

Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #51

*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace,
you have given us Jesus,
the light of the world.**

**But so often, I prefer the dark.
So often, darkness feels more comforting than light.
So often, I refuse the life you want to give me.**

**Fill us with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may live for the nations
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our light forever. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Song of Preparation *Seek Ye First* #42

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-12 see insert

Message *Faith Seeking Understanding* Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Song of Response *Be Thou My Vision* #382

Offering
Offertory *Sanctuary* Choir
*Doxology

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

Sending Song *Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

**Congregation please stand as able*

2016 Consistory

Elders

Lucinda Legters - Vice President (2016)
Eleanor Aikens - Clerk (2017)
Mark Summers - Assistant Clerk (2017)
Laurie Holthouse (2018)
Harvey Oonk (2016)
Trudy Williams (2018)

Deacons

(2016) Head Deacon - Jason Stapels
(2016) Benevolent Treasurer - Philip Beckerink
(2017) Scott Neckers
(2018) Esther Nickerson
(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, Mary Schruers, 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 *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.

Thank You:

I would like to thank my Abbe Church family and friends for prayers, cards, telephone calls and other acts of kindness during my brother's illness and at the time of his death. It is nice to be part of such a loving and caring Church. Thank you again!

Lois King

Maxine Legters, one of our oldest members at Abbe, fell a week ago in her home, breaking her hip. After a hospital stay at Hamot Hospital, she has been moved to a rehabilitation facility to receive care & physical therapy. Maxine welcomes your prayers for strength & stamina as she recovers. It would also be a gift to her to receive notes of encouragement as she misses her home back in Clymer. You may send notes to her at this address below:
Heritage Green Rehab
PO Box 400
Greenhurst, NY 14742

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.

YMCA Clymer Chair Fit to be held Wednesdays at the Dutch Village. Aerobics will be at 9:30-10:30 and Yoga from 10:30-11:30. Modifications can be made! Cost is \$5/class or free with membership! Will accept a variety of insurances. If you have questions, call (814) 664-7757.

Today:

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

This Week:

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 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

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Karlen Honey and Holly Neckers
Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeters The Massing Family
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk
Nursery Anndrea and Lauren Dunnewold
Cameraperson Larry McCray
Sound Volunteer Jason Stapels

Shut in of the Week: Doris Michael at Corry Manor

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

Deacons report for January 17, 2016

General Fund \$ 2,362.00
Benevolent 800.00
Major Projects 230.00
Thanksgiving 500.00

Total Offering \$ 3,892.00

Attendance 125
Sunday School 84

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 \$9,918.00 and \$2,766.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 3 Sundays is \$9,133.00 in the General Fund and \$2,759.00 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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