hospitality Ministry	Gretchen Subik	518-853-3678
Outreach Ministry		518-853-3621
Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513





Christian Women Connecting's Schedule for luncheon

December: "The Wonders of Christmas"

Inspirational speaker: Kristy Lacroix **Monday, December 9th at 11:30am**
Holiday Inn, Johnstown \$19.50 pay at the door
Baked Ham w/raisin sauce, creamed potatoes & green beans (or)
Ham & Swiss on Rye w/vegetable soup

Pat Brooking from Haven of Hope is bringing is Christmas Cookie platters for purchase
For reservations call Patti @ 518-842-1997 Or email: womentoconnect@gmail.com

And January:

"Happy New Year Luncheon"

Monday, January 13th at 11:30am Inspirational speaker: Susan Richter
Holiday Inn, Johnstown \$19.50 pay at the door

Johnstown Fire Department guests to speak about fire safety
Chicken Parm with pasta and broccoli (or) Tuna sandwich on wheat w/chicken rice soup

Soup for Iowa

We received a lovely thank you card from our First Reformed Church friends in Iowa, thanking us for the fundraising efforts and generosity of all who donated to their flood recovery efforts. They appreciate all you've done for them through ways tangible and through prayer. The card is on the bulletin board in the entry if you'd like to read it. We also received a lovely card from the **Frothingham Library** in thanks for our support of their recent "Taste of Chocolate" event. They appreciate their friends here at the FRC!



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual tree lighting ceremony will once again take place in Fonda! This year, join us at the boat launch in the Village of Fonda, **Sunday, December 1st**, where the festivities will begin at 3:30pm.

A NOTE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Children in Worship" has started again. Children pre-school thru Grade 3 are welcome to come to the worship center after the "Children's Time" during the regular church service. This provides our youngest family members a more age-friendly way to experience and worship God.

We are hopeful that this will also help families to be able to come to worship knowing their child/children are in a safe and nurturing worship environment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cindy Mitchell at 518-853-3712



MOHAWK VALLEY CHORUS

Presents Our 2024 Christmas Concert Series

David M. Rossi, Director Luanne Hawk, Accompanist

Featuring The MVC Kids (Amanda Grab, Director)

Saturday, December 7
3pm

Johnstown High School

Sunday December 8
3pm

Amsterdam High School

\$20 general admission \$15 student/senior citizen

Free: Children 12 and under Tickets available from any chorus member at the door



The Library is more than just books!

The Frothingham Library in Fonda has an amazing array of books, e-books, audio books and more for all ages, but did you know that they also offer enriching activities for children toddlers-to-teens as well as adults! They offer Book Club, 6pm every 1st Wednesday, Free Arts/Crafts 6pm every 3rd Wednesday, a Dungeons & Dragons Club, Garden Club 6pm every 2nd Tuesday, Yoga every Thursday 6:30pm (\$10), children's story hour every Tuesday at 10:30am, FREE Digital Literacy class every other Friday at 3:30 (starting January 10th) For more information, call 518-853-3016 or visit the library website: <https://frothinghamfreelibrary.mvls.info>

WORSHIP: The Work of the People

February 22, 2025 - 9am to 3pm

First Reformed Church of Scotia, 224 N. Ballston Avenue, Scotia NY 12302

Worship Offerings will include:

Writing Prayers and Reading for Liturgy
Good Enough Church Music
Conducting Congregational Prayer
How to Lead a Funeral

Best Practices for Children's Messages
Empowering New Leaders for Worship
Heartfelt Celebration at the Lord's Table
Disability and Accessibility in Worship

*More workshops will be added as speakers are confirmed

Learn more and register at www.albanysynod.org Registration opens November 15th

\$20 individual \$50 church
Includes Lunch!