

# The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



## **Fonda Reformed Church**

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Job 11:13

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.

**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)  
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)  
Bryan Finn, SR (G. Kimball)  
Paul Frasier  
Joan Francisco  
Laurie Fischer  
Carrie Fonda (G. Kimball)  
Charlene Fonda (G. Kimball)  
Judy Ferguson  
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)  
Jay Hine  
Gus Joyce (B. Marshall)  
Stacy Kimball  
Lee Kimball  
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  
Wendy Sargalis (C. Bruno)  
Robert Smith (L Huth)  
Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)  
James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)  
Cheyanne 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  
Judy Wilson  
Sarah Woodcock  
Sandra Wright (P. Pollock)  
Brette Lee Wilson Zayicek (Stage 4 brain tumor)  
Albert Zierak (N. Sheldon)

Dear Friends,

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

Dear Friends,

February is a month of love: we celebrate the love we have for one another. It is a month for gifts of love: candy, flowers, teddy bears and ashes. It may seem odd to group the ashes of Ash Wednesday with the hearts and flowers of Valentine's Day. Yet there they are, the next week on the calendar, giving us little time to shift our thoughts from lace to sackcloth. But how much of a shift do we really have to make?

We are about halfway between celebrating the love of an infant born in a manger and the love of a man dying on a cross. In all of our writing and pondering about love, we will never be able to come close to describing the love of God. We say to loved ones, "How do I love you? Let me count the ways. But God says to us, "How do I love you? The ways are without number." The words we have, that we have learned so carefully and repeat so often, risk sounding hollow and empty in the light of the blessings of God's love that come new to us every morning.

And so we turn to symbols to help remind us of that for which we have no words, no numbers, no way to describe. The ashes of Lent may seem dour and depressing, but to those who have known the love and the mercy of God in Christ, there is no greater sign of that love. We acknowledge our sin, we acknowledge our guilt, and yet we know that the God who created us loves us through it all.

Let us take this time, between the peace of Christmas and the joy of Easter to remember anew the love that made both of them possible. May we recognize the mark of ashes as a mark of love, hearing again, as if for the first time, that God so loved the world that he sent us his Son to die for our sins, for our guilt, and for our salvation.

Shalom, Pastor Linda

## Fonda Reformed Church Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Fonda Reformed Church  
is to develop believers and unbelievers  
into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



## February Birthdays

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

## February Anniversaries

- 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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# WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 5th

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Communion—Leviticus 16:1-22 - Road Rules: Sacrifice

February 12th

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - Numbers 13:1-33 - Road Rules: Faith  
Bring cans of Soup and donations for the Food Pantry for the Souper Bowl

February 19th

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany/transfiguration Sunday - Deuteronomy 10:12-22 - Road Rules: Commitment — We will be burning palms and burying Alleluia in preparation for Lent. If you have any palms left from previous Holy weeks, please bring them to worship

February 22nd—7PM

Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary

February 26th

First Sunday in Lent - Joshua 1:1-9 - Holy Character from Royal Heroes: Courage

## 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)

## Consistory

**Consistory meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm**

### **Elders**

Troy Chatwin, Stacey DeLaney, Sherrie Gray,  
Jill Perez, Bob Kruger

### **Deacons**

Sharon Carpenter, Steve Cook, Judy Ferguson,  
Rob Garren

## **NOAH—Needy or Alone and Hungry**

**Fonda Reformed Church will be serving meals at St Johns Church in Johnstown from 12-1pm on the following date in 2023:**

**February 19**

**May 7**

**July 30**

**October 22**

**If you are interested in helping for any of these meals, contact Sherri Grey for more information and to sign up**



**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**

Study starts at 7:00pm in fellowship hall. We are continuing the 12-weeks course covering the letters of John 1,2,3 and the book of Jude. Please come and join us. We are a fun loving group of women from different churches that gather to discuss God's Word. We have between 5 - 13 women in the study and no previous Bible study experience needed.

For more information contact Sherri Gray (518)332-2512 or Gretchen Subik (518)853-3678

**Wednesday Evenings are when praise practice happens.**

If you’re musically gifted, give Karen Patterson a shout!

**Friday mornings is for you fellas!**

6:15 online. Contact Dave Patterson if you’re interested! (518) 369-3781

**Saturday Morning Early Risers!**

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. 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.

**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!**

**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!**

**Cara Bruno** or the church office - (518)853-3621 [fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com)

**LET OUR  
EYES  
SEE  
OUR  
TEAM**

	<b>Church Office</b>	<b>518-853-3621</b>
Pastor	Linda Gold	518-853-2130
Treasurer	Doug Hall	518-848-9557
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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	Cara Bruno	518-853-3621
Fonda Food Pantry	Steve Cook	518-853-3513
	Troy Chatwin	518-795-4477

# February

Wednesday	1	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 Open Praise Practice	Leviticus 8:1-10:20
Thursday	2	9-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Leviticus 11:1-14:57
Friday	3	6:15 am 8:30am - 11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Leviticus 15:1-18:30
Saturday	4	6am 10am-3pm 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group Consistory Retreat AA	Leviticus 19:1-23:44
Sunday	5	9:30am  10:30am	Sunday School Praise Practice Worship—Communion & Coffee Hour	Leviticus 24:1-27:34
Monday	6	8:30am-11am 6pm 7pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts Consistory	Numbers 1:1-4:49
Tuesday	7	10:30am 9am-12pm 7pm	Glen Mohawk Seniors Pastor Linda's Office Hours Ladies Bible Study	Numbers 5:1-7:89
Wednesday	8	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 Open Praise Practice	Numbers 8:1-10:36
Thursday	9	9-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Numbers 11:1-14:45
Friday	10	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Numbers 15:1-18:32
Saturday	11	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Numbers 19:1-21:35
Sunday	12	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am	Praise Practice Sunday School Worship & Coffee Hour <b>Superbowl of Caring—bring a can of soup and \$1 for the soup pot for the Food Pantry</b>	Numbers 22:1-25:18
Monday	13	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts <i>Pastor Linda on Retreat 2/12-14</i>	Numbers 26:1-31:54
Tuesday	14	10:30am 7pm	Glen Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study	Numbers 32:1-36:13

# February

Wednesday	15	8:30am-11am 9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm	Mom's Morning Out Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open	Deuteronomy 1:1-4:49
Thursday	16	9-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Deuteronomy 5:1-8:20
Friday	17	6:15am 8:30am-11am	Men's Online Bible Study Mom's Morning Out	Deuteronomy 9:1-12:32
Saturday	18	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Deuteronomy 13:1-16:22
Sunday	19	9:30am  10:30am 12:00pm	Sunday School Praise Practice Worship & Coffee Hour NOAH	Deuteronomy 17:1-20:20
Monday	20	6pm	Girl Scouts	Deuteronomy 21:1-25:19
Tuesday	21	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study	Deuteronomy 26:1-30:20
Wednesday	22	9am-12pm 12pm 3-5pm 6:30pm 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Pastor Linda—Facebook LIVE Fonda Food Pantry Open Praise Practice Ash Wednesday Worship	Deuteronomy 31:1-34:12
Thursday	23	9am-12pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours	Joshua 1:1-3:17
Friday	24	6:15am	Men's Online Bible Study	Joshua 4:1-6:27
Saturday	25	6am 12:30-2:30 pm	Early Risers ONLINE Prayer Group AA	Joshua 7:1-11:23
Sunday	26	9:30am  10:30am 11:45am	Sunday School Praise Practice Worship Coffee Hour and Bible Year Discussion time (Leviticus-Joshua)	Joshua 21:1-17:18
Monday	27	8:30am-11am 6pm	Mom's Morning Out Girl Scouts	Joshua 18:1-24:33
Tuesday	28	9am-12pm 10:30am 7pm	Pastor Linda's Office Hours Glen Mohawk Seniors Ladies Bible Study	Judges 1:1-5:31



## Notes from Sunday School

The Sunday School continues to have two classes. The younger class is continuing their work with Bible Stories. The older class—for grades 6-8 — is learning how to read Scripture

The students are also working on making crafts that will be delivered to the Shut-ins for Valentine's Day, and Valentine's for the residents at Wells House

Please be in prayer for the children and our teachers: Jodi Frenyea, Sharon Carpenter, Barb Smith and Julie Burr.

*In the Love of Christ, Cindy Mitchell*

## GLEN - MOHAWK SENIOR CITIZENS

Hi. I'm here to tell you a little about the Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens Group. We meet 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 just 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

Here is a list of activities we have planned for February 2023:

February 14—there will be a contest with prizes, followed by a covered dish for Valentine's Day

February 21—Three of Addie Forsey's great-granddaughters will be performing for the meeting

### *Open Your Heart*

*Inspirational Speaker—Tracey Medley*

*Monday, February 13, 2023 \*11:30 a.m.*

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

*\$17.50 (Pay at the door.)*

*Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli or  
Grilled Cheese and Tomato with the soup du jour,  
Dessert, Coffee or Tea*

*Complimentary childcare is available upon request at time of reservation.*

*For reservations, call Gloria 518-853-3126 or  
women2connect@yahoo.com*

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# Ways to Financially Support our ministry

## **Amazon Smile**

When you do your Shopping on Amazon, use Amazon Smile and select Fonda Reformed Church as your charity. It costs nothing to do and we receive a portion of your purchase as a donation. Amazon will be discontinuing this program on February 20, 2023, so this is your last month to support us in this way.

## **Monthly Using your Bill Pay**

You can set up your monthly or weekly offering using your bank online bill pay. Set up recurring payments on your bank's electronic banking site and you won't need to worry about remembering or catching up if you are away.

## **Offering Envelopes**

We have offering envelopes available for your giving. Using envelopes allows you to receive a statement annually with your giving. If you do not already receive envelopes, please contact Nancy Langdon (518 852 0386) or Doug Hall (518 848 9557)

## **Coming Soon—Electronic Giving**

We will soon offer the option of using Zelle to make offerings to the church using your bank account. We are in the process of setting it up and hope to have it available soon

## **2023 ASSESSMENTS**

In order to fund the work of the Reformed Church in America's 3 levels of which the Fonda Reformed Church is a part of (Schoharie Classis, Regional Synod of Albany and General Synod) there is a per member assessment. The 2023 per active member assessment is \$108.80. Fonda Reformed Church is responsible to pay this amount for every active member of our church. If you would like to contribute towards this amount as an active member, just mark on your offering envelope or your check that it is for the 2023 assessment.



## It's SouperBowl Time!

It is time once again to tackle hunger with the SouperBowl of Caring. We invite everyone to bring a can of soup and \$1 to worship on Super Bowl Sunday — February 12th. We will receive them during worship and all donations will go to the Fonda Food Pantry.

Join with churches throughout the country working to take on hunger in our community.



We hope that you will support the Frothingham Free Library at 28 W. Main St in Fonda.

Please join us at our every Tuesday at 11am for story hour! A different theme is offered this week, with books, crafts and fun! This is a great way to introduce your kids to the library and love of reading! Give us a call with any questions (518) 853-3016

Cheesecake Fundraiser Time is here! \$1 per ticket and the drawing will be February 13th. The date to pick up your cheesecake prize is February 14<sup>th</sup> during library hours. Tickets will be available at the Library or from Board Members. Enjoy a Homemade Cheesecake! There will be at least 3 Cheesecakes Prizes!!

## 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8



*Love is patient, love is kind...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*