

Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* #12

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit:
we confess to you and each other
that we often fail to receive this most precious gift.**

**We have been satisfied with ordinary things,
suspicious of unfamiliar things,
and blind to spiritual things.**

**Cleanse us, O God, with your holy fire,
and free us to move in the strength of your grace.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 63:1-8 / All Who Are Thirsty

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #259

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading **Genesis 2:4b-15** see insert

Message *Moved by the Spirit: Who and How* Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Saying What We Believe Heidelberg Q&A 53 see insert

Offering
Offertory *Breathe On Me* Choir
*Doxology

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

Sending Song *A New Hallelujah*

*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, Judy Willink and George Yaiko family*

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 *Dick and Carolyn Otterness* in Hungary as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Thank Yous:

We wish to thank everyone for prayers for us over the last months. It has been our "Life Line". Also thanks for the flowers, cards, Prayers & Squares Quilt, visits, and the NEAT clock from the Choir. We have been well covered and appreciate your love and concern! We are BLESSED with Jesus's leading and healing power and purposes in our lives that continues to manifest itself in "His Time". Love & Blessings, Wilbur & Jo VanEarden

To the churches of REACH

Thank you so much for the Valentine's gift of the pocket prayer cloth, the balloon and lotion. What a wonderful ministry that puts sunshine in the day of someone who does not get out very often. May God continue to bless all. Jean Trisket - Corry Manor

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!

Could whomever borrowed the two-wheeled hand cart from the food storage area please return the cart as soon as possible!

The REACH team will be meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Abbe sanctuary. The Abbe and Clymer Hill consistories are also invited to attend for our guest speaker presentation.

March 12th is the next **Prayers & Squares** work day, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Abbe Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun and fellowship! Even if you don't sew, we will find a job for you.

Teens On Fire Upcoming Dates:

March 12 at Clymer United Methodist Church 6:00 - 8:00 OM

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.

REACH 'n' Teach

Spring is almost here...the perfect time to be thinking about activity and health! Join us on *Sunday, March 13th* for our next REACH 'n' Teach session (during the Abbe SS). Pam Morton will be our guest speaker. You won't want to miss her presentation titled: GodFIT! Through scripture and stories she will motivate us to see that God expects us to take care of our bodies. She will provide basic ideas for simple ways to incorporate activity into our day. Come wearing loose fitting clothing and ready to do some short exercise movements.

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.

The Clymer United Methodist Church would like to invite you to a Community Movie Event.

Movie: Woodlawn

When: Sunday, March 20th

Time: Starts at 6:00pm

Where: Clymer UMC, 565 Clymer-Sherman Road...More information to follow.....

Today:

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

This Week:

Tuesday - 7:00 PM - REACH Team 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 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 TeCrony
Cameraperson Josh Summers
Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Karlen Honey and Holly Neckers
Ushers Phil Beckerink and Mark Honey
Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
Nursery Renee’ TeCulver and Laurie TeWinkle
Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
Sound Volunteer Willowe Neckers

Shut in of the Week: Carol Neckers at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Dick and Carolyn Otterness in Hungary

Easter Lilies: There is a sheet on the back table where you can sign up to purchase an Easter Lily. The cost will be \$9.00.

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 21, 2016

General Fund \$ 2,675.00
Benevolent 850.00
Major Projects 325.00

Total Offering \$ 3,850.00

Attendance 125
Sunday School 95

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 \$26,448.00 and \$7,376.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 8 Sundays is \$23,838.52 in the General Fund and \$6,729.00 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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