



2018

The Gazetteer

Glen Reformed Church

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Ecumenical Mid-Week Lenten Program:



Based on the book, Final Words, by Adam Hamilton: explore Jesus' last words from the cross, written from the viewpoint of a witness at the cross;

February 14—Ash Wednesday, Fonda Reformed Church, *"Father forgive them"*

February 21—Glen Reformed Church, *"Today you will be with me in paradise."*

February 28—St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church, *"Behold your Son, behold your mother."*

March 7—F-F United Methodist congregation hosts at the truck-stop, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

March 14—Fultonville Reformed Church, *"I thirst."*

March 21—Tribes Hill Presbyterian Church, *"It is finished."*

All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and include an opportunity to respond to God through an offering that will be used to award college scholarships to Fonda-Fultonville High School graduates in June.



Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. worship including the Distribution of Palms

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. worship including the Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Auriesville Shrine parking lot: "The Words After That"

Breakfast at Fultonville Reformed Church immediately following sunrise service

9:00 a.m. worship including the Celebration of The Lord's Supper





A Few Moments with Thomas...

Hello everyone,

I had an "epiphany" moment. It seems we are in the season of "Epiphany" in the church calendar. Have you ever gotten stuck in a "rut"? Like you get watching a TV series and suddenly you are binge watching it and that's all you do? Or, you get comfortable in what you do and that's all you do? You get stuck in the "rut" of life.

Seeing that this is a church newsletter, I sometimes hear from people when I haven't seen them in church in awhile, that they are stuck in a "rut." It has just been hard getting back into the routine of church life again. Not that they are bad people, or sinful people, they love Jesus and have faith in God. It is just that other things have taken up their time of being with us in church. The routine of life. It bothers me because I know that myself and others miss that fellowship with them.

The other day I was plowing snow up in the great land of Oppenheim and I got stuck in a "rut" with the plow truck. It's a very huge plow truck. It holds up to about 15 ton of salt and the plow and wing are extremely heavy. So how did I get stuck? Well you see, the truck was empty. Here it is—the "epiphany" moment. Sometimes we are empty spiritually. I needed help and my good friend Marc came and helped me. He's a Christian and our families get together on Christmas Eve. He works with me as well. All I needed was a little push, a little motivation, and down the road I went.

We gather in church on Sundays and on other occasions simply to hear God's word, to listen to his promises, to be lifted up, encouraged, and to edify each other as the body of Christ. So that we don't become empty. Encouraged, lifted up, and edified. These three things help us to get through the "rut" of life. Just a little push makes life changing moments for each of us.

Don't miss your blessings of helping other's or miss other's being able to help you. That's what we need to do as the body of Christ.

I hope and pray that this "epiphany" moment, that made sense for me, makes sense to you. As we continue to "plow" through winter (pun intended) and as we gather with area churches this Lenten season may we follow through with God's word.

Matthew 18:20 (NRSV): *²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Hebrews 10:25 (NRSV): *²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

1 John 1:3 (NRSV): *³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

*Till then,
Pastor Tom*

Introducing the 2018 Consistory and their assignments:

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| Thomas J. Flander, Jr. | Commissioned Preaching Elder | H 853-3088 C 332-7686 |
| Board of Elders: | | |
| Vice-President | Olive Taylor | 518-853-4233 |
| Karen Kosinski | Congregational Care | 518-922-6624 |
| Susan Summerfield | Missions Liaison | 518-922-6034 |
| Jennifer Wilmot | Education Committee | 518-775-9322 |
| Board of Deacons: | | |
| Ron Burch | Worship Committee | 518-922-7051 |
| Kimberly Flander | Property Liaison | 518-332-7687 |
| Margaret McRedmond | Outreach Liaison | 518-844-5266 |
| Michael Sowle | Finance Committee | 518-922-7030 |
| Classis Supervisors: | | |
| Rev. Jay Hine & Rev. Karen Patterson | | |
| Congregational Servants: | | |
| Classis Delegates | Karen Kosinski & Sue Summerfield | |
| Clerk of Consistory | Lisa Walsh | |
| Financial Secretary | Olive Taylor | |
| Sexton | Cheryl Rohling | |
| Treasurer | Norma Sheldon | |
| Memorial Fund Treasurer | Judy Kelly | |



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Cheer Stockings Mission. A total of 28 stockings were stuffed and delivered to families and adult members of our congregation. Additionally, gifts and food were provided to two other families who expressed a need. Your tremendous generosity was a blessing that surpasses words. The missions team says, "Thank you".

Who's on the committees?

The committee assignments listed here at the left reflect consistory members' leadership. Congregational members and adherents comprise the members of the committees.

So, the answer to the question, "Who is on the committees" is **YOU ARE!**

Everyone has a busy schedule and everyone has a long list of responsibilities to family, work, and other entities. Questions to ponder are "Where does congregational responsibility fall on my list?" "What can I do to serve as part of God's family in Glen?" "What skills and time do I have that can be used to glorify God in the mission of Glen Church?" "How can I get out of a 'rut' and help do something for our church?"

Consistory members cannot carry out the tasks of the committees alone, especially in the absence of a full-time pastor. You are respectfully asked to prayerfully consider what tasks you can be of assistance with and to contact the consistory leadership for that committee assignment.

I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13



Installation of 2018 deacons Ron Burch & Mike Sowle and elders Sue Summerfield and Olive Taylor on Sunday, January 14.

At its organizational meeting the consistory created a new standing committee called Congregational Care Committee. The charge for this new committee is to provide for care of members and adherents within the church in a variety of ways. This may include managing a prayer chain, coordinating a meal for a family in distress, coordinating a reception following a funeral, maintaining connections with members, and other tasks. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Karen Kosinski.

February & March Calendar

Clip, save & post at home.

Worship Schedule for February

| Date | Worship Leader | Greeter | Lay Reader |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| February 4 <i>Holy Communion</i> | Pastor Thomas Flander, Jr. | Allan Taylor | Sue Summerfield |
| February 11 | Pastor Thomas Flander Jr. | Marlene Douglas | Karen Kosinski |
| February 18 <i>Pot-Luck Brunch</i> | Pastor Thomas Flander Jr. | Karen Kosinski | Lee Smith |
| February 25 | Pastor Thomas Fander, Jr | <i>Greeter Needed</i> | Judy Kelly |

February 14—Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.
 February 17-18—Sr. Youth Group overnight retreat
 February 18—Pot-Luck Brunch after worship
 February 21—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m.,
 Glen Reformed Church


February 24—Soup Sampler Fundraiser
 February 25—Snowdate for Soup Sampler
 February 28—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m.,
 St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church

Worship Schedule for March

| Date | Worship Leader | Greeter | Lay Reader |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| March 4 <i>Holy Communion</i> | Pastor Thomas Flander Jr. | Allan Taylor | Margaret McRedmond |
| March 11 | Pastor Thomas Flander Jr. | Jen & Wyatt Wilmot | Lee Smith |
| March 18 | Pastor Thomas Flander, Jr. | <i>Greeter Needed</i> | Lynda Russell |
| March 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Pastor Thomas Flander Jr. | <i>Greeter Needed</i> | Karen Kosinski |

7—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m., Truck-
 stop, Fultonville hosted by FF UMC
 11—Soup luncheon & Congregational Meeting af-
 ter worship
 14—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m., Ful-
 tonville Reformed Church

17—Last day of Early Registration for 2018 Women's As-
 sembly at Glen
 18-April 5—Late Registration for 2018 Women's Assembly
 20—First day of Spring
 21—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m., Tribes Hill
 Presbyterian Church
 29—Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m.



Thanks to all of the faithful people who have read scripture during worship services and served as greeter. Please join in to add to the Glory of God by serving. Schedules are posted in the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday School High Five to a Great Year!

Sunday school resumed in January and we continue to work on reading the Bible through. We're using our children's Bibles and discussing what the passages mean. The teachers follow the theme of the Sunday's message. We're also using arts and crafts to demonstrate our Bible lessons.

Last fall we began working on a mission project. We've been collecting dog food and supplies for Ayers Animal Shelter and baby diapers for the Johnstown Diaper Bank. We are funding our mission projects with money we earned by selling pocket calendars and holding a fundraiser at Menchie's, Amsterdam. We currently have 100\$ to spend for each mission. We thank everyone for supporting this effort.

In February, in addition to our Bible studies we will make some valentine crafts. On February 18th, we will sing a song during church, enjoy a Valentine's Brunch after church and then have a sledding party in the afternoon.



February

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

March

- 5—Lulu Gray
- 7—Judy Kelly
- 8—Zachary Gamble
- 10—Wanda Burch
- 16—Ralph MacLaughlin
- 17—Bridget Nelson
- 20—Deb Schnackenberg
- 23—Noah Moran
- 25—Ryan Kelly
- 26—Jordan Miller
- 27—Sheila Smith
- 28—Tim Lane
- 29—Marianna Zemken

Whose birthday have we missed? Please see or call Karen (922-6624) with additions or corrections. We want to have everyone on our list!

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP



Calling all youth grades 6 and up...

Get your sleeping bag and pajamas ready for a night of fun, food, and fellowship! We will be having a slumber party at the church on

Saturday, February 17
beginning at 6 p.m.

We will be attending church on Sunday morning and then....



Join us after church and brunch for a sleigh riding party. Bring warm clothes and your own sled!

*For more information please contact
Sue Summerfield...518-922-6034*



February and March can bring some of winter's most challenging weather. When snow and ice cover Glen's winding roads, there are times that meetings and other gatherings can get cancelled. It is important to know

who needs to be notified in those cases. Please be kind and RSVP or sign up when asked so that you can receive word if this happens.

In the event that Sunday worship must be cancelled consistory uses a telephone chain for notification. You should receive either a phone call or a text.



Senior Youth Group Retreat

November 2017



Below: Community Christmas Caroling



Upper Left:
Advent Wreath Making

Left:
Personal Care Kits for
veterans



Bottom Left:
Christmas gifts and stockings
for veterans' families

Bottom center and right: Christmas Eve 2017



Two Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar!

Soup Sampler Fundraiser

Saturday, February 24th (Snowdate February 25th)

4:00—7:00 p.m. (or until soup is gone)

Glen Firehouse, Auriesville Road in Glen

Adults \$7.00 / Children 6-12 \$4.00

20+ soups featured—plus bake sale!

*Proceeds to support the Breast Cancer Treatment Personal Care Bags
by Amy Karas*

in connection with New York Oncology Hematology of Amsterdam

Presented by Glen Reformed Church & Town of Glen Volunteer Fire Department

Contact: Margaret McRedmond

2018 Women's Assembly

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Glen Reformed Church

“God is my Engine, but where are my keys?”
Feeling God's peace when life is a struggle

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Megan Hodgin

Capnote Speaker:

Janice Walz

Music Leader:

Sarah Fisher

Watch for details

*plus an opportunity to be a blessing by
introducing a friend to this event.*

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TO:

*Check out our website for a devotion every day: <http://glenchurch.rcachurches.org>
Keep connected on the church's Facebook page! Friend us at Glen Reformed Church.*

Why Should He Die for Such as I?

*In everything both great and
small
We see the hand of God in all,
And in the miracles of spring
Where everywhere in everything
His handiwork is all around
And every lovely sight and
sound
Proclaims the God of earth and
sky
I ask myself "just who am I"
That God should send His only
Son
That my salvation should be won
Upon a cross by a sinless man
To bring fulfillment to God's
plan-
For Jesus suffered, bled, and
died
That sinners might be
sanctified,
And to grant God's children
such as I
Eternal life in that home on
high.*

Helen Steiner Rice

*Tapesries of Life, Hobe, Phyllis, comp., © 1974,
A. J. Holman Company*

*From a book owned by Bessie & Enders Ingersoll,
a gift of Dorothy and Stuart Dykemann*



Here's a shout of thanks to all of the snow plow drivers!

And, here's a friendly re-

minder that if you must park on the road in front of the church, please only park on one side of the road. It is very hard for plows to do their job well with cars parked on both sides.

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 11

*following worship
with soup luncheon
in common room
downstairs.*

All welcome.

Easter Flowers

Beautiful spring potted flowers will again color our sanctuary for the celebration of Easter morning. You may place a potted plant in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person or event in your life. Deliver your plants to the church by noon on Saturday, March 31. Please call Marlene Smith by March 25 to give her names and spelling.

