

Abbe Reformed Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

One: *Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

Many: **Happy are those who rest in God.**

Come and listen, children of God.

Teach us the way of truth and life.

Let us depart from evil and do good.

Let us seek peace and pursue it.

-Psalm 34:8, 11-14

*Gathering Song

The Church's One Foundation

#277

*Prayer of Confession

God of every people and nation, we confess

that we have not lived as global citizens

in your new realm of justice and peace.

We build up dividing walls in the world.

We contribute to division in the church.

We ignore the suffering in distant nations

and live in fear of our closest neighbors.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us,

break down the dividing walls among us,

and raise us up to be a holy temple—

your temple of peace to the world—

built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ,

in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Praise

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

#455

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:7-14, 4:1, 7-13

see insert

Message

The Church at Rest

Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Saying What We Believe

We believe that God has entrusted the church

with the message of reconciliation

in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called

to be the salt of the earth

and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed

because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness

both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth

in which righteousness dwells.

-from the Belhar Confession

Offering

Offertory

I Need You / I Stand in Awe of You

Choir

*Doxology

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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Greeting and Announcements

Sending Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vv. 1-4)

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*Benediction

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

**Congregation please stand as able*

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

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: *Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Velma Damcott, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Brad Johnson, The Jones Family, Sandy Koerselman, The Legters Family, Irving Legters, Maxine Legters, Phyllis Morton, The John Neckers Family, Mary Schruers, Zach See, Randy Shampoe, Sr., Justin Svetz, The TenHuisen Family and Ernie TeWinkle.*

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 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 *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.

The REACH Team will be meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm.

Agendas for Tuesday evening's Consistory Meeting are in your mailboxes this morning.

**Teens On Fire
Fall 2015 Schedule**

October 10: Youth Night - 6:00 to 8:00pm at Abbe

Consistory ballot nominations are due today, Oct. 4th.

You may find the gold ballot boxes at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued prayer for the Spirit's leading as we together discern who God is calling to serve as elder & deacon for the coming three-year term at Abbe.

The Nominating Committee is as follows:

Quentin Bensink (elder), Scott Bensink (elder), Eric Dunnewold (deacon), Brian Jantzi (deacon), Carletta Russell, Brenda Rater, and Julie White.

Western Theological Seminary

Today we are pleased to welcome Andy Bast, Associate Director of Development from one of our RCA seminaries, Western Theological Seminary located in Holland, Michigan. Andy will be bringing us greeting from WTS during our announcements today and would love to connect with us after our worship service. Welcome, Andy!

AWANA Update & Prayer Requests:

Our mid-week community children's ministry, AWANA, began this last Wednesday with a kick-off picnic dinner for families and kids. This coming Wednesday, October 7, from 6:15-7:45 begins the new calendar year! There is still time to sign-up! Here are some prayer requests from Janae Ryan and Louann Heslink:

- We could always use an extra hand from anyone who is willing. There are almost 100 kids some nights – and extra adult bodies for crowd control is always wonderful! (especially the pre-school aged children!)
- Specific prayer requests –
 - o energy for the leaders/helpers & and a hearts to hear the kids – meet them where they are and share the love of Christ
 - o For the clubbers – that this will be a grounding segment in their lives for when troubling & testing times come, that they will have hidden God's Word in their hearts and be able use it – that it comes to their minds and helps shape their faith.

Thank you for lifting this community ministry up in prayer for the coming year!

Our next **Prayers & Squares Work Day** will be Saturday, October 24, 9 am-3 pm. If you've been thinking about joining in, now is the perfect time! Come share your time and talents to help provide comfort to those in need. Let Gail or Carrie know if you plan to be there so we can plan for space and food, please!

REACH / TOF Fall Yard Work Day will be Saturday, Oct. 10th and “rain date” of Oct. 17th.

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!

The next REACH 'n' Teach is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th from 11:30am - 12:15pm in the Abbe sanctuary. Please join us as we welcome a guest speaker from UNYTS - Western NY's only organ, eye, tissue, and community blood center. UNYTS operates as a non-profit organization serving eight counties in WNY and works to assist donor families, coordinate the donation process and increase knowledge and awareness within the community regarding transplantation.

College Care Packages:

It's that time of year again! The REACH Ministry is excited to continue partnering with several area churches (Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer Hill Reformed Church, Clymer United Methodist Church, Compass, Cutting Community Church, Edward's Chapel United Methodist Church, Findley Lake United Methodist, North Clymer United Methodist and St. Matthias/St. Isaac Jogues) to bless our college students with care packages filled with love and prayers this fall.

We'd love to have you participate in this outreach by donating items to put in the boxes. Collection boxes will be available at each of the churches listed above.

Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, October 18th**.

Suggestions of donations include: granola bars, cliff bars, fruit snacks/bars, popcorn packets, 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 ☺

We are working on updating our list of students and their addresses. If you know of an address change from last semester or have a new student to add, please contact Leanna Willink at: (716) 499-4163 or reach@abbereformedchurch.org

Please be sure to remember the college students in your prayers! Thank you and God bless!

“TRUNK or TREAT”!

On Halloween night (Saturday, October 31st) from 5:30-7:30pm, a “TRUNK or TREAT” event will be held in the Abbe Reformed Church parking lot. This event is sponsored by the REACH Ministry and Teens on Fire Youth Group. This is a free community event that provides a fun and safe way for kids to collect treats in one friendly location by “trick or treating” from car to car around the parking lot. Hot drinks, snacks & goodie bags will be provided, in addition to the “trunk treats”!

Volunteers are needed! If you are willing to host a trunk (or donate treats for others to hand out), please contact Amanda Stapels (355-5010) or Leanna Willink (355-6460). Hosting a trunk consists of bringing your vehicle (decorated if you are up for the fun challenge!) and providing treats to our community kids from your “trunk”! To offer a safe environment, we ask that you do not use scary decorations or hand out homemade treats (for those parents who need to check allergy ingredients for their children).

Wheelchair notice:

There is now a wheelchair located in the landing near the elevator for use in the building.

Pastors Drop-in Office Hours

Pastors Kristen & Noah have office hours each week in their church study Tuesday 1-3:00 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:

Tuesday - 7:00 PM - REACH Team Meeting
7:30 PM - Consistory Meeting

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
7:30 PM - Prayer Time
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:30 PM - Choir Practice

Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe

Saturday - REACH / TOF Fall Yard Work Day
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Teens On Fire - Youth Night at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes	Justin Massing and Michael Shampoe
Ushers	Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray
Greeters	Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
Greeting Elder	Quentin Bensink
Nursery	Donna and Katie Marbach
Cameraperson	Josh Summers
Sound Volunteer	Willowe Neckers

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes	Jonathan Massing and Brant Willink
Ushers	Mark Summers and Duane Williams
Greeters	Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeting Elder	Scott Bensink
Nursery	Gene and Alicia Blakeslee
Cameraperson	Daniel Gustafson
Sound Volunteer	Jason Stapels

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

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

Deacons report for September 27, 2015

General Fund	\$ 2,525.00
Benevolent	715.00
Major Projects	275.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,515.00

Attendance	122
Sunday School	97

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 \$124,137.00 and \$36,504.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 39 Sundays is \$113,034.09 in the General Fund and \$32,576.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having Toddler Time for children 18 months to 3 year olds every Saturday, beginning October 24-November 14, at 11:00-11:30.

Please register your child before Thursday, October 15 by contacting the Library at 355-8823.

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