

Abbe Reformed Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Gathering Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #228

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
We struggle to do what is right.
We don't do the things that we want to do.**

**You know not only what we say, but also what we think.
You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.
You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves
because we are generous or good or responsible or smart.
But, truly, Lord, we are the ones who need to repent.**

O God, forgive, correct, and heal us.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your steady Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Chat

Song of Preparation *Freely, Freely* #447

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-6 p. 741

Message *Seek Ye First: Keeping Our Motives in Check* Candy Scarem

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Saying What We Believe

Offering
Offertory
*Doxology #625

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sending Song *Blessed Assurance* #345

*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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Pastors

Noah & Kristen – 716.355.8883
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Faith Community Nurse

Leanna Willink – 716.499.4163
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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: *Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Kathy Heine, Bernard Holmes, Carolyn Kaufmann, Sandy Koerselman, Maxine Legters, Gilbert Munger, Mike Rater, Billy Rick, Debbie TeCulver, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden and Ann Veal.*

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, the violence taking place in the cities in the U.S. and the cities around the world, for our President, for the upcoming November election, 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.

Pastors Noah and Kristen will be on vacation this week from July 25-31. Abbe's elders will be available for any pastoral care needs while the pastors are away. You can find their names on the back of the worship bulletin.

We welcome Candy Scarem to our pulpit this morning and ask that God will bless our worship together.

Do you have a passion for Christian education and children? Do you feel God calling you to serve in a new way this year?

If so, the Wee Care Christian Preschool Board would like you to consider joining us! We are looking for an Abbe member to fill the Chairperson officer position; responsibilities include: setting board meeting agendas, presiding over board meetings, and guiding execution of preschool events. Please see Laurie Holthouse or Amanda Stapels for additional information or any questions. Thank you for praying about this opportunity and allowing the preschool to continue on the road to success!

Beth Moore Simulcast

Abbe Reformed Church is excited to serve as a host church for the Beth Moore Living Proof Simulcast! Beth will be joined by Worship Leader Travis Cottrell as the live event from Chicago, IL is streamed around the world. We hope you will join us for this inspiring one-day event!

WHEN: Saturday, September 17, 2016

WHERE: Abbe Reformed Church (595 Clymer-Sherman Road, Clymer, NY)

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. (*doors open at 9:30 a.m., event begins at 10:30 a.m.*)

COST: \$15.00 – includes event ticket and lunch

Please complete the registration form (can be accessed online at: <http://abbereformedchurch.org/beth-moore-simulcast>), include \$15.00 (*checks payable to Abbe Reformed Church*) and return to the following address by **September 10th**:

Leanna Willink 1180 Redding Rd., Clymer, NY 14724

QUESTIONS? Contact one of the following Event Coordinators:

Amanda Stapels (716) 969-2595

Amanda Willink (716) 450-6483

Leanna Willink (716) 499-4163

To help with summer plans, below is a list of volunteers for each Sunday School hour. You are welcome to switch around if necessary. Thank you for helping our faithful Sunday School leaders.

July 31 Carrie and Randy Shampoe

August 7 Mary and Brian Jantzi

August 14 Cheryl and Kate Honey

August 21 Stephanie and Ryan Jones

August 28th will be a normal Sunday School Class

September 4th outdoor service and Rally Day

September 11th New Year will begin

Today:

- 9:30 AM - Prayer Time
- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM - Sunday School
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study

This Week:

Thursday -1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

- Acolytes Trent Shampooe and Porter Willink
- Ushers Mark Summers and Duane Williams
- Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
- Greeting Elder Mark Summers
- Nursery Linnel TeCrony and Chelsea Howden
- Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
- Sound Volunteer Jason Stapels

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

- Acolytes Natalie White and Callie Willink
- Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
- Greeters Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
- Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
- Nursery Willowe Neckers and Karen Bensink
- Cameraperson Larry McCray
- Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken in Corry Manor

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

Deacons report for July 24, 2016

General Fund	\$	1,905.00
Benevolent		510.00
Major Projects		55.00
 Total Offering	\$	 2,470.00

Attendance	102
Sunday School	31

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 \$99,180.00 and \$27,660.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 30 Sundays is \$85,225.37 in the General Fund and \$24,160.00 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!

Church Address: PO Box 249
595 Clymer-Sherman Rd.
Clymer, NY 14724

Pastors Noah & Kristen Livingston:
PO Box 272
Clymer, NY 14724



SHINE! Color 5K and Youth Dash

- What:** “SHINE! Color 5K” Race (bike, walk, or run) and Youth Dash
- When:** Saturday, September 10th, 2016
- Where:** Race begins at Abbe Reformed Church (595 Clymer-Sherman Rd.) and course is throughout the scenic town of Clymer.
- Time:** Registration: 8:00-8:45am - 5K 9:00am - Youth dash: 10:00am
- Cost:** \$12 if registered by August 21st (guaranteed a t-shirt) or \$15 on race day
Youth Dash: \$7
- Sponsored by:** REACH Ministry of Abbe and Clymer Hill Reformed Churches and Compass Ministry. Proceeds to benefit ministries of REACH (prayer quilts, prayer shawls, college care packages, gift cards, sunshine baskets, baptism and graduate afghans, etc.).
- How to join the fun:** Round up your family and friends and prepare to get your SHINE on with lots of color! Participants may bike, walk or run. This is an untimed FUN family event. Pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt. Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/reachhealthministry
Registration forms can be found at area churches and online at: abbereformedchurch.org and whatisyourcompass.org
- Questions:** Contact: Leanna Willink @ 355-6460 or Willowe Neckers @ 355-6345

The following is a response to a note that was emailed to Jeff and Chelsea Lampen this past week:

Linda!

It was absolutely wonderful to hear from you!

Thank you so much for messaging and praying for us! We love you and Abbe Reformed so much! Thank you, also for updating us on how Abbe is doing - what a great experience for the young people :D. I guess when we visit again we will have to play on the shuffleboard!

We've had a good past few weeks: I have helped kick off a summer reading program for local children and am continuing to get ready for students to come from the States in a few weeks. We said goodbye to a group of 8 students from Long Island who were studying with us for a time. Jeff had the chance to attend a training in a town around 4-5 hours north from where we live, and in about another couple weeks he will help with another training for a group of priests and religion teachers that's around 3 hours away. In the meantime, we're working on updating our visa paperwork for the upcoming year, while continuing our usual work of curriculum development. Jeff was able to preach at a baptist church yesterday morning with the help of their pastor, with whom we are quite good friends. Though Jeff's IMPACT club (a middle school youth group that meets at a local church) is on break for the summer, we are planning a trip to the high ropes course that is operated by our organization on the mountain just south of town.

Some of our best co-worker friends here - Felipe and Janelle Silva - are 1-2 weeks away from the birth of their first child, so we're keeping them very close in prayer! There are also a high number of international trainings scheduled for my co-workers to take part in during September and October, including with the Young Life organization in Czech Republic; however, at that time we Lampens will be back in the States for my sister's wedding in Iowa. Speaking of weddings, Jeff and I get to celebrate our fifth anniversary in just a couple of weeks (August 6), and we're really looking forward to that! And it is Lorelei's 3rd birthday on August 5th!

Thanks for listening to me ramble! It's really fun for us to be able to update our friends on what life here in Romania is looking like at any given time. If there's anything that is on the hearts and minds of people at Abbe and you would appreciate for us to share it with our Bible study group here, that we might pray for you, please let us know!

Grace, peace, and love!!!

Chelsea