

# The Gazeffeet Glen Reformed Church

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#### **Ecumenical Mid-Week Lenten Program:**



Based on the book, <u>Final Words</u>, 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."

<u>March 7</u>—F-F United Methodist congregation hosts at the truckstop, "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.

Keeping a Holy Lent



#### 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



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): <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Hebrews 10:25** (NRSV): <sup>25</sup> 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:

Commissioned

**Preaching Elder** 

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Thomas J. Flander, Jr.

Board of Elders:					
Vice-President	Olive Taylor	518-853-4233			
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Susan Summerfield	Missions Liaison	518-922-6034			
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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
<b>February 4</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Pastor Thomas Flander, Jr.	Allan Taylor	Sue Summerfield
February 11	Pastor Thomas Flander Jr.	Marlene Douglas	Karen Kosinski
February 18 Pot-Luck Brunch	Pastor Thomas Flander Jr.	Karen Kosinski	Lee Smith
February 25	Pastor Thomas Fander, Jr	Greeter Needed	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 Holy Communion	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.	Greeter Needed	Lynda Russell
<b>March 25</b> Palm Sunday	Pastor Thomas Flander Jr.	Greeter Needed	Karen Kosinski

7—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m., Truckstop, Fultonville hosted by FF UMC

11—Soup luncheon & Congregational Meeting after worship

14—Mid-week Lenten program, 7:00 p.m., Fultonville Reformed Church

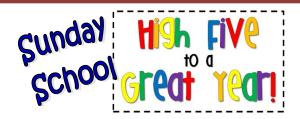
17—Last day of Early Registration for 2018 Women's Assembly at Glen

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 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 Grav
- 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.

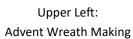
In the event that Sunday worship must be cancelled consistory uses a telephone chain for notification. You should receive either a phone call or a text.















Bottom Left: Christmas gifts and stockings for veterans' families



Below: Community Christmas Caroling



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.

#### TO:

For Jesus suffered, bled, and

That sinners might be

sanctified,

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.

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## Semi-annual Congregational Meeting

Upon a cross by a sinless man That my salvation should be won

o bring fulfillment to God's

That God should send His only

ask myself "just who am I"

All welcome.

# Easter Flowers

And every lovely sight and His handiwork is all around

Proclaims the God of earth and

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.



And in the miracles of spring

We see the hand of God in al

In everything both great and

Why Should He Die for

Where everywhere in everything

