

Abbe Reformed Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2013 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Chorus *We Will Glorify* #72

*Prayer of Confession

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule
the nations and our small lives.
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power
and squandering your gifts.**

**We confess that our blindness to you glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession,
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.
Have mercy on us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance Colossians 1:13-14

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #43

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Greeting and Announcements

Children's Time

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Acts 26:1-32 p. 854

Message *The Foolishness of the Gospel* Pastor Kristen

The Lord's Supper see insert

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *More Precious than Silver* Choir

*Doxology

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *I Surrender All* #366

*Benediction

*Closing Song:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand has provided!
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Postlude

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

**Congregation please stand as able*

2013 Consistory

Elders

Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)
Duane Williams - Clerk (2014)
Quentin Bensink (2015)
Willis Koren (2013)
Nelson TeCrony (2014)
Norvel Willink (2013)

Deacons

(2013) Head Deacon - Steve Holthouse
(2014) Benevolent Treasurer - Mike Einink
(2015) Eric Dunnewold
(2015) Brian Jantzi
(2013) Esther Nickerson
(2014) Garret Willink

"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: Please 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: *Melissa Brumagin, Alice Edwards, Kevin Fardink, Lucas Gibbons, Mary Jane Griffith, Larry Holmstrom, Carol Hunink, Skylar MacDonald, Lisa Mulligan, Denise Neckers, John and Carol Neckers, Rose Neckers, Karen Nyweide, Leann Rhodes, Mary Schruers, Paul and Josie TenHuisen, Rake TeWinkle, Kathy Whalen, Bill Wiggers, and Ken Wiggers.*

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.*

Continue to pray again this week for our country, 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 *Richard and Donna Swart*, in Omo, Ethiopia, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

A Love Offering for Pastors Noah and Kristen will be taken up during the final hymn

HELP NEEDED: Awana will be having a Fall Carnival Night during club on October 23rd from 6:15-7:30. We are in need of individuals or groups that would like to set up and run a game booth. Those interested, please see, call (355-2510) or email Louann sheslink@stny.rr.com

Thank you so very much for all the phone calls, hugs, kind words, prayers and cards that I received from you when my very special dear friend Merle went home to his Lord. Thank you again Love and God Bless, *Carletta*

To Our Abbe Church Family We would first like to "Thank You" for the beautiful prayer quilt and for those who tied and said prayers for Mom (Grandma) Emma Prine.

I was given the quilt for her the day she passed, so she never got to see it. It is now laying across the back of her chair and when we look at it, it reminds us of the good times we had.

We would also like to thank those who made meals and brought dishes when we were so busy.

Also I would like to thank those who sent or said Happy Birthday. It really brightened my day. God Bless Everyone *Sandy, Tina, Tara Koerselman*

Sympathy: We would like to extend our sympathy to *Debbie Legters and her family* at the death of her father, *Allison Applebee* on September 26th.

The REACH ministry will be teaming with volunteers to have a Fall work day. We will be cleaning up area yards for the coming season. This will be held on Monday October 14, 2013. "Rain date": Saturday October 26, 2013. We will meet at 9 am. If you are interested in being blessed by this service, Sign up at the back of either Clymer Hill or Abbe Church, or contact Amanda Willink (716)355-4531 or Dennis Heslink (716)355-4465. If you are feeling led to bless others, please sign up at the back of either church on the volunteer form, and join our team to do some fall yard work.

College Care Packages:

The REACH team is preparing to send care packages to our college students later this Fall. You can participate in this outreach by donating items to put in the boxes, such as granola bars, cliff bars, fruit snacks, cheese & crackers, gum, hard candy, candy bars, hot chocolate packs, individual drink mixes, highlighters, pens, post-it notes, an encouraging note, etc. We will also be accepting cash donations to use to purchase gift cards.

Donations can be placed in the totes located in the fellowship hall at Abbe or the back of the church at Clymer Hill. Boxes will be packed October 20th. Following are the students we have on our list. If you know of anyone we've missed, please give their name and address to Carrie Shampoe or Lucinda Legters. Be sure to remember these young people in your prayers! Thank you!

Tyler Babcock	Kaeli Einink	Meagan Legters	Kelsey Neckers
Lee Barczyk	Alyssa Fardink	Andrea Lictus	Chandell Nichols
Sydney Bennink	Tom Heiser	Dan Lictus	Katrina Nickerson
Jocelyn Bensink	Anna Holthouse	Katie Marbach	Danielle Reinwald
Mallory Deuink			

Today:

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

This Week:

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - Awana
6:30 PM - Dwelling in the Word
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:00 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ladies Ecumenical Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes	Corey Massing and Brady Duryee
Ushers	Mike Einink and Doug Whitmore
Greeters	Val, Geena and Olivia Panetta
Greeting Elder	Willis Koren
Nursery	Donna and Katie Marbach
Cameraperson	Breanna Summers
Pianist	Eric Legters

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes	Justin Massing and Michael Shampoe
Ushers	Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey
Greeters	John and Jodi Massing
Greeting Elder	Quentin Bensink
Nursery	Mike and Patti Einink
Cameraperson	Larry McCray
Pianist	Eric Legters

Shut in of the Week: Doris Michael at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Richard and Donna Swart, in Omo, Ethiopia

Notice: The Clymer Area Food Bank is in need of a place to relocate while the Clymer United Methodist Church undergoes renovations. If you have a suitable location or know of one, please talk to Hiram Beckerink @ 355.2278 as soon as possible.

Soup & Salad Benefit Dinner for Karen Nyweide on Tuesday, October 8th, 4 to 7pm at Rowdy Rooster Restaurant in Panama, NY. If you have any questions or would like to donate items for the Chinese auction, please contact any of these women: Holly Clark at Downtown Fitness (355-6434), Debby Schurman or Kathy Neckers at Neckers Company (355-4432), Laura Caflich (355-4354), or Cathy Nyweide (338-8468).

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Suggestion..... Markers, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, notebooks, etc are all great ideas to include in your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Teens On Fire will be collecting boxes November 1st - 15th this year.

Deacons report for September 29, 2013

General Fund	\$ 3,522.00
Benevolent	870.00
Memorial	185.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,577.00

Attendance	150
Sunday School	94

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2013 is \$3,123.00 in the General Fund and \$923.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$121,797.00 and \$35,997.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 39 Sundays is \$105,572.68 in the General Fund and \$34,103.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Clymer-French Creek Free Library will be changing their hours beginning in October to: Wednesday: 9-12 and 1-6, Thursday: 10-3, Friday: 9-1 and 3-6, Saturday: 9-2. We will be having toddler time every Saturday in October from 11:00 to 11:30. Please contact the library to register your child. 355-8823 or email cfclibrary@stny.rr.com

The Clymer-French Creek Free Library and Clymer Historical Society cordially invite you to the 2nd Barn Dance Fundraiser. Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 7-10 p.m. at the Clymer Central School Student Performance Center. Live Music performed by the Conneaut Creek String Band. Admission is by donation. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

a note from Pastors Kristen & Noah:

As many of you likely noticed, we were absolutely overwhelmed and taken aback by last week's celebration! We are so grateful to God, whose sure & steady leading brought us here, and who continues to knit us into the community. We pray that Jesus will continue to guide us, and that we will show our trust by following him!

Nominating Committee

The Consistory met for our October meeting this last week and prayerfully discerned the members of the Nominating Committee for the election of elders & deacons. We are pleased to announce the members: Steve Holthouse & Esther Nickerson (outgoing deacons), Willis Koren & Norvel Willink (outgoing elders), Hiram Beckerink, Harvey King, Katrina Nickerson, and Carletta Russell. Please hold this group in your prayers as they discern, pray & work toward the good of the Christ's Church.

Nominating Ballots

The nominating ballots will be sent out via the mail to all active members in the early part of this next week. If you wish to remove yourself from consideration, please contact Dianne Einink at office@abbereformedchurch.org or call her at the church office ([716-355-6336](tel:716-355-6336)) by **Monday, October 7th**.

Continuing Education

Pastors Noah & Kristen will be traveling this week to Chicago for a continuing education event.

We are grateful to have been invited into a group that will meet several times together over the next two years.

The group called the Soul of Leadership, will be a small group of pastors and leaders who gather to explore the theme of Christian leadership, practice spiritual disciplines together, learn from nationally recognized leaders and organizations, and engage institutions like Western Theological Seminary and the Reformed Church in America on the topic of leadership.

We will be present for this first gathering which is Tuesday-Friday, and will be traveling Monday and Saturday. Thank you for your prayers!

Dwelling in the Word

Even though the pastors are away, Dwelling in the Word will continue this Wednesday! Come and join us from 6:30-7:30pm in the Heritage Room. Wilbur VanEarden will be leading.