

Abbe Reformed Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2014 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

One: Sing to the LORD a new song;
Many: sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

*Gathering Hymn *Morning Has Broken* #60

*Prayer of Confession

...
**Our prayer is to change, O God,
not out of despair of self
but for love of you,
and for the selves we long to become
before we simply waste away.**

Let your mercy move in and through us now...

Amen.

*Song of Assurance *One Thing Remains* see insert

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem *Glory to His Name*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 p. 890

Message Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Saying What We Believe Heidelberg Q&A 21

*Song of Response *Amazing Grace (v. 1-4)* #202

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending Song *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* see insert

*Benediction

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun**

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

**Congregation please stand as able*

2014 Consistory

Elders

Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)
Duane Williams - Clerk (2014)
Quentin Bensink (2015)
Lucinda Legters (2016)
Harvey Oonk (2016)
Nelson TeCrony (2014)

Deacons

(2015) Head Deacon - Eric Dunnewold
(2014) Benevolent Treasurer - Mike Einink
(2016) Philip Beckerink
(2015) Brian Jantzi
(2016) Jason Stapels
(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: 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: *Lucas Gibbons, Ernie Hinsdale, Charlene Willink Kidder, Sandy Koerselman, Eric Legters, Karlie Lehman, Skylar MacDonald, Carol Neckers, Zach See, Paul and Josie TenHuisen and Doug Whitmore.*

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 *Dick and Carolyn Otterness*, in Hungary, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Join us to have your blood pressure checked after the service today!

Sunday Night Bible Study will start up tonight at 7:00PM. We will be studying I and II Timothy and Titus. We look forward to seeing all who would like to study God's Word. Any questions, see Scott or Karen Bensink.

Ladies Ecumenical Bible Study will be starting up again this Thursday at 1:30pm and will be studying the Book of Romans. All ages are welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 7PM @ Abbe
Songs of the Faith - An Hour of Singing!

Come join us for *an hour* of singing! A box will be on the back table for the month of September where you can nominate a song of your choice: hymns, choruses, choir anthems past and present. If a song is not in our present hymnal, we'll try to find it. But remember, it's only an hour, followed by food and fellowship, so put in your ideas now! The choir will meet at 6:00 to rehearse, so spread the word to anyone who might want to join us - mums NOT the word!

Hello Mothers of Preschoolers! Please come join us on Monday, September 29th at 7:00PM at the Abbe church! It's time for our local MOPS group to begin again! If you are a mother with children between age two - Kindergarten, you won't want to miss a lovely evening of fellowship, crafts and snacks with other moms!

AWANA: The 2014-2015 AWANA year will be starting Oct. 1 with a Family Kick-Off Carnival. We're very excited about a new year full of fun games, scripture memory, guest speakers, special events and lessons from God's word! Registration forms are available to download from the church website. Forms are also available on the back table in the church sanctuary and once completed can be mailed to Janae Ryan. We are also seeking a Cubbies Director along with volunteers to listen to children recite verses and those who would be willing to share a Bible lesson a couple times a year. If you feel God calling you to serve in any of these positions please call Louann Heslink, 355-2510 or Janae Ryan, 355-1012.

CARNIVAL HELP NEEDED: Awana will be having a Family Kick-Off Carnival on October 1st 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 Heslink at sheslink@stny.rr.com

The next **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt** work day will be Saturday, October 4th, from 9 to 3 in the Abbe Church Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining us and giving of your time and talents to bless so many others in need of comfort. There is a job for everyone! Stay for an hour or all day. See Gail Borst or Carrie Shampooe to sign up, so we know how many helpers to expect.

The REACH ministry will be teaming with volunteers and the youth to have a **Fall work day**. We will be cleaning up area yards for the coming season. This will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014. "Rain date": Saturday, October 18, 2014. We will meet in the Abbe parking lot at 8:45am. If you are interested in being blessed by this service, please sign up at the back of Abbe, Clymer Hill or Compass. You may also contact Duane Williams [\(716\)355-8840](tel:716355-8840) or Sandy McCray [\(716\)355-4614](tel:716355-4614). If you are feeling led to bless others, please sign up on the volunteer form or contact Duane or Sandy, and join our team to do some fall yard work.

Consistorial Nominating Committee

It's time for Abbe to begin listening to God's direction for new elders and deacons in 2015. The Nominating Committee plays a very important role during this time, as they lead the discernment process. The nominating committee is made up of the outgoing elders and deacons, as well as three members of the congregation. If you feel called to help lead the church's discernment, please let Pastor Kristen or Noah know by **October 1**.

Today:

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

This Week:

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:30 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study
Saturday - 3-11:00 PM -Teens On Fire - Rock the Lake @ Erie Insurance Arena

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Holly Neckers and Natalie White
Ushers Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey
Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
Greeting Elder Quentin Bensink
Nursery Libby Heil
Cameraperson

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Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeters Marlea Brown and Lois King
Greeting Elder Scott Bensink
Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink
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Shut in of the Week: John Neckers at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Dick and Carolyn Otterness, in Hungary

Deacons report for September 14, 2014

General Fund \$ 3,164.00
Benevolent 760.00
Building/Major Projects 3,425.00

Total Offering \$ 7,349.00

Attendance 130
Sunday School

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2014 is \$3,229.00 in the General Fund and \$925.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$119,473.00 and \$34,225.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 37 Sundays is \$109,096.06 in the General Fund and \$33,655.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

The Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having a book club, for 4th-8th graders every first Monday of the month at 5:00-6:00. To sign up for this please contact the library at 716 355-6623 before October 1st.

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Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:
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Teens On Fire Fall Dates

September 24: See You At The Pole @ CCS Flagpole at 7:00am

September 27: Rock the Lake @ Erie Insurance Arena 3 – 11pm
Doors Open at 4:30 pm, Buses to leave Abbe by 3:30pm

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, at the back of the church at Clymer Hill or at Compass. Donations will be accepted through October 19th. Following are the students we have on our list. If you know of anyone we've missed, please give their name and address to Leanna Willink or Lucinda Legters. Be sure to remember these young people in your prayers! Thank you!

Zachary Blakeslee	Mitchel Einink	Andrew Heil
Samantha Nickerson	Breanna Summers	Jenna Schwab
Andrew Tasker	Brian TenPas	Marissa Triskett
Dan Lictus	Tyler Babcock	Tom Heiser
Alyssa Fardink	Anna Holthouse	Danielle Reinwald
Kaeli Einink	Meagan Legters	Kelsey Neckers
Chandell Nichols	Katrina Nickerson	Lee Barczyk
Katie Marbach	Mallory Deuink	

Ephesians 2:1-10 Common English Bible (CEB)

2 At one time you were like a dead person because of the things you did wrong and your offenses against God. 2 You used to live like people of this world. You followed the rule of a destructive spiritual power. This is the spirit of disobedience to God's will that is now at work in persons whose lives are characterized by disobedience. 3 At one time you were like those persons. All of you used to do whatever felt good and whatever you thought you wanted so that you were children headed for punishment just like everyone else.

4-5 However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! 6 And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus. 7 God did this to show future generations the greatness of his grace by the goodness that God has shown us in Christ Jesus.

8 You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. 9 It's not something you did that you can be proud of. 10 Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT 3X)

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and cover'd by
the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate
my heart from Your great love
(REPEAT)