

Abbe Reformed Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath

One: ... God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

**Many: And there was evening and there was morning,
the first day.**

*Gathering Hymn *The Advent of Our God* #120

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.

We forget our neighbor's needs

and do not love you above all else.

We need a Savior.

Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.

O come, O come, Savior of the world.

Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Song of Hope *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-2)* #123

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem *One Small Child*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 see insert

Message *Advent 1* Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Saying What We Believe The Apostles' Creed

*Song of Response *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #43

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving Offering

Sending Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 3-4)* #123

*Benediction

Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston

Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

Eric Legters, Pianist

**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: *Paul Covey, Dave Crowell, Lucas Gibbons, Ernie Hinsdale, Doris Holthouse, Sandy Koerselman, Eric Legters, Karlie Lehman, Aaron Miles, Carol Neckers, Carletta Russell, Zach See, Paul and Josie TenHuisen, Doug Whitmore and Roger Wiltsie.*

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 all the current unrest around the 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.

Songs of the Faith - An Hour of Singing!

Christmas sing, 7PM Dec. 7 @ Abbe

We will use most of the Christmas songs in our hymnal, and you may continue to add ideas to the box on the back table if you have a Christmas favorite you *REALLY, REALLY* want to sing!

A **cookie sign-up** for the reception will also be on the table, bring your favorite variety of the season!

The Upper Room Sunday School classes will be going Christmas caroling around Clymer on December 7th, weather permitting.

The Sunday School Christmas program is being planned for December 14th, during the Sunday School hour.

Rodney Beckerink and Marion Dingus were united in marriage on November 15, 2014 at Christ Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Ohio. They are at home in Jamestown.

Congratulations to Craig and Ashley Williams on the birth of their daughter, Ava Mae, on November 23rd and also to Grandpa and Grandma Duane and Trudy.

Operation Christmas Child

Teens On Fire would like to say "Thank You" to all of you who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox! We collected 98 boxes this year!

Calling all singers! Come one, come all!

The First Noel by Russ Mauldin, a combined church/community cantata.

We will perform the cantata at Camp Findley, Weaver Hall on Sunday, 12/14, at 7:00PM.

Choir rehearses at 6:00PM on that date.

Choir rehearsals every Thursday evening at 7:00PM at the Findley Lake United Methodist Church. Any questions, please contact Dave Calvert at DCalvert@calvertagency.com

Christmas Caroling

Come join REACH for an afternoon of Christmas caroling on Saturday December 13th from 2pm to 4pm. We will gather at 2pm in the Abbe fellowship hall, divide up into groups and return to the church for cookies and hot cocoa by 4pm. We'll need one group to head to the Corry Manor to sing with the residents at their Christmas party at 3pm. So, if you like to sing but don't like being out in the cold, we would love to have you be part of the group that sings at the Manor. Randy Wassink will also be bringing his team of horses and sleigh for caroling around Clymer! Come join in on the fun even if you think you can't sing!! It's sure to be a festive and fun way to bless others! There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church for those who are interested in singing and/or providing cookies.....all are welcome! Any questions please contact Lucinda Legters or Leanna Willink.

Congregational Meeting

On December 7th, Sunday School classes will be canceled to make space for gathering for the congregational meeting. Afterwards we'll gather for a communal meal. At the meeting, we'll hear some updates on our missionaries, receive the 2015 budget proposals, and vote on the election of elders & deacons.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following people for election to Consistory for 2015: Elders - Eleanor Aikens and Mark Summers; Deacons - Scott Neckers and Laurie TeWinkle

Today:

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

This Week:

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
8:00 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study
3:30-8:00 PM - TOF Bible Study at Clymer UMC
Saturday - 6:00-8:00 PM - TOF Youth Night

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Holly Neckers and Natalie White
Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
Greeters Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
Nursery Sandy and Tina Koerselman
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Jonathan Massing and Trent Shampoe
Ushers Mike Einink and Doug Whitmore
Greeters Marlea Brown and Lois King
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk
Nursery Kathy Heil and Cheryl Honey
Cameraperson Larry McCray

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

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

Teens On Fire Fall Dates:

December 4 – Bible Study at Clymer United Methodist - 3:30-8:00
December 6 – Youth Night - 6:00-8:00

Poinsettias: If you wish to purchase a poinsettia for this Christmas season, there is a sheet to sign up on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. The cost will be \$8.

Nursery Signup:

Anyone who would like to sit in the nursery can sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If your name is currently on the list, you do not need to sign up again.
Should you have any questions, please contact Esther Nickerson. Thank you & God Bless.

Deacons report for November 23, 2014

General Fund \$ 3,440.00
Benevolent 995.00
Major Projects 1,240.00
Thanksgiving Offering 405.00

Total Offering \$ 6,080.00

Attendance 147
Sunday School 106

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 \$151,763.00 and \$43,475.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 47 Sundays is \$137,482.06 in the General Fund and \$42,805.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

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Thank Yous:

Dear friends of Abbe Church,

Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, calls and visits I received while in the hospitals this fall.

Thanks also to Harvey and Alberta for delivering the flower arrangement from the Church.

A special thank you to the REACH Team for the blessing of the prayer quilt. We are blessed to be part of the Abbe Church family. Kathy and Dave Crowell

Dear REACH Team,

Thank you so much for the "perfect" quilt that you made and prayed over for Dave. It has provided much comfort, support and peace to us during Dave's illness and hospitalizations. Thank you to Randy and Jeanne Wassink for delivering it and to Leanna for her many calls and texts.

We are blessed by your service.

Kathy & Dave Crowell

REACHing out this Christmas season: we will be partnering with ACAC this season, to provide CARE PACKAGES for families in need. We will be collecting items in the REACH tubs at Clymer Hill, Abbe, and Compass starting today November 30th thru Sunday December 14th. These packages will be distributed on December 19th. Every day items that we may take for granted such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, band aides, kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes/ combs, q-tips, cotton balls, deodorant, chapstick, batteries, tape, pens, note pads, etc. Our goal is to fill 30 totes to be distributed. We want to thank each of you who faithfully donate to God's work in our community, none of this could be done without each one of you, and your willing hearts! Any questions, contact Amanda Willink 355-4531 or any member of the REACH team.