

# Abbe Reformed Church

First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2015 – 10:15 AM

## A SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

*The true story of God's saving work can be thought of as a play which has five different acts. Each act tells a critical part of the story. Each act points toward Act 4, and each of us has a part to play in Act 5. Let's celebrate Jesus' birth by watching God's saving work unfold! Merry Christmas!*

\*Gathering Hymn                      *O Come All Ye Faithful*    #145

Scripture                                      **Act 1: Creation**  
    Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31                                      Sonya Champoe

\*Hymn    *Birthday of a King*    #162

Scripture                                      **Act 2: Fall**  
    Genesis 3:8-19    Abbey Jantzi

\*Hymn    *Good Christian Men Rejoice*    #151

Scripture                                      **Act 3: Israel**  
    Exodus 19:1-8    Mark Summers

\*Hymn    *What Child is This?*    #137

Scripture                                      **Act 4: Jesus**  
    Luke 2:25-35    Roger Dunnewold

Offering  
Offertory                                      *Mary's Little Boy Child*    Choir  
Doxology

Scripture                                      **Act 5: Church**  
    Acts 2:22-39    Laurie TeWinkle

\*Hymns (*first and last verses*)    *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*    #131  
    *Angels We Have Heard on High*    #132  
    *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*    #133

Greeting and Announcements  
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending Song                                      *Go Tell it On the Mountain*    #138

\*Benediction

Pastors Noah & Kristen 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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### Pastors' Study

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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: *Linda Bensink, Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Liam Gibbons, Thelma Heil, Everett King, Sandy Koerselman, Tara Koerselman, Tina Koerselman, Skylar McDonald, Matthew Miller, Phyllis Morton, Mary Schruers, Zach See, JosieTenHuisen, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden, Doug Whitmore and Judy Willink.*

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.

**Pastors Noah and Kristen** will be away visiting family from December 26 – January 4. Please contact an Elder with any concern that may arise.

**The 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade class** is looking for a leader for December 27- February 28<sup>th</sup>. They are following the Dwell, curriculum which is leading them through God's story. Please see Chelsea for more information or if you would like to look over the materials.

Even if you can sign up for a Sunday or two, it will be most appreciated!!

Sign up sheet is on back table.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Men's Breakfast at Abbe Church at 8:00am  
New Year, New Beginning, Come join us in this time of fellowship!!

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Youth Band Concert at Bemus Point UMC. Leaving Church at 4pm – Dinner and Concert cost is \$10.

Let Scott or Karen Bensink know if you are going so we can let the Church know numbers for dinner. (716) 769-7906 or slbgolf@aol.com

With the New Year comes the opportunity to join in the fun with **Prayers and Squares!** Our next work day will be Saturday, January 9th, 10 am - 3 pm, in the Abbe Fellowship Hall. Even if you don't sew, come lend your time and talents to bless others. Let Gail or Carrie know if you plan to be there, so we can count you in!

### **New Consistory Members**

At the recent Congregational Meeting Laurie Holthouse and Trudy Williams were elected to the office of Elder and Esther Nickerson and Amanda Willink were elected to the office of Deacon for Abbe Reformed Church.

These individuals will be installed during the Morning Worship Service on January 10, 2016

The congregation is thankful to outgoing Elders Quentin Bensink and Scott Bensink and Deacons Eric Dunnewold and Brian Jantzi for their service to Abbe Church over the last three years.

### **Volunteer transportation**

Hello, people of Abbe! Sally Byler, our new cleaning person, has been adjusting well to caring for our building since August. We are so pleased to have her working to ensure our facility is clean, tidy, and hospitable for the many ministries and activities that take place (sometimes on a daily basis) in our church building. We have been impressed by her resourcefulness, cheerful disposition, and her ability to clean efficiently.

We at Abbe have set an hourly wage and a maximum number of hours a week for this position. Sally arranges her own transportation to clean the church, and pays for it from within her salary. While this has been our mutual arrangement from the beginning, Sally's transportation costs can be significant. As the Consistory's executive committee met this last week, we thought of making an appeal to the congregation to ask if someone within our community is willing to donate their time & gas to transport Sally once a week to clean the church. This would be a standing, weekly commitment of one day a week. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday all would be good days to choose from to transport Sally. She lives on Pork Road. If this sounds like a way that you'd like to contribute to the church's life & mission (and enjoy getting to know Sally!) please see Pastor Kristen.

**Today:**

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

**This Week:**

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice  
8:30 PM - Choir Practice  
Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe  
Saturday - 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast at Abbe  
Sunday - 4:00 PM - Youth leaving Abbe for Youth Band Concert at Bemus Point  
United Methodist Church

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

Acolytes                    Karlen Honey and Holly Neckers  
Ushers                        Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray  
Greeters                     Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle  
Greeting Elder             Quentin Bensink  
Nursery  
Cameraperson              Josh Summers  
Sound Volunteer          Jason Stapels

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

Acolytes                     Trent Champoe and Porter Willink  
Ushers                        Mark Summers and Duane Williams  
Greeters                     Lois King  
Greeting Elder             Scott Bensink  
Nursery                       Brian and Mary Jantzi  
Cameraperson              Daniel Gustafson  
Sound Volunteer          Duane Williams

**Shut in of the Week:** Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

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

**Deacons report for December 20, 2015**

General Fund                \$ 3,873.00  
Benevolent                   937.00  
Major Projects              115.00  
Poinsettias                   28.00

Total Offering              \$ 4,953.00

Attendance                   140  
Sunday School               139

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 \$162,333.00 and \$47,736.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 51 Sundays is \$148,381.61 in the General Fund and \$43,133.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

**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!

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Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:  
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Thank you to the following for providing the Poinsettias as part of the Christmas decorations this season:

- |                                    | In Memory of:   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Mark, Julie, Bre, Josh          | Loved ones  |
| 2. Tim and Brenda Rater            | Loved ones  |
| 3. Ron and Lois Legters            | Loved ones  |
| 4. Roger and Karen Dunnewold       | Loved ones  |
| 5. Lois King                       | Loved ones  |
| 6. Cheryl Honey                    |   |
| 7. Karen and Scott Bensink         |   |
| 8. Marlea Brown                    | Loved ones  |
| 9. Cheryl and Larry McCray         | Loved ones  |
| 10. Irving and Ann Legters         | Loved ones  |
| 11. Eleanor Aikens                 | Loved ones  |
| 12. Charlotte and Larry Holmstrom  | Loved ones  |
| 13. Nate, Leanna, Brant and Callie | Grandpa & Grandma Willink,<br>Grandpa Bush and Grandpa<br>Anthony |
| 14. Kristen and Noah Livingston    |   |