

The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

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

Musings in the Interim

WHAT'S NEW?

What's new with you now that some “opening” has finally arrived? Is it what you expected? I am reading these words with some interest, not just because I wrote them but because I wrote them in Denmark, where most of life is open, including restaurants and an occasional museum or concert. I have my mask in my pocket but have not worn it since I got off the plane. I will need some serious “re-training” when I land at Newark in late August.

Planning is a problematic process. Simplistic management slogans like, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail" don't help. Life has many variables, many surprises, and many options which depend on one another. Why is that?

During the summer, which for me consists of three days worth of house maintenance that needs to be done in two months, planning seems easy. I do as much or as little of the work any time I feel like it and I “re-create” the rest of the time. Could not God, had God wanted to, arranged life so that we could plan better? What if, instead of my summer, we think about summer in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve want to take a vacation, but can't because they do not know if the moose will be sick that week. Is it not kind of silly of God to tell them they are in charge of everything, a little lower than angels, made in the image of God, but captive by a potentially sick moose?

Yet the facts are clear. God has gone to considerable trouble to hide the future from us. Why?

We do not know what Eden was really like, of course, and speculations are not evidence. But for us, after the Fall, the darkness of the future has a pretty clear purpose - to remind us of our real relation to God and God's creation. We are dependent, not in charge. We are always passive in relation to God. We respond to God, we don't make God respond to us.

And so our seeking to plan and to nail down the variables will always be frustrated. Corona is a big frustration and for many we know a major tragedy as death has occurred. We should not abandon planning, but we do need to add trust in God to the planning process. Not only our church meetings but all new beginnings properly begin with prayer. This surely diminished Summer should also be lived that way - in prayer and thanksgiving for past happenings and in prayer and hope for God's blessing amidst the new. The best place to do that is in your accustomed seat, in front of your computer, connected to the Zoom service each Sunday morning where I pray to find each one of you.

Rett Zabriskie

Please Pray for individuals with various health concerns:

*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

***Please continue to pray
for those who grieve.***

Please pray for our missions:

Haven of Hope Farm & Residence
The Ford family serving in Lebanon
The Lampens serving in Romania

Other prayer requests:

Our Shut-ins
Students
Ministries of our church
Government leaders
Our service men and women, and their families

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or know that someone can be taken off please let the church office know (518)853-3621 or email fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com Thank you.

Carol Buddles (M. White)
Louise Boyer
Lois Brockey (K. Patterson)
Patty Banks (M. White)
Ernie Brookings
Phala Chatwin
Cherie Craig (M. White)
Theresa Conbeer (K. Carpenter)
Bill Coons (Phyllis Healey)
Suzanne Douglass (J. Perez)
Rebecca Finn (G. Kimball)
Craig Fugitt
Paul Frasier
Joan Francisco
Hannh, Josh & Judah Gies
Carla Goodwin (Tina Belfance)
Sheri Humphrey
Jay Hine
Whitney Helwick (S. Emery)
Lois Hulubetz
Drew Hale
Jeff Hawley (Jeanne Streeter)
Harold Jacobsma (K. Patterson)
LaVern Jones Sr.
Stacy Kimball
Marilyn Kimball
Megan Kucel
Lisa Knapp (Pete Perez)
Sebastian Lasher (Rob Garren)
Bob Langdon
Brandon Lehr
Georgianna McGinnis
Scott McLean
Rachel Ortega
Keith Orr (J. Perez)
Richard Persse (B. Marshall)
Deana Smith (B. Guiffre)
James Santangelo (B. Guiffre)
Jeanne Streeter
Justin Sitterly (S. Gray)
Sue Swanson (J. Streeter)
Nicole Tobey (M. White)
Steve Urbanczyk (Blackwood)
Bill Whipple
Judy Wilson (S. Emery)
Frances Winkler (G. Subik)
Cathy Waite (S. Emery)
Sarah Woodcock
Brette Lee Wilson Zayicek (Stage 4 brain tumor)

Outreach Ministry August 2020

Fonda Reformed Church's annual "Support Our Troops Ice Cream Social" is currently on "hold" for now. With all the restrictions, we were not able to host it as well as our VBS program this summer. We do hope to find a safe way to enjoy the delicious treats and move forward with this worthwhile fundraising event. We will keep you informed as things seem to be changing daily.

As we have for many years, we will be sponsoring "Tools For Kids" during the month of August. Providing school supplies and book bags for children in need helps large families with this expense. We anticipate a greater need this year than ever before. Please consider purchasing any of the following items to be donated to students: pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, lined paper, binders, index cards, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencil cases, school glue, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, paper dividers, bookbags or any other school related items. There will be a box located in the lower atrium to place these items in. When we are able to have in-church services again, please bring your items to place in the box. If you are not able to bring your items to the church, please contact Kathie or Cindy (at the numbers or e-mails listed below). You may also contact Cara, our Administrative Assistant (518-853-3621) at the church.

Recently, the true meaning of outreach was stated to me by a very caring and thoughtful person. She said "while you cannot reach out through a group effort during this time, why not encourage everyone to reach out to others individually". I truly love and believe that is the definition of "outreach". We are all individuals who are also all a part of the church family. I'm sure that many of you are already doing things to make life easier for others or checking to make sure they are safe and their needs are being met. We are the hands and feet of God, so keep doing what you are doing. Let others know that you care about them. Get the whole family "excited" by finding and implementing something that you can all do together. Why not ask a friend or neighbor to join you. History shows us that during tragic times, people pull together. These are very tragic and uncertain times. Let us stay safe as we step forward for the sake of someone else. I know you will enjoy how wonderful you'll feel knowing that you reached out.

In order to stay safe, we are not able to meet as a group right now. If you would like to know more about the Outreach Ministry, we would love to hear from you. Call or e-mail: Kathie Carpenter (518-853-3330) (kcarp230@yahoo.com) or Cindy Barnett (518-853-4505) (cbarnett5@nycap.rr.com) if you have any questions or comments.

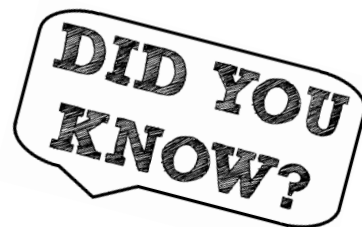
SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27





He's Got the Whole World in His Hands” was born in the fields of the American south. The story of this unforgettable song is intertwined in the history of America itself. It was written by a slave whose name we will never know. That man or woman likely experienced more trouble and suffering than any person in the modern age. He or she was not considered human by a society that viewed bondage as a necessary evil. So, the writer of this hymn was not in charge of the present and had no control over the future. The slave owner could beat him or her to death, and there would be no punishment. Or he could sell him or her on an auction block on a minute’s notice. Yet in the face of a life with no promise of freedom, this slave found solace in faith. Somehow this Christian still believed that a loving God was in charge. First published in 1927, it became an international **pop** hit in 1957 in a recording by an English boy, **Laurie London**, and has been recorded by many other singers and choirs since then. Maybe it was one of the first songs you learned yourself.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (Lyrics)

*He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the sun and the moon in His hands
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got you and me brother in His hands, He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got you and me sister in His hands, He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got everybody in His hands, He's got everybody in His hands
He's got everybody in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

*He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got everybody in His hands, He's got everybody in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands*

In His hands, in His hands

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4- Erin Carpenter, David Livingstone & Hunter Livingstone

6- Jeremiah Hinkle & J. Brian Calhoun

7- Bev Guiffre

8- Reagan Webber

11- Laura Burroughs

13- John Deckro

15- Jillian Getman

16- Michael Hinkle

17- Alexis Lynn Livingstone

19- Tom Channell

21- Peyton Webber

22- Jason Kruger

25- Amanda Wilmot & Fred Hoffman

27- Brett Hanson & Deana Wheeler

29- Joshua Nare

30- David Kruger



May every moment of your birthday be the
happiest you've ever had
And may your happiness spill over to
every other day of the year.
Happy Birthday!

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Andy and Sharon Carpenter

6th Dave and Stacey DeLaney

8th Kevin and Katie Bowler

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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Thank you so much to all that helped make our Children's Day a success. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year and pray you have a great summer!

Haven of Hope Farm Stand is OPEN!!!

Friday 9am-4pm,
Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday Noon-2pm

Masks will be required, but all the delicious baked goods you love will be available!

The Frothingham Free Library

28 West Main Street, Fonda
(518)853-3016



We are giving away summer crafting kits to do at home starting July 6th, but you must register to reserve your kit by calling the library or send us a message on our Facebook page at Frothingham Free Library. Supplies are limited. Reserve your summer fun reading craft kit.

Monday: 3-7pm
Tuesday: 11am-3pm
Wednesday: 11am-3pm
Friday: 3-7pm

For additional information, find us at BlogSpot & Facebook – Like us on Facebook!

LADIES!

Bible study is WALKING Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm

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

**The Fonda Food Pantry is currently open on
Wednesdays from 430-6 PM & Thursdays 12-1pm**

Early Riser ONLINE Group Every Saturday at 6:00 am No long term commitment or homework required! We are working on putting Jesus first before all the other "business of life." Contact Deb Silvernail for details - dsilvernail@ffcsd.org