

Abbe Reformed Church

Baptism of the Lord
January 17, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Trust and Obey* #349

*Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy,
in our baptisms you have marked us as your own;
you have given us a new identity
and made us part of the body of Christ.
In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life
and to live together in community.**

**However, we have not been faithful to your call.
We have forged our own identity
and held to destructive habits.
We confess we have failed to welcome others,
broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters,
and served ourselves more than you.**

Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Song of Preparation *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* #335

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-22 see insert

Message *Baptism: Gift and Promise* Pastor Kristen

Celebration of Baptism

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ!
Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Song of Response *This I Believe/Cornerstone*

Offering
Offertory *A Child's Medley* Choir
*Doxology

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

Sending Hymn *Have Thine Own Way* #371

*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

**Congregation please stand as able*

2016 Consistory

Elders

Eleanor Aikens (2017)
Laurie Holthouse (2018)
Lucinda Legters (2016)
Harvey Oonk (2016)
Mark Summers (2017)
Trudy Williams (2018)

Deacons

(2016) Philip Beckerink
(2017) Scott Neckers
(2018) Esther Nickerson
(2016) Jason Stapels
(2017) Laurie TeWinkle
(2018) Amanda Willink

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: *Linda Bensink, Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Cindy Gabriel, Liam Gibbons, Thelma Heil, Sandy Koerselman, Tara Koerselman, Maxine Legters, Skylar McDonald, Matthew Miller, Phyllis Morton, Mary Schruers, Zach See, JosieTenHuisen, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden, Jeanne Wassink, 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 *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.

Please join us after the service for the monthly blood pressure screening. Begin 2016 by taking a moment to care for yourself.

Dinner & A Movie, Tonight, January 17th

Dinner at 5:30, Music starts at 6:30, Movie starts at 7:00

Dinner: Soups and Sandwiches

Sign up on back table

Movie: War Room (approx. 120 minutes)

Contribution envelopes – Please pick up your receipt from the box on the table at the back of the Sanctuary for what you gave in support to Abbe Church for the year 2015.

Regarding **7-8th grade Sunday School Class**. Thank you to all that have volunteered to lead a session.

The remaining lesson sessions are in gold envelopes on the back table, (labeled and dated).

No need to sign up... Just choose a week. Thank you!

2016 REACH Ministry Volunteer Sign-ups will be Sunday, January 10th - Sunday January 24th. Please pray and consider how you could volunteer your time, energy and gifts in the coming year.

Join us in praying for 2016:

- **May God continue to be at the center of REACH; led by the Holy Spirit.**
- **That He would be glorified in every area of this ministry.**
- **For God to raise up, equip and 'fuel' volunteers to carry out the multiple outreach areas.**
- **That we would continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, open to the Spirit's leading and allow God to work through us.**

For continued unity and growth within the community.

REACH Pocket Prayer Cloth Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to help us begin a new ministry creating pocket prayer cloths. Pocket prayer cloths can be knitted or crocheted, with prayers in every stitch. You can use any yarn, any pattern, and any prayers to make one. Prayer cloths are small (3" or 4"), easy to travel with, and for those who cannot make big projects, prayer cloths are a wonderful smaller project with a lot of meaning and prayers.

Prayer cloths are small enough to be tucked into pockets, purses, backpacks, etc. allowing them to be carried wherever you go. Unlike prayer shawls or prayer quilts, you do not have to 'request' one or receive 'permission'. We all need a little bit of comfort sometimes, but we aren't always comfortable asking for it. These small but powerful reminders of God's love will allow anyone in need of prayer to quietly take one for them self or to give one to someone in need of extra prayer.

To join this ministry, for questions, or if you need some yarn and/or a pattern to get started, please contact: Laurie Holthouse @ [\(716\) 782-3251](tel:7167823251) or Tammy Tenpas @ 355-6586 You may also search the internet for 'pocket prayer cloth' patterns.

Once this ministry is up and running, there will be a basket of prayer cloths available at Abbe, Clymer Hill and Compass.

Today:

10:15 AM - Morning Worship
 Blood pressure screening after Worship
 11:30 AM - Sunday School
 5:30 PM - Dinner and a Movie

This Week:

Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Consistory Meeting
 Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
 7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
 8:30 PM - Choir Practice
 Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes	Justin Massing and Michael Shampoe
Ushers	Larry Gustafson and Doug Whitmore
Greeters	Val Raymond and Girls
Greeting Elder	Mark Summers
Nursery	Tim and Brenda Rater
Cameraperson	Josh Summers
Sound Volunteer	Willowe Neckers

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes	Jonathan Massing and Brant Willink
Ushers	Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey
Greeters	Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom
Greeting Elder	Lucinda Legters
Nursery	Kelly White and Chelsea Howden
Cameraperson	Daniel Gustafson
Sound Volunteer	Jason Stapels

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

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

Dave and Char Alexander (RCA missionaries in Taiwan) have a new way to keep up with their work. You can subscribe to their newsletter at <http://tinyletter.com/DavidAlexander>, and you can email them at their joint e-mail address: alexa@seed.net.tw

Deacons report for January 10, 2016

General Fund	\$ 2,875.00
Benevolent	1,000.00
Major Projects	80.00
Poinsettias	17.00
 Total Offering	 \$ 3,972.00

Attendance	125
Sunday School	68

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2016 is \$3,306.00 in the General Fund and \$922.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$6,612.00 and \$1,844.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 2 Sundays is \$6,771.00 in the General Fund and \$1,959.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

The Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having Story Hour for 3-7 year olds every Saturday in February at 11:00-12:00.

Please register before January 30 by contacting the library at 355-8823.

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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