The mid-week Lenten series, sponsored by the Glen-Mohawk Association of Churches, will be held Wednesday evenings, hosted by a different congregation each week. The theme this year is “Give It Up”. Please plan to attend this opportunity to learn and draw closer to God during this season of Lent and invite your neighbor to ride along with you.

All Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include an opportunity to respond to God with a free-will offering that will be dedicated to the Glen-Mohawk Association of Churches Ecumenical Scholarship Fund for FFCS graduation seniors.

February 10 (Ash Wednesday), Fonda Reformed Church
“Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall: Letting Go of Our Image”

February 17, Fultonville Reformed Church
“Social Butterfly: Letting Go of our Media Self”

February 24, Tribes Hill Presbyterian Church
“Talk, Talk, Talk: Letting Go of our Empty Words”

March 2, St. Cecelia’s Roman Catholic Church
“Tube Entertainment: Letting Go of our Screen Trap”

March 9, Glen Reformed Church
“Hello? Anyone There: Letting Go of our Tele-Leash”

All are invited to a pot-luck fellowship supper at 6:00 p.m. Table service and beverages will be provided.

March 16, Fonda-Fultonville United Methodist Church
“Deep Silence: Letting Go of the Noise”

March 27, Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.
“The Encounter the Changes Us”

Easter Sunrise Breakfast following at Fultonville Reformed
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2016 Congregational Servants

At the consistory's reorganizational meeting on January 16th, these appointments were made for 2015:

Consistory Vice-President: Arlene Macek
Classis Delegates: Edith Bowdish and Arlene Macek
Clerk of Consistory: Kim Flander
Financial Secretary: Olive Taylor
Sexton: Position open at printing time
Treasurer: Norma Sheldon
Treasurer of Memorial Fund: Deb Schnackenberg

2016 Committee Descriptions & Needs

Committees are comprised of congregational members and other persons interested in serving the congregation. Please prayerfully consider which committee's work you will support with your time and talents. God's ministry in the greater Glen area depends on your participation.

Education Committee—oversees ministry of Christian Education for youth and adults; includes Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, adult Bible studies, and other education support activities. Volunteers are needed to serve as chairs/coordinators for these ministry activities. Speak with Karen Kosinski.

Finance Committee—oversees financial matters of church investments, budget preparation, etc. Speak with Bernie Kirk, Jr.

Outreach & Missions Committee—oversees church and community fellowship activities, mission ministries and community needs & the church’s response. Volunteer committee members are needed to help fulfill these tasks. Speak with Jen Wilmot or Ron Burch.

Worship Committee—oversees all aspects of regular Sunday worship and special worship services, works closely with Pastor Tom; Speak with Arlene Macek.

Property Committee—oversees indoor and outdoor maintenance & special projects of all church property; Volunteers are needed to support this year work. Speak with Mike Sowle.
### February—March Calendar

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#### Worship Schedule for February

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February 10—Ash Wednesday worship service, 7:00 p.m., Fonda Reformed Church  
February 11—Worship committee meeting, 1:30 p.m., Arlene Macek’s home  
February 16—Deacons meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m., Arlene Macek’s home  
February 17—Mid-week Lenten service, 7:00 p.m., Fultonville Reformed Church  
February 24—Mid-week Lenten service, 7:00 p.m.,  
February 27—Soup Sampler fundraiser to benefit stained glass window project for Glen Church, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Town of Glen Volunteer Firehouse; (snow date: February 28)

#### Worship Schedule for March

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March 2—Mid-week Lenten service, 7:00 p.m.,  
March 8—Elders meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
March 9—Pot-Luck Supper, 6:00 p.m., Mid-week Lenten service, 7:00 p.m., Glen Church  
March 16—Mid-week Lenten service, 7:00 p.m., Fonda-Fultonville United Methodist Church  
March 19—Easter Flower memorial information due to Marlene Smith  
March 20—Palm Sunday worship, 11:00 a.m. with fellowship coffee hour  
March 24—Maundy Thursday worship service, 7:00 p.m.  
March 26—Spring flowers/plants delivered to church by 12 noon  
March 27—Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Auriesville Shrine; Easter Worship at Gen Church, 11:00 a.m.  
April 3—Worship time returns to 9:00 a.m.

The **worship committee** thanks all of the faithful people who have read scripture during worship services.  
Hearing God’s Word read by neighbors and friends is very moving for the worshiper and we thank you for this act of service to the Lord. We welcome all who wish to read scripture. A schedule is posted in the back of the sanctuary. Please continue to serve by reading again.  
The **outreach team** is grateful for the faithful service of all who serve as greeters and look forward to everyone in the congregation serving at least one Sunday this year. A schedule can be found in the back of the sanctuary.
Special Meeting for All Scripture Readers

Everyone who will be reading scripture during worship is requested to meet immediately following church service on Sunday, February 14th for some important information and instruction. All will gather in the front pews. Please make arrangements to attend.

Your Opportunity to Serve as Communion Steward

The communion steward prepares the elements for the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. Traditionally one communion steward was appointed for the year, but this year the elders decided to give many people the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please sign up for a month on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Training will be provided.

Easter Flowers Brighten the Sanctuary

If you’d like to place an Easter plant, lily or cut flowers in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a life event, please have them at the church no later than 12 noon on Saturday, March 26. So that the information may be accurately included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please submit it in writing or call Marlene Smith at

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The semi-annual congregational meeting is traditionally held on the third Sunday in March. However, this year because of Palm Sunday and Easter falling on the last two Sundays in March, the meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2016. All members are requested to attend. Please mark your calendar and we hope to see everyone.

Spring Cleaning Is Coming—Please Save those Treasures for Us!

The church’s bi-annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 26, 27 & 28. The committee asks you to please set aside unwanted items to donate to the sale. Beginning May 16th at specific times, the former church hall will be open at to accept items. We look forward to your treasures!

Please mark your calendar for May 27th—Our annual Chicken BBQ will be held in conjunction with the rummage sale. Two ways to support the ministries at Glen Church. We’ll be looking for support and your helping hands, too!

February
3—Eugene Russell
   Alexis Oliver
4—Ron Burch
7—Evan Burch
8—Albert Bowdish
11—Olive Taylor
19—Harriet Tallmadge
25—Ed Houser

March
7—Judy Kelly
10—Wanda Burch
16—Ralph MacLaughlin
17—Bridget Nelson
18—Norma Egelston
20—Deb Schnackenberg
25—Ryan Kelly
27—Sheila Smith
28—Tim Lane
   Cindy Alicki

Reminder!
Worship Time returns to 9:00 a.m. on April 3
Children and young adults ages 3 and up:
Join us this February for bible lessons and crafts focusing on our love for Jesus and his love for us! Lessons will also focus on lent during February and March...it doesn’t seem possible that Easter is just around the corner!

Our bulletin board theme for January was snowflakes that we made and it stated, “All different yet all special to God”. We have been talking about our special gifts that God has given us and how we can use those gifts to tell others about Jesus.

Sunday school begins immediately following the junior sermon...we hope to see you soon!

Lent is a time of meditation and repentance, a time to examine our inner and outer spiritual life. The spirit of Lent is penitential and devotional. It is all about preparation—during the season of Lent we reflect on the road that Jesus walked leading up to his crucifixion.

Three actions traditionally associated with Lent are prayer, fasting, and charitable giving. Jesus knew that his path led to the cross, yet he remained in conversation with his Father and continued to help those in need. He continued to live a life that was pleasing to God the Father.

What does that mean for us? We should follow Jesus’ example and focus on prayer, Scripture, helping those in need, and social justice. During Lent, we should be preparing to die to ourselves as Christ died for us.

Excerpted from www.rca.org

You are invited to participate in a 4-week study using the book, “The Case for Easter” by Lee Strobel. Led by Pastor Tom and Kim Flander, each week we will discuss one of its four chapters.

February 26  March 4
March 11  March 18
1:30-2:30 p.m.

This series will be hosted by Martha Lathers at her home, State Highway 161, just east of Glen church. The study is appropriate for adult men and women of all ages, regardless of church affiliation, regular church attendance, or skeptic. We welcome you.

Call or speak to Pastor Tom or Kim (853-3088) or sign up at church.

About the book:
Did Jesus of Nazareth really rise from the dead? Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity. But a dead man coming back to life? Focusing his award-winning skills as a legal journalist on history’s most compelling enigma, Lee Strobel retraces the startling findings that led him from atheism to belief. Written in a hard-hitting journalistic style, The Case for Easter probes the core issues of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: superstitious myth or life-changing reality? The evidence is in. The verdict is up to you.”
Exciting News!

Saturday, April 9, 2016
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Please join us for a women’s assembly—by women, about women and for women! Together we will praise God, celebrate God’s gift of humor and joy, hear God’s Word, and raise our voices in song. Lunch is included.

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Nancy Ryan

Registration postmarked by March 11—$20 Late Registration—$25

Please don’t miss this women’s assembly!
We are excited about sharing God’s message of joy for your life!

Registration Form
Send to: Kim Flander, 79 East Main Street, Fonda, NY 12068

Registration due by March 11; Late registration due by April 5, 2016

NAME (One name per registration) ____________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS __________________________________________ PHONE ________________________

(We do not and will not ever share your contact information with anyone. We promise to use it for communications regarding women’s assemblies only.)

_____ Enclosed is my registration of $20 postmarked March 11 or earlier

_____ Enclosed is my late registration of $25 postmarked March 12—April 5

Make checks payable to Glen Reformed Church
A Few Moments with Thomas...

The other day I was talking to my daughter Danielle who is at college in Pittsburg. We were talking about her bowling team and how she had a couple of bad games. Joking, I said to her, "Well, you just need to practice more", and her response was, "Yeah dad, with all my class course work and my job, I'll try to put that in my schedule".

I thought about that, she was right, with everything going on in life, sometimes we are just too busy, too busy to practice.

In the Gospel of Mark chapter 3 verse 14, Jesus chose twelve disciples,

Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles.[a] They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach,

These twelve became great apostles sharing the Good News of God. News of His Love, Grace, and Forgiveness to all they came in contact with. How did they do that? by practicing. They spent three years with him physically and then later they continued to spend time with him in his word, in prayer, spending time in fellowship with others, by making quiet time just to listen to him, being with him.

One of my favorite songs is "In Your Presence, O God" by Paul Wilbur. A few of the lyrics go, In Your presence, that's where I am strong. In Your presence,...that's where I belong
Seeking Your face, touching Your grace, In thye cleft of the rock.

As this year starts, free some time up for yourself to practice to be in the presence of the Lord, in his word, in prayer, in fellowship with others, and in quiet time just listening to him. Live by example, share the love and grace that God has given you.

The consistory is happy to share that Pastor Tom’s contract has been renewed for 2016. Following negotiations and review by Pastor Tom and Consistory, the contract was reviewed and approved by the Pastoral Relations Committee of Classis and ultimately by the Executive Committee of Classis. The contents of the contract mirror last year’s contract. We praise God for the blessings Pastor Tom brings to our congregation and community in Glen.

In the Joy of Serving,
Pastor Tom

Matthew 28:20

20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Exercise your heart! Celebrate Valentine’s Day every day by sharing your heart every day. Here are some ways:

- This month
  - Try to find a
  - Dismiss suspicion, and
  - Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer.
  - Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
  - Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle.
  - Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence.
  - Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency.
  - Express your gratitude. Be yourself. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child.

- I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.        John 13: 34-35

Baptism

If you have a child who has not been baptized or if you have not been baptized and you wish to learn about it, please contact an elder or Pastor Tom.

Glen Church Welcomes New Members

Glen Church welcomes your interest in becoming a member, either by Profession of Faith or by Letter of Transfer from another congregation. Please speak with an elder or Pastor Tom.
Presented by Glen Reformed Church & Town of Glen Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, February 27th (Snowdate February 28)
4:00—7:00 p.m.
Glen Firehouse, Auriesville Road in Glen
4 miles south of Fultonville & 9 miles southwest of Amsterdam
Adults $7.00 / Children 6-12 $4.00

15+ Soups featured plus Bake Sale!
Come early for best selection!

Proceeds to support Glen Church Stained Glass Window Project

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