

Abbe Reformed Church

First Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Be Exalted, O God* #5

*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways,
but according to our own.**

**We approve of violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power at the expense of others.
Forgive us, God.**

**Teach us your commandments;
help us to turn from evil in its many disguises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.**

**In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,
and be for us, once more and always,
our source of renewal and new life.
in Christ's name we pray. Amen**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Lenten Video *40 days*

Psalm 51

Hymn of Preparation *Freely, Freely* #447

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 see insert

Message *Lent 1: what are we giving up?* Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Song of Response *Christ is Risen*

Offering
Offertory *If That Isn't Love* Choir
*Doxology

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

Sending Song *Hosanna*

*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, Thelma Heil, Carole Holthouse, Sandy Koerselman, Tara Koerselman, Maxine Legters, Matthew Miller, Mary Schruers, Lois Schutt, Josie TenHuisen, 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 *Richard and Donna Swart* in Ethiopia, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Women's Ministries Meeting - Monday, February 15th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Lesson 24 in our study book.

Newsletter - Anything that is to be included in the March/April Newsletter needs to be turned in to the Office by Thursday of this week.

Membership Class

Pastors Kristen and Noah are beginning a new members class in the coming weeks. These classes are for youth or adults who are eager to respond to God's call to follow Jesus in the context of partnering more closely with the life and ministry of Abbe Church. The classes' schedule and meeting times will be decided once the class list is gathered. If you have any questions, please see either of the pastors!

Missionary Visit

David Alexander, one of the RCA missionaries we support, will be coming to visit us next week, February 21st! David & his wife, Char, are retiring from their longtime service to the Lord in Taiwan, and are traveling around thanking supporting churches. David will be with us here at Abbe and will be bringing God's word to us in preaching. He will also be giving a short presentation during the Sunday School hour telling us stories and answering questions about their ministry in Taiwan. We are so eager to welcome David to Clymer and to hear about the work the Holy Spirit has been doing across the world! Join us in welcoming David Alexander next Sunday!

New Pastor in Rochester Classis

Last weekend, Pastors Kristen and Noah participated in the installation of a new pastor in Rochester Classis, Rev. Steven Rodriguez. Pastor Steven has been called to Lakeview Community Church, a church just outside of Rochester. Some of you may remember that Pastor Steven visited us at Abbe a couple summers ago, and preached a good word to us here. Pastor Steven and his family are grateful to be called to join God's mission in the world in just three hours to the north of us! Join Rochester Classis in praying for a good transition for Lakeview and Pastor Steven as they discern God's will in partnership together.

American Heart Association *Heartsaver* CPR/AED course

Saturday, February 27th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Abbe Reformed Church fellowship hall.

Cost is \$15 for the class; a student workbook is available for an additional \$12.

Class size is limited, so please sign up early. Deadline for signing up is February 21st.

To sign up and/or for questions, please call: Dennis and Janet Heslink @ 355-4465.

EACH 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:

Monday - 1:30 PM - Women’s Ministries Meeting
Wednesday - 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 Natalie White and Callie Willink
Ushers Mark Summers and Duane Williams
Greeters Eric and Anndrea Dunnewold
Greeting Elder Trudy Williams
Nursery Tina Koerselman and Stephanie Jones
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
Sound Volunteer Sonya Shampoe

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Justin Massing and Michael Shampoe
Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
Greeters Judy Bensink and Dianne Einink
Greeting Elder Eleanor Aikens
Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink
Cameraperson Larry McCray
Sound Volunteer Jason Stapels

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Richard and Donna Swart in Ethiopia

VBS Save the Date – Are you ready to climb deep down into a dark cavern? Community VBS will be held **July 10-14**. The opening and closing of Cave Quest – “Following Jesus the Light of the World” will be held at the Abbe Reformed. Jesus always shines through the darkness! Please mark your calendars, so that no one misses out on the remarkable love that God and Jesus have for each of us! If you have any questions, please contact Willowe Neckers 355-6345, Louann Heslink 355-2510, Connie Rice 397-3488, Amy Woods 355-1008, Megan Heslink 450-0904.

Deacons report for February 7, 2016

General Fund \$ 3,165.00
Benevolent 1,065.00
Major Projects 225.00

Total Offering \$ 4,455.00

Attendance 115
Sunday School 83

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 \$19,836.00 and \$5,532.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 6 Sundays is \$18,115.52 in the General Fund and \$5,359.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Clymer-French Creek Free Library is having Movie Night on Friday, February 19 at 3:30 -5:10. All are welcome. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Any questions contact the library at (716) 355-8823.

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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