

Abbe Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* Bell Choir

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Songs *Come, Now Is The Time to Worship*
Here I Am To Worship see insert

*Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations.
Our citizenship is in heaven.
Yet we confess, O Lord, that we sometimes lose sight
of your kingdom and its ways.
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land
than as citizens of your kingdom.
Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness.
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation
you give through him
who is the Lord and King of us all,
Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

*Words of Assurance

*Song of Trust *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* #350

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21 see insert

Message *For the Life of the World* Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Song of Response *Thou Art Worthy* #73

Offering
Offertory *Come Home* Choir
*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements
Prayers of the People

Sending Song *Build Your Kingdom Here* see insert

*Benediction
**Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire: Be our one desire
Change the atmosphere,
Build Your kingdom here we pray!**

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 - Clerk (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: *Jim Briggs, The Molly Brown Family, 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 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 *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.

Today is 'Blood Pressure Sunday'. Please join us after the service to have yours checked.

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.

Congratulations to Doug and Molly Hotchkiss on the birth of their son, Levi Harvey, on March 5th. And also to Grandpa Harvey and the entire King/Hotchkiss families.

Agendas for Tuesday evening's Consistory Meeting are in members' mailboxes in the Heritage Room.

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!

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 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!

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!

Today:

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

This Week:

Tuesday - 7:00 PM - Consistory Meeting
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 Holly Neckers and Natalie White
Ushers Mike Einink and Larry Gustafson
Greeters Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom
Greeting Elder Scott Bensink
Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Johnathan Massing and Trent Shampoe
Ushers Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey
Greeters The Massing Family
Greeting Elder Eleanor Aikens
Nursery Donna and Katie Marbach
Cameraperson Larry McCray

Shut in of the Week: John Neckers at Corry Manor

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

Deacons report for March 8, 2015

General Fund \$ 2,785.00
Benevolent 650.00
Major Projects 250.00

Total Offering \$ 3,685.00

Attendance 105
Sunday School 84

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 \$31,830.00 and \$9,360.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 10 Sundays is \$28,872.05 in the General Fund and \$8,770.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Chicken BBQ to benefit the **Clymer-French Creek Free Library** on Saturday, April 25 at 11:30-1:00.

Presale tickets only, which are available at the Library for \$10.00.

The meal (which is take out only) includes ½ a chicken, potato or macaroni salad, baby carrots, cookies and a roll.

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Clymer, NY 14724

Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:
PO Box 272
Clymer, NY 14724

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 weeks 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

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!

College Care Packages:

The REACH Ministry is excited to be partnering with several area churches (Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer Hill Reformed Church, Clymer United Methodist Church, Compass, Edward's Chapel United Methodist Church, Findley Lake United Methodist, North Clymer United Methodist and St. Matthias/St. Isaac Jogues) to bless **59** college students with care packages filled with love and prayers this spring.

We'd love to have you participate in this outreach by donating items to put in the boxes. Collection boxes are available at each of the churches listed above. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, April 5th**.

Suggestions of donations include: granola bars, cliff bars, fruit snacks, cheese and cracker packets, gum, hard candy, candy bars, individual drink mixes, highlighters, pens, post-it notes, index cards, etc. If you prefer, you may donate money to cover the cost of postage/supplies and we'll do the shopping for you 😊

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. Leanna can be reached at: (716) 499-4163 or reach@abbereformedchurch.org

Please be sure to remember these young people in your prayers! Thank you!

Miranda Warner	Elizabeth Paterniti	Kaleigh Dwyer-Bailey
Daniella Wade	Kevin Gleason	Treavor Gleason
Grace VanEarden	Seth Damcott	Holly Eliason
Tyler Troup	Kayla Gilkinson	Jessica LaSpada
Jimmy Brady	Adam Millspaw	Zach Starczeski
Bobby Starczeski	Kelly Yaw	James Cowles
Miranda Marucci	Jordan Boland	Ryan Carpenter
Lena Young	Julia Rater	Kim Pacy
Michaela Young	Andrew Heil	Samantha Nickerson
Breanna Summers	Andrew Tasker	Bryan Tenpas
Marissa Trisquet	Zachary Blakeslee	Dan Lictus
Tyler Babcock	Tom Heiser	Alyssa Fardink
Anna Holthouse	Danielle Reinwald	Kaeli Einink
Meagan Legters	Kelsey Neckers	Chandell Nichols
Katrina Nickerson	Katie Marbach	Mallory Deuink
Jenna Schwab	Paige Michael	Mitchel Einink
Dylan Stow	Jacki Stow	Justin White
Samuel White	Seth Neckers	Sarah Aikens
Katie Wiggers	Olivia Johnson	Jacob Wiggers
Ella Wiggers	Jennifer Rhodes	

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come...

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come...

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: *So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see
my sin upon that cross,
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