

Abbe Reformed Church

Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers* #???

*Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
we are your covenant people—
one church, drawn from all nations.
Our citizenship is in heaven.
Yet we confess, Lord, that we lose sight
of your kingdom and its ways.
The truth is,
we're usually more comfortable living by the world's rules
than as citizens of your kingdom.**

But you are calling all people to yourself.

**Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness.
Focus us on the cross and on the salvation
you give through him
who is the Lord and King and Judge of us all,
Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Psalm 27

Hymn of Preparation *Lamb of God*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 p. ???

Message *Mission when Expectations Clash* Dave Alexander

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Song of Response *This I Believe*

Offering
Offertory *Come Holy Spirit* Choir
*Doxology

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

Sending Song *Shine, Jesus Shine*

*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, Wayne and Capri TeCulver family, 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*, as they retire from their long time mission work in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Today is "BP Sunday". Please join us in the heritage room after the service to have your blood pressure checked today.

Missionary Visit

Today David Alexander, one of the RCA missionaries we support, will be taking part in our Morning Worship Service. 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 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!

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!

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.

Teens On Fire Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 27 @ Abbe 6 - 8pm

Kingdom Bound 2016 information is posted on the bulletin board coming into the Sanctuary. Please take a minute to look this over and contact Greg or Steph if you plan to attend this event July 20-23rd.

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.

Today:

10:15 AM - Morning Worship
Blood Pressure checked in Heritage Room following 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
Saturday - 9:00 AM - Noon - American Heart Association *Heartsaver*
CPR/AED course
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Teens On Fire at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS 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

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Jonathan Massing and Brant Willink
Ushers Larry Gustafson and Doug Whitmore
Greeters Tim and Brenda Rater
Greeting Elder Mark Summers
Nursery Donna Marbach and Linnel TeCroney
Cameraperson Josh Summers
Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

Shut in of the Week: Doris Michael at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: David and Charlene Alexander

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 14, 2016

General Fund \$ 3,048.00
Benevolent 520.00
Major Projects 100.00

Total Offering \$ 3,668.00

Attendance 116
Sunday School 79

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 \$23,142.00 and \$6,454.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 7 Sundays is \$21,163.52 in the General Fund and \$5,879.00 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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