

# The By-Line

The Newsletter of  
The First Presbyterian Church of Manteno  
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Pastor Chrystal Abbott



## In Our Prayers

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:*

Les Bedore, Linda & Steve Garrison,  
Rosanna Grant, Jerry Hawkins, Virginia Michael,  
Danny Hendrickson, Donna Kiedaisch, Norma Smith,  
Michael Klipp, Mary King,  
Betty Stettka, Mary Ella Farrell, Mavis Koch,  
Lisa Soderquist, Amy Blair, Martha Moran.

Please call the church office or Pastor Chrystal's cell phone at 815-450-7337 if someone has been hospitalized. Additionally, the Prayer Chain is available for your joys and concerns by contacting Margaret Klipp at 815-468-7586.

## Something from the Pastor

Our summer break is over and we are starting back to our regular schedule. The choir is starting rehearsals and will be wowing us again beginning at our Sept. 11th worship service. Game night starts Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and our committee meetings and pot luck dinners begin Sept. 11th. Exercise classes start up next month along with confirmation classes. Sunday school will be starting up again with a new curriculum, but we are in desperate need of

teachers. Since we will again be having Sunday school during worship, it would be ideal to have enough teachers to rotate Sundays so they would only be missing part of the service once a month. If choir members are interested in helping our youth, it is possible to change the Choral Anthem to before the scripture readings. Also, if we do not have any children in the nursery, Grace Duggan has agreed to be an aide to the teacher. It is very important for our youth to know the Lord and have a good foundation to build on. This will help them stay on the right path as they grow up in an ever changing world. If you are interested please contact either myself or Joe Snyder, the chair of the Education Committee.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Chrystal

## Coming Up in September Worship

- ❖ **Sept 4** – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Communion
- ❖ **Sept 11** – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **Sept 18** – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **Sept 25** – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

## Additional Church Events in September

**Sept 11** – Committee meetings, potluck,  
& ENERGY 12-1pm

**Sept 15** - Council Meeting 5:30pm

It's time to Celebrate!

Happy  
Birthday!

Sept 5	David Conrad
Sept 6	Gene Mark
Sept 11	Chrystal Abbott & Lisa Hassett
Sept 14	Ron Meyer
Sept 16	Alberto Causing
Sept 20	Linda Viall
Sept 23	Jordan Graves
Sept 25	Paul Snyder
Sept 29	Cole Saathoff



Sept 9	Walter & Cis Mirich
Sept 10	Gene & Bonnie Mark



## Youth News

### Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

- ❖ Sunday, Sept. 11  
Regular Meeting at the church  
12:00-1:00pm

## Family Game Night

Friday, Sept. 9

6:00 pm

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

We will not be offering a dinner

item this year but you are still

encouraged to bring your favorite light snacks and

desserts to share with everyone. After a bit of

fellowship, **let the games begin!!** Games for all ages

will be available. So come, munch, and join in the

fun and fellowship.

**Please join us and bring your family and friends!**



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Yoga has been suspended until the fall.



Bettering the Body has been suspended  
until the fall.



## Men's Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13

6:55-8:55pm

Manteno Nazarene Church

698 N Locust, Manteno

(enter double doors on NE Side)

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**Presbyterian Women  
in the  
Presbytery of Blackhawk Events**

*2016 PWP Fall Gathering  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016  
Waltham Presbyterian Church  
Utica, IL  
10am-2:30pm  
Cost is \$8*



**Women Hold Up Half the Sky**

**Leadership Getaway**

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, IL

9:30am-4pm

Mission Project.

Aunt Mary's Storybook Project

Questions? Contact Nadine Hill

317-644-1124 or [hillgrove@outlook.com](mailto:hillgrove@outlook.com)



**Women Disaster Preparation Training**

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

8am-5pm

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, IL

Application is required.

Contact Beth Snyder

[Beth.Snyder@pcusa.org](mailto:Beth.Snyder@pcusa.org)

888-728-7228 ext.5806

*News from Stronghold*

*A Note from Dr. Danny Peirce, Stronghold Director*

As the busy season of the 2016 Summer Camp comes to a close here at Stronghold, I want to reach out and thank pastors, parents, youth and congregations for supporting our camp ministry. Through God's grace, numbers are trending upward as we had 305 youth and adults participate in summer camp programs here at Stronghold. Add in the 12 Traveling Day Camp sites (5 first time locations) and that adds another 419 children to bring our 2016 total to just over 720 individuals that experienced the influence and power of Stronghold Camp Ministry.

We are reaching out to touch the future in ways we cannot always fully understand in the moment. We continually hear of how much Stronghold experiences impact lives in nurturing individual relationships with the love of Jesus Christ. As we move into the future, we continue to need your continued support of prayers, creating and attending events, programs, and camps, gifts of time and talent, and financial giving to sustain the ministry so dear to us all.

I serve at the blessing of God, and if I can be of service in any way, please contact me at [danny@strongholdcenter.org](mailto:danny@strongholdcenter.org) or 815.732.6111 ext. 608.

*Can you support Stronghold?*

In the past several months, our heavy-duty pick-up truck that we use to plow the hill took its last, stuttering breath. Without a replacement or some major repair work Stronghold maintenance staff will not be able to plow the hill this winter for our staff and guests to make it up the hill.

Can you help? Do you have a heavy-duty, four wheel drive pick-up that you can part with? Or can you (or your organization) help us purchase a replacement truck? OR.... Do you have a \$100 gift that, when put with 29 other \$100 gifts, can get our pick-up repaired for another year or two of service?

If you can help please contact Dr. Danny Peirce, our new Executive Director via email ([danny@strongholdcenter.org](mailto:danny@strongholdcenter.org)) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 608 or you can contact John Mecklenburg via email ([mecklenburg1@comcast.net](mailto:mecklenburg1@comcast.net)) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 602.

*Save the Dates!!*

## Labor Day Weekend Family Fun Day and 5K

On **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, come to Stronghold for Free Frisbee Golf, Free GaGa, Free Volleyball and Free Castle Tours! The pool will also be open for swimming at \$5 per person. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cross Country 5k will start at 9am for runners and 10am for walkers- you can even bring your dog! This event will tour most of Stronghold's beautiful facility, over hills and under the tree canopy. It starts near Brubaker Center and ends in the Castle Courtyard!

What a wonderful way to enjoy family time during the holiday weekend! Come and enjoy your last dose of camp of the season!

Questions? Please Email Chris Busker ([chris@strongholdcenter.org](mailto:chris@strongholdcenter.org)) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 607

## Open Challenge Course

Please join us on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our open challenge course between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person for the Leap of Faith **OR** the Swing by Choice (also known as the Giant Swing.) \$18 per person will get you both the leap of faith **AND** the giant swing. Please meet at Brubaker for registration for this event. All participants must be at least 10 years of age or older and participants under the age of 18 will require consent from their parent/guardian. Questions? Please email Ryan Anderson ([ryan@strongholdcenter.org](mailto:ryan@strongholdcenter.org)) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 609.

## Stories in the Castle

Stories in the Castle will return on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Stories will have a renaissance theme to tie in with the Olde English Faire (**October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**). Stories will start at 5:00pm and a special activity will take place immediately following the stories.

Questions? Please email Richard Simpson ([richard@strongholdcenter.org](mailto:richard@strongholdcenter.org)) or call 815 732 6111 ext. 606

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## September Recipe

*I love recipes that allow you to interchange ingredients but still remains delicious.*

*This is one of them.*

## Autumn Chopped Salad

### Ingredients

- 6 to 8 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 2 medium pears, and/or apples chopped, and/or 1 cup of red grapes cut in half
- 1 cup dried cranberries or craisens
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 8 slices thick-cut bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled
- 4 to 6 oz. feta, goat, or blue cheese, crumbled
- Poppy Seed Salad Dressing (like T. Marzetti)
- Balsamic Vinaigrette (like Newman's Own Light Balsamic Vinaigrette)
- Chopped cooked chicken if you would like it to be a meal.

### Instructions:

On a large platter, combine all the ingredients. Drizzle with poppy seed dressing, followed by some of the balsamic vinaigrette. (70% Poppy seed/30% Balsamic dressing is a good combination) until ingredients are coated. Feel free to experiment with the combination and the amount of the dressing. It is a matter of personal taste.



## Facts about September

- Autumnal Equinox 2016, also known as the first day of fall. Thursday, September 22, @ 9:21am. On the two equinoxes every year the Sun shines directly on the Equator and the length of day and night is nearly equal.
- The Continental Congress changed the name of the United Colonies to the United States on September 9, 1776.
- My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something" (Groucho Marx).

## Sunday Worship Services

Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship	10:30 am

Children's Church beginning at 10:45 am  
Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am

## Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield

John Hassett

Donna Kiedaisch

Lois Meyer

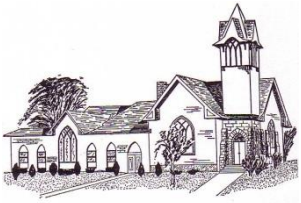
Joe Snyder

John Tamblyn

Clerk of Council – Georgann Butterfield

**Our next Council meeting will be**

**Sept 15, 5:30pm.**



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