

MARCH 2010

# The Fonda Reformed Church Newsletter



**Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead at 2am on Sunday, March 14th!**



## LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

The Consistory has approved the use of the church by the Literacy Volunteers of Schoharie County, Inc. They are a non-profit group based in Schoharie County. They have been contracted by Montgomery County to provide tutoring services to all who need help in learning to read. They will be available on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3:30pm beginning on February 24th. If you or someone you know is interested in the program, they can be reached at (518) 234-2576.

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## COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



Our Covered Dish Luncheon will take place on Sunday, March 14th. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and fellowship. Special thanks to the senior high group for the lovely take out meals for our friends at home. At our last potluck supper in February, our young people and adults packed 9 gourmet meals with soup and sent them out with valentines cards. If you know of anyone who needs a wee bit of Irish cheer and a meal, please contact someone from the Hospitality Committee.

**The Mission of the Fonda Reformed Church is to develop believers and unbelievers into fully devoted**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE – THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: PART 30 OF A SERIES

The goal of this series of articles is to introduce you to or remind you of the Reformed understanding of our Christian faith. The text of the questions and answers printed here is taken from the 1988 Revised Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism as found on the RCA web site. The full text of the Heidelberg Catechism is available in print form from the church office, including supporting Bible references, and can also be found (along with the other standards and creeds of the RCA) under the About Us link on the RCA web site at <http://www.rca.org>.

The Heidelberg Catechism is one of three (with a fourth – the Belhar Confession – pending the approval of RCA classes and General Synod 2010) historic documents that the RCA holds as standards of our Christian faith. It is the most comprehensive and easiest to read of those documents.

This month's questions and answers are on prayer, leading into the final section of the Catechism about the Lord's Prayer.

**Question 116. Why do Christians need to pray?**

**Answer.** Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives divine grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

**Question 117. What is in a prayer which pleases and is heard by God?**

**Answer.** First, that we sincerely call upon the one true God, who is self-revealed to us in the Word, for all that we are commanded to ask of God. Second, that we truly acknowledge our need and misery, and humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, that we rest assured that, even though we don't deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer because of Christ our Lord, as God has promised in the Word.

**Question 118. What has God commanded us to request?**

**Answer.** All things necessary for soul and body which Christ the Lord has included in the prayer which he himself taught us.

**Question 119. What is this prayer?**

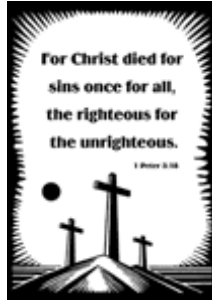
**Answer.** "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one." ["For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen."]



### ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

March 3  
Glen Reformed Church  
“The Meaning of the Cross”  
7:00pm

March 17  
Tribes Hill Presbyterian Church  
“The Triumph of the Cross”  
7:00pm



March 10  
St. Cecelia’s Roman Catholic Church  
“The Enemies of the Cross”  
7:00pm

March 24  
Fonda-Fultonville United Methodist Church  
Special Music: The Choralaires

April 4  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Auriesville Shrine Visitor Center  
6:30am



### Sweet Spring

When the gloomy gray sky turns to clear azure blue,  
And the snow disappears from the ground,  
When the birds start to sing, and our moods start to lift,  
Then we know Spring is coming around.

When the first flower bulbs poke their heads toward the sun,  
Golden daffodils, hyacinths, too;  
When the brown grass turns green, and the wildflowers bloom,  
Then sweet Spring makes its showy debut.

Once again we awake from cold winter's pale dream,  
As our minds and our bodies revive;  
We rejoice and delight in spring’s colorful sight;  
Each new spring makes us glad we’re alive!

By Joanna Fuchs



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School has been tentatively set for Monday, July 12-Friday, July 16. It’s time to start planning out the program. We are currently in need of a Vacation Bible School Director. We have a lot of fun and exciting programs to choose from and a budget to work with.

If you are interested in heading up this program or have questions about this opportunity, please contact Pat Brooking.

## BEING A TEACHER ISN'T EASY...BUT IT CAN BE FUNNY!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The Teacher said it was physically impossible for whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, it's throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, "There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer, or That's Michael, He's a doctor..."

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."



A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

### ALL IS WELL WITH MY BODY AND SOUL

Monday, March 8, 2010

11:30am-1:00pm

Holiday Inn, Rt. 30A Johnstown

\$13.00 lunch, dessert, & coffee



**MATT GOODEMOTE**

**WELLNESS CENTER**

**Speaker: KAREN WHITCOMBE**

**Music provided by LARRY JOHNSON**

Complimentary Child Care is available

For more information call Gloria at 853-3126

Reservations necessary and cancellations essential

**Sponsored by Johnstown Christian Women's Club**



### **Faith That Withstands**

8th Annual Capital District Women's Conference - March 13, 2010 - Saturday - 8 am - 4 pm.

Loudonville Community Church.

Come and join us for a day filled with awesome worship music and good sound bible teaching - for women only. Guest speaker Evelyn Thompson and Worship leader Kimberly Johnson will be sharing personal stories and encouraging us to press forward in our walk with God. Cost is \$25 if registered by 2/8 and \$35 2/9-3/10, \$45 at the door. Please order your own tickets and we will make arrangements for car pooling. Go to [www.lcchurch.org/clientimages/45098/pdf/brochureforwebsite.pdf](http://www.lcchurch.org/clientimages/45098/pdf/brochureforwebsite.pdf). Contact Gretchen Subik, if you have any questions.

### **Reclaiming your Life**

- Kathy Troccoli & Valerie Burton

Annual Women's Conference - May 15, 2010 - Saturday 8 am - 4pm

Calvary Tabernacle - Schenectady, NY.

Always a favorite with our ladies. Come and laugh, sing and join in great fellowship. Worship music is unbelievable and Kathy Troccoli is never disappointing. More information to come. Mark you calendar.

Contact Gretchen Subik if you have any questions.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Kyle Hanson  
Katie Dunham
- 4- Eleanor Chatterton
- 6- Ramona Walrath  
Eunice Bethel  
Joseph Guiffre  
Michelle Knapik
- 7- Gloria Bruno  
Celia Henry
- 10- Justin Dunham
- 11- Alexandra Gieseler
- 12- Elizabeth Warner
- 13- Vanessa Henry  
Lauren Etkorn
- 14- Caroline Young
- 15- Taylor Young
- 16- Jerry Collins
- 18- Megan Therrien
- 22- Jim Westman  
Amber DeCicco
- 23- Barbara Smith
- 24- Robert Boshart  
Andrew Hutchins
- 25- Kent Walrath  
Helen Stanton
- 26- Larry Kruger
- 27- Lee Ferris

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- March 7 Karen Simpson
- March 14 Volunteer needed
- March 21 Volunteer needed
- March 28 Volunteer needed

If you would like to volunteer to serve in the nursery, please sign up on the back table in the Sanctuary.



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 29- Lee and Marilyn Kimball

**We apologize if we missed anyone. Please let Sherry in the office know if your name was left out or if any of the information is incorrect.**



### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- March 7 Peg Nare & Gretchen Subik
- March 14 Covered Dish Luncheon
- March 21 Host needed
- March 28 Host needed

If you would like to volunteer to host coffee hour, please sign up on the back table in the Sanctuary. Also, please take a copy of the guidelines.



### Greeters

### GREETERS

- March 7 Deborah & Dave Gibson
- March 14 Sherrie Gray & Lauren Crandall
- March 21 Lee & Marilyn Kimball
- March 28 Deborah & Dave Gibson

Monday	1	9:00am 9:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Prayer Coffee-Cussler Center Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Webelo Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall Elders/Deacons Meeting Consistory Meeting
Tuesday	2	10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors-Fellowship Hall Tiger Scouts-Fellowship Hall Worship Ministry-Cussler Center Bible Study-Cindy Mitchell's house
Wednesday	3	9:00am 9:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Literacy Volunteers Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Cub Scouts-Fellowship Hall Music Practice-Sanctuary Ecumenical Lenten Service at Glen Reformed Church
Thursday	4	11:30am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Finance Ministry Meeting-Cussler Center Girl Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall Search Committee Meeting-Cussler Center
Friday	5	6:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Men's Prayer Group-Cussler Center Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session 4-H Meeting-Fellowship Hall
Saturday	6		Classis Meeting at Sharon Reformed Church Fellowship Hall in use all day
Sunday	7	9:45am 10:00am 11:00am 12:15pm 6:00pm	Youth Choir Practice-Sanctuary Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Hour-Fellowship Hall Cub Scouts Leader Meeting-Fellowship Hall
Monday	8	9:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning session Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Jr. Girl Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	9	10:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors-Fellowship Hall Tiger Scouts-Fellowship Hall 4-H using kitchen for cooking Outreach Ministry-Cussler Center Bible Study-Cindy Mitchell's house
Wednesday	10	9:00am 9:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Literacy Volunteers Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Cub Scouts-Fellowship Hall Music Practice-Sanctuary Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church
Thursday	11	9:00am	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast-McDonalds in Fultonville
Friday	12	6:30am	Men's Prayer Group-Cussler Center
Saturday	13	10:00am	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby-Fellowship Hall
Sunday	14	9:45am 10:00am 11:00am 12:15pm	Youth Choir Practice-Sanctuary Sunday School Worship Service Covered Dish Luncheon-Fellowship Hall

Monday	15	6:00pm	Webelo Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	16	10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors-Fellowship Hall Tiger Scouts-Fellowship Hall Bible Study-Cindy Mitchell's house
Wednesday	17	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Literacy Volunteers Worship Service at Wilkinson Center in Amsterdam Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Cub Scouts-Fellowship Hall Music Practice-Sanctuary Ecumenical Lenten Service at Tribes Hill Presbyterian Church
Thursday	18	5:30pm 6:30pm	Girl Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall Building and Property Ministry Meeting-Cussler Center
Friday	19	6:30am 6:30pm	Men's Prayer Group-Cussler Center Parenting Discussion Group
Saturday	20	2:00pm	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet (all day with setup)
Sunday	21	9:45am 10:00am 11:00am 12:15pm	Youth Choir Practice-Sanctuary Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Hour-Fellowship Hall
Monday	22	9:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning session Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Jr. Girl Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall F.O.N.D.A. Meeting
Tuesday	23	10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors-Fellowship Hall Tiger Scouts-Fellowship Hall Bible Study-Cindy Mitchell's house
Wednesday	24	9:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mom's Morning Out-Morning Session Mom's Morning Out-Afternoon session Camp Fowler Meeting until 8pm Cub Scouts-Fellowship Hall Music Practice-Sanctuary Ecumenical Lenten Service at Fonda-Fultonville United Methodist Church
Thursday	25	9:00am 6:30pm	Men's Ecumenical Breakfast-McDonalds in Fultonville Education Ministry Meeting-Cussler Center
Friday	26	6:30am 7:00pm	Men's Prayer Group-Cussler Center Fellowship hall in use
Saturday	27	9:00am	Fellowship in use for wedding shower until 3pm
Sunday	28	9:45am 10:00am 11:00am 12:15pm	Youth Choir Practice-Sanctuary Sunday School Worship Service Coffee Hour-Fellowship Hall
Monday	29	6:00pm	Webelo Scout Meeting-Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	30	10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Glen-Mohawk Seniors-Fellowship Hall Tiger Scouts-Fellowship Hall Bible Study-Cindy Mitchell's home
Wednesday	31	9:00am 9:30pm 12:00pm	Mom's Morning Out-morning session Literacy Volunteers Mom's Morning Out-afternoon session