

# Abbe Reformed Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2015 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Prelude *Extol the Lord* Bell Choir

### \*Call to Worship

*One: Let us worship God.*

**Many “He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.”**

*Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.*

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

*Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.*

\*Gathering Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #26

### \*Prayer of Confession

*Silence*

**Lord, we are like sheep, and we get lost.**

**We forget the needs of our neighbors  
and do not love you above all else.**

**We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus.**

**Come, fill our lives, Jesus. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

### Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation *Our God Reigns* #229

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:3-17 see insert

Message *Pursuing the Goal* Pastor Noah

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Hymn of Response *Give Thanks* see insert

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

Sending Song *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #354

### \*Benediction

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;**

**What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston  
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

*\*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, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Brad Johnson, Sandy Koerselman, Matthew Miller, Phyllis Morton, The John Neckers Family, Mary Schruers, Zach See, JosieTenHuisen, The TeWinkle Family, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden and Doug Whitmore.*

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 *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.

**Memory Verse:**

My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

-James 1:2-3

Dear Abbe Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement and meals upon the arrival of Faith. We are grateful for all of your prayers and feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation!

Much Love, The Stapels Family

**Teens On Fire Fall 2015 Schedule**

November 14: Youth Retreat – 9 am - 9:00 pm at Abbe

If you are able and willing to sit in the nursery with our little ones, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are currently on and want to remain on the list – do nothing. If you are currently on and wish to be taken off, write your name on the list and write remove beside your name. If you are not on and feel called to be on this list, please sign up. Any questions, contact Esther Nickerson at (716) 355-4131. Thank you and God Bless! Esther

**It's shoe box time again!!!!**

Teens On Fire will be collecting shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program again this year. If you would like to participate, please pick up a box and instructions in the fellowship hall today. Boxes will be collected Sunday November 8th - Sunday November 15th. Please see Lucinda Legters or Greg White for any questions.

As we prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving season, we'd like to have the congregation fill our fellowship hall with words of thanks. "I am thankful for" cards are available in the fellowship hall. Take a moment to fill one out and add it to the bulletin board.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

**ACAC** Churches are collecting paper products now through December 13 to hand out at the December food distribution (paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, facial tissue). Please put them in the container in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for reading with us, Friends!!

Please continue to follow along in 52 Weeks With Jesus. This week you should have finished week #5 and be starting into week #6.

Please remember to pick up question sheets off the back table and place completed ones into the basket there.

And Listen for your shepherd's voice. Karen

Annual Swiss Steak Dinner, Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30pm at the Sherman Community Church Fellowship Hall. Adults \$9.00, Students \$5.00. Take outs are available

**Today:**

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

**This Week:**

Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Consistory  
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 - 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM - Teens On Fire Youth Retreat at Abbe

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

Acolytes Justin Massing and Michael Shampoe  
Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle  
Greeters Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom  
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk  
Nursery Bryan and Esther Nickerson  
Cameraperson Larry McCray  
Sound Volunteer Jason Stapels

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

Acolytes Jonathan Massing and Brant Willink  
Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray  
Greeters The Massings  
Greeting Elder Quentin Bensink  
Nursery John and Jodi Massing  
Cameraperson Josh Summers  
Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

**Shut in of the Week:** Carol Neckers at Corry Manor

**Missionaries of the Week:** Dick and Carolyn Otterness in Hungary

**Deacons report for November 1, 2015**

General Fund \$ 3,012.52  
Benevolent 780.00  
Major Projects 445.00  
Memorial 75.00  
  
Total Offering \$ 4,312.52

Attendance 120  
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 \$140,052.00 and \$41,184.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 44 Sundays is \$127,405.61 in the General Fund and \$37,916.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

**Benefit Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** on December 6<sup>th</sup> for Chris Park, Firefighter, injured in the woods in October. Sponsored by Findley Lake Fire Dept. and the Findley Lake United Methodist Church. Dinner from 12:30 to 4:00pm Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 free.

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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Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:  
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***Give Thanks***

Give Thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
the Lord has done for us. [repeat chorus]

Give thanks.