

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ed Calhoun & Jodi Frenyea
- 2 Tony Bruno
- 3 Jeremiah Nare, Anne Marie Carpenter & Peter Perez
- 6 Katie Boshart & Lindsey Therrien
- 7 Alyssa Wilmot
- 8 Gene Alan Hinkle
- 10 Bonnie Kruger
- 12 Bill Nare
- 13 Tom Stanton
- 14 Megan Carpenter
- 18 Joshua Mitchell
- 19 Leland Kimball, Caleb Bowler & Sue Schwabrow
- 20 Jill Perez & Jacob Richardson
- 23 Loren Webber & Johnny Gyurik
- 24 Susan Boshart & Eric Subik
- 25 Frances Winkler & Kathie Carpenter
- 26 Shyanne Roberson & Ashlyn Butler
- 30 Aaron Kimball
- 31 Kevin Getman



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!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Bob and Bonnie Kruger
- 9 - Sue and Bill Schwabrow
- 19 - Mike and Michelle Knapik
- 24 - Thomas and Barbara Hoefs
- 28 - Rob and Tammy Garren
- 30 - Clark and Gretchen Subik

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.

Office (518)853-3621 or email fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com

Musings in the Interim

Singing New Songs

What does this congregation think of music and their hymnbook? What do they like to sing? Those are questions that I ask of myself with each new interim as I begin. And I take as a starting assumption that they like the hymnbook they have because they paid for it and that they paid for this one rather than another because they like what is in this one. Both Fonda and the church before have provided new and different experience by having praise teams and little use of the hymnbook. But even so, much engagement with music happens, actually with much more enthusiasm than hymnbook hymns normally evoke.

But we are missing it now!

Like so much else, corona time is challenging our musical lives. We are still hearing our praise team, but... The sound is not voices and instruments moving the air in the sanctuary, it is the little speakers in our computers and iPads squeaking a sound out. Praise team and congregation do not see one another, noting facial expressions and other emotional clues to our common life. It is all we can do for the moment, but it is not anywhere near the real thing. I do sing along, with my microphone muted, but hearing only my own voice among the computer squeaks is not my idea of satisfying worship. The same is true for other musical experience. I love both grand opera and classical orchestral music. Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Opera are both offering almost daily online performances. But watching them on the small screen, even with good quality headphones, is just not so satisfying.

Even though it does not feel true just now, the time will come when corona has passed and live gathering in church and concert hall will happen once again. The meantime offers opportunity to hear in new ways. To hear the songs of the angels requires quiet. Humming and whistling (or improv if you are an instrumentalist) can exercise and sooth the heart. To find the music in what has heretofore appeared to be non-musical daily life.

...In the meantime

There are bills to be paid, machines to keep in repair,

Irregular verbs to learn, The Time Being to redeem

From insignificance... The time is noon

When the Spirit must practice his scales of rejoicing... *W.H.Auden*

Singing New Songs is a metaphor for life well lived. To be in harmony with others and joyously engage in daily real life, whatever the circumstances. May the songs of the Spirit renew and refresh us for that happy day when we can rejoice and sing together once again.

Worship is being hosted online using an app called “Zoom”. Zoom is a video conference tool used for people to meet from the comfort of their homes.

The meeting info has been emailed to everyone on our email list. If you’re not on the list and would like to be please email (fondareformedchurch@yahoo.com) or call the church office (518-853-3621) to get added to the list!

We plan to record the service so that it will be available for playback on the church website if people aren't able to participate live at 10:30. The meeting will open at 10am to give us time to say hello and make sure people can log in okay. If you have any questions please call the church office at (518)853-3621 and Cara will help you through the download process.

Outreach Ministry July 2020

As an alternative for collecting food and preparing food boxes for families in need, we recently provided gift certificates for food to 22 families. We normally do this at the end of the school year and the gift cards allow each family to purchase the food they need. Your monetary contributions and support of the food pantry over the years has helped provide this much needed assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

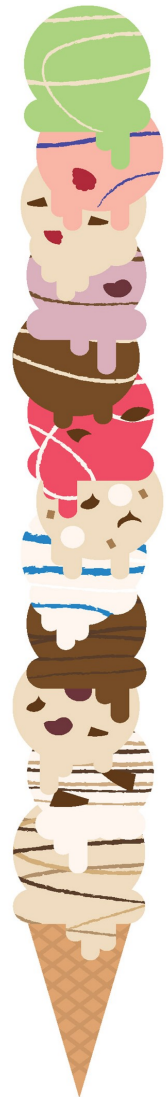
Fonda Reformed Church's annual *"Support Our Troops Ice Cream Social"* is also on "hold" for now until further notice. We will keep you informed as things are changing daily.

At this time, we are not able to gather as a group. If you are not currently a member of Outreach, but would like to know how you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Call or e-mail if you have any questions or comments:

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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

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
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
Scott McLean
Rachel Ortega
Keith Orr (J. Perez)
James Pearce (G. Kimball)
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)

Please continue to pray for those who grieve

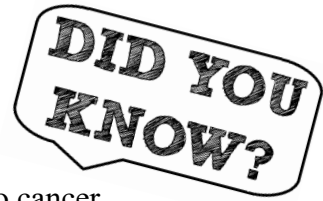
Please pray for our missions:

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
Family & friends separated from Jesus Christ

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.



The songs “Walk by Faith” and “I still believe” were written after Jeremy Camp lost his wife, Melissa, to cancer.

“Everyone experiences pain, pain is universal.
It’s what you do with it and what you turn to. “

- Jeremy Camp

Walk by Faith

Jeremy Camp

Would I believe you when you would say
Your hand will guide my every way?
Will I receive the words you say
Every moment of every day?

Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well because this broken road
Prepares your will for me

Help me to win my endless fears
You've been so faithful for all my years
With one breath you make me new
Your grace covers all I do, yeah, yeah, yeah yeah

Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well because this broken road
Prepares your will for me

Well I'm broken, but I still see your face
Well you've spoken, pouring your words of grace

Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well, because this broken road
Prepares your will for me

Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Oh well, because this broken road
Prepares your will for me

I will walk by faith, I will walk by faith

I Still Believe

Jeremy Camp

Scattered words and empty thoughts
Seem to pour from my heart
I've never felt so torn before
Seems I don't know where to start
But it's now that I feel Your grace falls like rain
From every fingertip, washing away my pain

I still believe in Your faithfulness
I still believe in Your truth
I still believe in Your holy word
Even when I don't see, I still believe

Though the questions still fog up my mind
With promises I still seem to bear
Even when answers slowly unwind
It's my heart I see You prepare
But its now that I feel Your grace fall like rain
From every finger tip, washing away my pain

I still believe in Your faithfulness
I still believe in Your truth
I still believe in Your holy word
Even when I don't see, I still believe

The only place I can go is into your arms
Where I throw to you my feeble prayers
In brokenness I can see that this was your will
for me
Help me to know You're near

We walk by *Faith*,
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It is with heavy hearts that we announce we have decided to cancel VBS for the summer of 2020. As you can imagine this decision did not come easy. We have spent countless hours brainstorming ways to keep the kids and volunteers as safe as can be but after much prayer and discussion we feel it is in the best interest of everyone involved to cancel the program this summer. The socialization and fellowship is a huge and important part of our program and we feel that due to the nature of this pandemic it impedes that aspect of our program. Please continue to pray for guidance during these uncharted times. We are really looking forward to VBS 2021 being even bigger and better than we could have ever imagined.

Sincerely,
Kathie C. and Cara B.

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Psalm 34:14

Stop doing evil and do good.
Look for peace and work for it





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.

We will be opening for curbside service only on 6/22/20 during the following hours:

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 4:30-6 PM & Thursdays 12-1:30pm**

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