

Abbe Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #92

*Prayer of Confession

*O Christ,
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy;
you are generous to all who call upon you.*

Save us, Lord.

*O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,
you have taken away our sins.
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions
and were bruised for our evil.*

Save us, Lord.

*O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort,
our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:*

Save us, Lord.

*O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you,
and joy of all the saints:*

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace. Amen.

*Song of Assurance *Oceans* see insert

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38 see insert

Message Pastor Kristen

Celebration of the Lord's Supper see insert

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *At Calvary* Choir
*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

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

*Benediction

**O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine oceans depths its flow
may richer fuller be**

Pastors Kristen & Noah 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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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, 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 and the world, 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.

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.

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

The REACH Team will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

Communicating with Consistory

The members of consistory have new mailboxes! The mailbox system is located just outside the pastors' study.

New Resources in the Library

Pastors Kristen and Noah are assembling some resources for the congregation for soul-nourishing & educational reading. Check back in the coming weeks as more titles are added!

Communion for Shut-in Members

The elders & pastors will be serving communion to our homebound members today following worship.

School of Prayer

The Spring Agape Prayer Ministry School (connected to Roy Miller's leadership) would like to invite you to its spring teaching. The deadline is March 2nd, and there are brochures on the back table for you to investigate if this could be a way for you to grow in your walk with Christ!

It's time for another Prayers & Squares work day! Please join us on Saturday, March 14, 9 am - 3 pm, in the Abbe Fellowship Hall. Please let Carrie or Gail know if you plan to attend. Remember, you don't have to sew to help us out. There is a job for everyone!

The Wee Care Christian Preschool is holding a Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser to raise money for preschool scholarships. Please contact Chelsea Howden or any preschool board member to place your order. Orders will be taken through March 15th and they will be delivered to the church on March 26th. (Note: payment is due at time of order) Thank you for your continued support!

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:

Monday - MOPS - 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Reach Team Meeting - 7:00 PM
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	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

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes	Alex Dunnewold and Michael Shampoe
Ushers	Andrew Reinwald and Doug Whitmore
Greeters	Dave and Val Lehman
Greeting Elder	Quentin Bensink
Nursery	Sandy and Tina Koerselman
Cameraperson	Josh Summers

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Dick and Carolyn Otterness in Hungary

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 22, 2015

General Fund	\$ 4,650.00
Benevolent	1,540.00
Major Projects	375.00
Total Offering	\$ 6,565.00

Attendance	118
Sunday School	83

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 \$25,464.00 and \$7,488.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 8 Sundays is \$22,925.05 in the General Fund and \$7,325.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

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Clymer, NY 14724

Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:
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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!

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

Cast & Company will be having Auditions for the musical Nunsense this Tuesday March 2, 2015 at 7:00 in the music room of Clymer School. If you want to audition for the part of a nun please be prepared to sing a song of your choice.

Any questions should be directed to Debby Schurman 355-4510

REACH Team,

Thank you so much for all you do! The prayer quilt is beautiful, as are all the prayers that came with it. The meals are wonderful and very much appreciated. I hope you all realize what a blessing this group is. It is a blessing to me to be a part of this group and community. Thank you for all you have done for my family.

Love in Christ,

Esther Nickerson and family

Dear REACH Ministry,

Thank you so much for the Starbucks gift card! For the record, I thought the "pray for you a latte" joke was pretty clever. I am so thankful that I belong to such an awesome community that is just overflowing with love and support for one another!

Thanks for making my day,

Marissa Trisket

Dear REACH,

It is awesome to have the support of the community along with our Savior. It is your support and His that helps me push through hard times and I am thankful for both. I will make use of the gift card studying between classes and will enjoy every minute of it.

Sincerely,

Zachary Starceski

REACH Ministry,

I was very surprised as I walked into the house and found this great Sunshine box on the table. I've attempted to get to the bottom of it, but keep finding something else.

I'm anxious to bake the cake, which is just my size. I was hungry for a cake a few weeks ago, so I made one. By the time I finished it, I no longer wanted cake, but this one is just my size.

And the puzzle is something I never expected. I love puzzles and a 250 piece one is better than 1,000. I now have it on the table ready for the Spirit to move me.

Love to all,

Lucy Legters

Dear REACH Ministry,

Thank you so much for all the care packages you have put together and sent to me! Also, thank you for the Starbucks gift card! It is always very exciting for us to get mail! I am very blessed to come from such a loving and supportive community! Thank you again!

Love,

Samantha Nickerson