

Abbe Reformed Church

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn

Living for Jesus

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Prayer of Confession

**God of comfort and mercy,
you sent your prophets to proclaim,
“Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”
We confess we have not done as you asked;
instead, we have sinned in thoughts, words, and deeds
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

[silent confession]

**In your mercy, forgive us, O Lord;
Equip us to walk more faithfully in the footsteps of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever. Amen.**

Songs of Assurance

All Who Are Thirsty / Amazing Grace

see insert

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time

Choir

Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

see insert

Message

Discerning the Body, pt. 3

Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Saying What We Believe

The Nicene Creed

see insert

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

Sending Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vv. 1-3)

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*Benediction

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

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No turning back, no turning back.

Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston

Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

Eric Legters, Pianist

**Congregation please stand as able*

2015 Consistory

Elders

Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)
Eleanor Aikens (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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Pastors' Study

Kristen & Noah – 716.355.6336
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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, Justin and Cassi Gibbons, 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 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 *David and Charlene Alexander*, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Blood Pressure Screening

February is American Heart Month. Take care of your heart by having your blood pressure checked today after the service! Booklets from the American Heart Association will be handed out today as well.

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.

Thank You:

Dear Abbe Church Family,
What a delightful blessing to receive a Valentine package filled with such useful gifts! Thank you for brightening my days! Sybil

Dear Abbe Family,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers. When we look at them it is a wonderful reminder of God's love & faith. Thank you for all your prayers & concern. We so appreciate all that has and still is being done.
It is wonderful to be a part of the Abbe Family but, more importantly God's family!
Thank you & God Bless you All! Brian, Esther & Family

Prayer Quilt Reminders:

It is easy to submit a request for a prayer quilt! Simply go to abbereformedchurch.org and use the menus on the home page to access REACH ministry, then Prayer Quilt ministry, and you will see a link to the Prayer Quilt Request Form on the right hand side of the screen. Remember, it is very important that you get permission from the quilt recipient (or their closest relative, if the recipient is unable to give permission due to medical condition or age). There are several reasons for this, including: we need to know that the recipient is willing to accept prayers; we don't want to have multiple requests for the same recipient; and the specific prayer requests should be those that the recipient feels are appropriate, which may differ from what the sponsor sees as most important. Thank you for your support of, and involvement in, spreading comfort through these prayer quilts!

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

Newsletter

Anything to be included in the March/April Newsletter should be turned in to the Church office by tomorrow, February 23rd.

Fitness Class

Pam Morton will be leading a fitness class on Thursdays beginning February 5th through the end of the school year. If there is no school in session, there will not be a class. The class will be held in the CCS cafeteria from 3:30-4:30pm. This is open to the community. Come and join this casual and relaxed class. \$5 donation
For questions, please contact Pam: pmorton@clymercsd.org

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!

Today:

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

This Week:

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:30 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Karlie Honey and Mikala Einink
Ushers Brent Deuink and Duane Williams
Greeters Lois King
Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
Nursery Brad and Katie Johnson
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Brant Willink and Justin Massing
Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
Greeters Nathan and Leanna Willink
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk
Nursery Bryan and Esther Nickerson
Cameraperson Larry McCray

Shut in of the Week: Ernie Hinsdale at Heritage Park Rehab

Missionaries of the Week: David and Charlene Alexander, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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 February 8, 2015

General Fund \$ 2,760.52
Benevolent 900.00
Major Projects 195.00
Organ Fund 20.00

Total Offering \$ 3,875.52

Attendance 136
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 \$19,098.00 and \$5,616.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 6 Sundays is \$18,275.05 in the General Fund and \$5,785.00 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 week 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!

Bingo

The Intergenerational Bingo Night has been moved to February 28th at 5:30! We'll gather for pizza, bingo, and a great time to fellowship together. Please bring a dessert to share! Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall today. Plan to come and have fun in these the coldest days of winter!

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