

Abbe Reformed Church

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

see insert

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, having heard your Word,
we thankfully remember the life
of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.
Yet we also acknowledge our failure
to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness.
We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king,
friendly companion, or problem-solver,
failing to see him as the ruler of all creation.
We do not appreciate the depth
of his passion and sacrifice on the cross,
failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation.
Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully
in the way of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully
into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance

*... the Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

*Hymn of Preparation

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-16

see insert

Message

A Major Disappointment

Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*Song of Response

We Will Glorify

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Offering

Offertory

Psalm 117

see insert

*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

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Scripture Reading

John 13:1-5

Sending Song

The Old Rugged Cross

Choir

*Benediction

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: *Randy Angus, Jim Briggs, The Molly Brown Family, Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Lucas Gibbons, Ernie Hinsdale, Doris Holthouse, Glen Holthouse, Sandy Koerselman, Eric Legters, Sally McMullin, Aaron Miles, Phyllis Morton, John and Carol Neckers, Bryan Nickerson, Jr., Carletta Russell, Zach See, Paul and Josie TenHuisen and Dakota Truex.*

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 *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.

Lilies: There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to sign up for an Easter lily.

There will be an **Easter program** during the Sunday School Hour next Sunday!

Blessings to the Abbe Church Congregation!

I just wanted to thank you all so much for sending my parents the \$500 check. That was so nice of you and such a blessing to them! Between all of the traveling to Roswell and my dad's treatments, the expenses add up. Your thoughtfulness as a church and community was so appreciated. Please keep my dad in your prayers.
God Bless you all – Daughter of Paul and Melody Covey, Tracey Applebee

Abbe Reformed Church,
Jeff & I are so grateful for you! We want to thank you so much for your support of our call to Romania. It means so much to us that you are holding us in your thoughts & prayers.

It was wonderful to meet with your Consistory and to see Pastor Noah and Pastor Kristen again. We were very warmly welcomed and cared for by members of the congregation. We would love to worship with you next time we are in Western New York!

In Christ, Jeff, Chelsea & Lorilai (19 mos)

Sound System Updates

Abbe is going through the process of upgrading the existing sound system. Please have grace and patience over the next couple of months as we work out all the kinks and attempt to get everything up and running again. If you notice any particular issues that persist for a few weeks or more, please let Jason Stapels know.

Sound Desk Volunteers Needed

Abbe is looking for volunteers to help run the sound mixer for the Sunday service. This is a great opportunity to be part of the worship experience as well as learn about Abbe's new audio setup. If you are willing to be part of a monthly rotation or an occasional backup, please let Jason Stapels or Pastor Noah know.

REACH / TOF Spring Yard Work Day will be Saturday, April 18th, and "rain date" of May 2nd. If you are interested in receiving some help cleaning up your lawn, or wish to graciously donate a morning to serve, please sign up on the sign up sheets in the designated locations. Or contact either Leanna (716)-499-4163, or Amanda Willink (716) 355-4531 to have your name added. This is truly a fun time to get to know people in the community, and build unforgettable memories. So, if you're willing, grab your wheel barrow, shovel, rake, gloves, etc. and come be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are in NEED of more men to help us out this year! If you are feeling called, PLEASE sign up! Thank you all so much for your time, and prayers, this would not be possible without every single willing body!

Today:

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

This Week:

Wednesday - 8:00 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study
7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service at Abbe
Friday - 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Mikala Einink and Karlie Honey
Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeters Jason and Amanda Stapels
Greeting Elder Mark Summers
Nursery Renee' TeCulver and Laurie TeWinkle
Cameraperson Josh Summers

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Brant Willink and Justin Massing
Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray
Greeters Eric and Anndrea Dunnewold
Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
Nursery Cheryl Honey and Libby Heil
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Dick and Carolyn Otterness in Hungary

Deacons report for March 22, 2015

General Fund \$ 1,691.00
Benevolent 450.00
Major Projects 150.00

Total Offering \$ 2,291.00

Attendance 112
Sunday School 78

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 \$38,196.00 and \$11,232.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 12 Sundays is \$33,338.05 in the General Fund and \$10,375.00 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.

Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having **Toddler Time**, every Wednesday, in April at 5:00-5:30. For 18 month olds to 3 year olds. Please register your child before April 1st, by contacting the library at 355-6623.

Church Address: PO Box 249
595 Clymer-Sherman Rd.
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 is posted on our website. Applications will be accepted through April 1.

READY FOR THE COOLEST EXPEDITION OF A LIFETIME? Base Camp is now open for all adventuring climber guides. A sign-up sheet for Everest Community VBS is located at each church in its respective location. Base Camp is filling up fast, so please sign up early for "prime tent positions". *Please be sure to mark your T-shirt size as you sign-up.* **Please note that if you sign-up for a highlighted station, there is a team meeting on May 20 @ 6:30 in the Abbe Fellowship Hall.** Base Camp is open July 12-16, 6-8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Willowe Neckers 355-6345, Louann Heslink 355-2510, Connie Rice 397-3488, Amy Woods 355-1008, or Megan Heslink 450-0904.

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 Trisket	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	Oliviah Johnson	Jacob Wiggers
Ella Wiggers	Jennifer Rhodes	