

Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Song *How Majestic Is Your Name* #30

*Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations.
Our citizenship is in heaven.
Yet we confess, O Lord, that we sometimes lose sight
of your kingdom and its ways.
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land
than as citizens of your kingdom.
Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness.
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation
you give through him
who is the Lord and King of us all,
Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

*Song of Assurance *Mighty to Save* see insert

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time Linda TeCrone

Hymn *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* #335

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading	Numbers 12:5-8	p. 108
Gospel Reading	Luke 1:11-13, 18-19	p. 781
Epistle Reading	2 Peter 1:16-18	p. 925
Message	<i>Face to Face in His Presence</i>	Pastor Roy Miller

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Saying What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed* inside hymnal cover

Offering
Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* Choir
*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements
Prayers of the People

Sending Song *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #2

*Benediction

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Roy Miller, Preaching
Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director
Eric Legters, Pianist

**Congregation please stand as able*

2015 Consistory

Elders

Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)
Eleanor Aikens - Clerk (2017)
Quentin Bensink (2015)
Lucinda Legters (2016)
Harvey Oonk (2016)
Mark Summers (2017)

Deacons

(2015) Head Deacon - Eric Dunnewold
(2016) Benevolent Treasurer - Philip Beckerink
(2015) Brian Jantzi
(2017) Scott Neckers
(2016) Jason Stapels
(2017) Laurie TeWinkle

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to the fellowship of Abbe Church, its work and worship, its instruction and service, and to its comfort and blessing.

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations: Continue to keep all those who are confined to nursing homes and all those who have ongoing physical problems in your thoughts and prayers, including: *The Molly Brown Family, Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Lucas Gibbons, Ernie Hinsdale, Lois Hinsdale, Doris Holthouse, Glen Holthouse, Sandy Koerselman, Eric Legters, Aaron Miles, Phyllis Morton, John and Carol Neckers, Bryan Nickerson, Jr., Carletta Russell, Zach See, and Paul and Josie TenHuisen.*

Also continue to keep each of the older members of our congregation in your prayers.

Pray again this week for our congregation and our community as a whole. Remember *our Pastors, the Consistory, our Sunday School, the Teens On Fire Youth Group, Awana, REACH Ministry, MOPS, and Wee Care Preschool. Remember also to pray for our schools.*

Continue to pray again this week for our country, for all the unrest around the country and the world, for our President, as well as our national, state and local leaders.

Continue to pray faithfully for the safety of our armed forces in and returning home from various combat zones and for the cause of peace in our world.

Remember again this week to pray for each of our missionaries and mission projects, especially remembering *Jeff and Chelsea Lampen* in Romania, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

The REACH Ministry has put together some scriptures to help us all gain strength over the season of Lent. God made us with a mind, body, and spirit, and they work together in a marvelous way! Please join us in strengthening our minds, bodies, and spirits throughout Lent. Hopefully, the scriptures will help motivate us to become stronger in both faith and body. The scriptures are available on the back table of the sanctuary.

Food Pantry - The item being collected for the Food Bank for March is laundry soap. Please leave in the container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Recipients

Women's Ministries Meeting - March 9th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a week earlier than our scheduled day. We will be studying Lesson 16 in our study book.

Thank You:

I wish to thank the OutReach Program for the Valentine Basket.

It was very thoughtful of you and deeply appreciated. Sincerely,
Betty Kolstee
Bill Wiggers

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous gift. Your generosity will help us with travel expenses involved with Paul's treatments.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. May God bless you all.
Paul & Melody Covey

How does one say "thank you" to the marvelous REACH Ministry?

I so enjoyed the tub full of goodies and they came at the right time in my saddened life. Please know I do appreciate all the good things happening through the REACH program, thanks to you all! Prayerfully, Helen Bensink

The REACH Team will be meeting this Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. This meeting has been rescheduled from last week.

March Consistory Meeting will be held on the 17th.

Communicating with Consistory

The members of consistory have new mailboxes! The mailbox system is located just outside the pastors' study.

New Resources in the Library

Pastors Kristen and Noah are assembling some resources for the congregation for soul-nourishing & educational reading. Check back in the coming weeks as more titles are added!

It's time for another Prayers & Squares work day! Please join us on Saturday, March 14, 9 am - 3 pm, in the Abbe Fellowship Hall. Please let Carrie or Gail know if you plan to attend. Remember, you don't have to sew to help us out. There is a job for everyone!

The Wee Care Christian Preschool is holding a Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser to raise money for preschool scholarships. Please contact Chelsea Howden or any preschool board member to place your order. Orders will be taken through March 15th and they will be delivered to the church on March 26th. (Note: payment is due at time of order) Thank you for your continued support!

Today:

10:15 AM - Morning Worship
11:30 AM – Sunday School
7:00 PM - Bible Study

This Week:

Monday - 1:30 - Women’s Ministries Meeting
Tuesday - 7:00 PM - Reach Team Meeting
Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:30 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study
Saturday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM - Prayers & Squares Work Day

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Alex Dunnewold and Michael Shampoe
Ushers Andrew Reinwald and Doug Whitmore
Greeters Dave and Val Lehman
Greeting Elder Quentin Bensink
Nursery Sandy and Tina Koerselman
Cameraperson Josh Summers

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Holly Neckers and Natalie White
Ushers Mike Einink and Larry Gustafson
Greeters Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom
Greeting Elder Scott Bensink
Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson

Shut in of the Week: Doris Michael at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Jeff and Chelsea Lampen in Romania

REACH Ministry Reminder

As we move into 2015, we'd like to remind our church family that volunteers would love to serve and bless in the following ways:

- Meals
- Mail pick up
- House repair
- Transportation to church or appointments
- Assistance with grocery/pharmacy shopping
- Assistance with household tasks (laundry, cleaning)

If you are ever in need of any of these services, please contact Leanna Willink: 716-499-4163 or reach@abbereformedchurch.org

Also, if you missed volunteer sign ups in January and are feeling led to serve in any of these ways, please contact Leanna. We'd love to have you serve using your time/gifts!

Deacons report for March 1, 2015

General Fund \$ 3,162.00
Benevolent 795.00
Major Projects 175.00

Total Offering \$ 4,132.00

Attendance 112
Sunday School 89

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2015 is \$3,183.00 in the General Fund and \$936.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$28,647.00 and \$8,424.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 9 Sundays is \$26,087.05 in the General Fund and \$8,120.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

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Community Lenten Services

Wednesday marked the first day of Lent, a forty day season of examination & repentance that leads up to Easter. The Clymer area churches are collaborating together to share worship leadership for these formational services. Everyone is welcome!

The schedule is as follows:

4/2 Maundy Thursday, Abbe 7pm

4/3 Good Friday, Abbe 7pm

4/5 Easter Sunrise, Clymer Methodist

Cleaning Person Position

Mary Lou Keith, our cleaning person at Abbe for sixteen years, has decided to step down from her role. She will continue to work with us in the coming weeks interim period as we work to fill this position. Abbe's executive committee will serve as the interview committee (Scott Bensink as Vice President, Eleanor Aikens as Clerk, Mark Summers as Assistant Clerk, Eric Dunnewold as Head Deacon, along with Pastors Kristen & Noah). The full job description & application process will be posted on our website soon. Join us in thanking Mary Lou for her many years of service and please pray for the next person who will serve in this role to steward the gifts with which God has entrusted us!

We are looking for that next special person(s) to share their gifts of service and creativity to honor our newest members of the Family of God. Linda has graciously offered to help you (if you wish) during the initial time of reorganization.

Maybe you are hearing a whisper but are unsure if it is for you and have questions, please seek out Linda and she will tell you how joyful and important this service is to our Abbe Church family.

As a congregation please pray for God's help and discernment for our new Cradle Roll Steward.

Now... do you hear your calling?

Please contact Chelsea Howden if you are interested serving the Lord in this capacity. In person or by phone 716-450-7822

Pastor Office Hours

Pastors Kristen & Noah have office hours each week in their church study Tuesday 2-3:30 and Friday 10-11:30. Of course, you're always welcome to schedule a time to meet with us as well!