

# Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2014 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath

*One: ... and the Spirit of the LORD shall rest on him.*

**Many: His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.**

\*Gathering Hymn *Joy to the World* #125

\*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 *Mighty To Save*  
see insert

\*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem *Will We Know Him?*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading **John 1:6-8, 19-28** see insert

Message *Advent 3* Pastor Kristen

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

\*Saying What We Believe **The Apostles' Creed**

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending Song *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* see insert

\*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah 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 and Kathy Crowell, Lucas Gibbons, Ernie Hinsdale, Doris Holthouse, Sandy Koerselman, Eric Legters, Karlie Lehman, Aaron Miles, 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 *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.

### **Please stay for the Sunday School Program today!!**

During the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary.

The children are excited to share the good news of Jesus' birth.

Thanksgiving was especially meaningful this year for the TeCronney family as Aaron TeCronney and Maria Jose` Reguero were united in marriage on November 26. Congratulations to Maria Jose` and Aaron. May God bless their newly established home.

Dear REACH Ministry,

I want to extend a HUGE thank you for the awesome college student goodie box; it was such a fun surprise to receive while away working on my Master's Degree in Buffalo, NY. The generosity and love of our church family never ceases to amaze me-THANK YOU!

I would also like to extend another HUGE thank you for the prayer afghan. I so appreciate all the time, effort, and prayers put into creating it. It is so cozy when the chilly weather hits Buffalo.

Love, Mallory Deuink

"Thank you so much for your prayers. I have no words that can describe how thankful I am. This has been a very tough situation, but knowing that all of you are praying for my friends in India has brought much comfort. Not only to me, but also Tarik and others in the West Bengal community. Praise God, for Pastor Tarik's father (Mr. Ajimuddin), chest has been healed."

~ Raiven :)

### **Calling all singers! Come one, come all!**

The First Noel by Russ Mauldin, a combined church/community cantata, will be performed at Camp Findley, Weaver Hall **tonight**, 12/14, at 7:00PM. Choir rehearses at 6:00PM..

Many of us are blessed to serve in the role of 'caregiver'. However, sometimes we become so wrapped up in caring for others, that we can forget to take care of ourselves. Take a moment and stop by the REACH bulletin board as **Caregiver Awareness** is the focus this month.

**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 thru **today**. These packages will be distributed on December 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

The next Prayers & Squares work day will be Saturday, January 10th, 9 am - 3 pm in the Abbe Church Fellowship Hall. Beat the mid-winter blues by joining us and lending your time and talents to bless those in need of prayer. Even if you don't know how to sew, there is a job for everyone! Sign up with either Gail Borst or Carrie Champoe so we know how many people to expect. Lunch will be provided; feel free to bring a snack if you are so inclined.

**Newsletter:** Please have anything that you want included in the January/February Newsletter turned in to the Church office by this Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulletin Board at entrance to Sanctuary:** Please note a thank you letter from Paul and Josie TenHuisen, a Christmas letter from the Meyerinks, and Mission Impact Partner letter from the RCA.

**Today:**

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

**This Week:**

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA  
8:00 PM - Choir Practice  
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

**Teens On Fire Fall Dates:**

**December 18 - Bible Study at Clymer United Methodist - 3:30-8:00**

**December 20 - Youth Night - 6:00-8:00**

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

Acolytes                 Karlie Honey and Mikala Einink  
Ushers                   Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey  
Greeters                 Nathan and Leanna Willink  
Greeting Elder         Quentin Bensink  
Nursery                  Kelly White and Chelsea Howden  
Cameraperson         Josh Summers

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

Acolytes                 Brant Willink and Justin Massing  
Ushers                   Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle  
Greeters                 Dave and Val Lehman  
Greeting Elder         Scott Bensink  
Nursery                  Bryan and Esther Nickerson  
Cameraperson         Daniel Gustafson

**Shut in of the Week:** John Neckers at Corry Manor

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

**CCS Senior Auction**

Don't forget - CCS Class of 2015 will be hosting the Annual Senior Auction on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00pm at the school. Please consider coming out to support our seniors and do some last minute Christmas shopping. Please call the school with any questions at 355-4444. If you have items you would like to donate, contact any Senior - they will need your donations by December 17th. Thank you!

**Deacons report for December 7, 2014**

General Fund                 \$ 2,939.00  
Benevolent                   685.00  
Major Projects               220.00  
Thanksgiving Offering       1,760.00  
  
Total Offering                 \$ 5,604.00

Attendance                   143  
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 \$158,221.00 and \$45,325.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 49 Sundays is \$142,636.06 in the General Fund and \$44,295.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

The Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having a Movie Night, for all ages, on Friday, December 19 at 3:30-5:15. Popcorn and refreshments are provided. For more information contact the library at (716)355-8823.

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