



The By-Line

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

February 2015

Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield

John Hassett

Wayne Pinnow

Lois Meyer

Carol Snyder

John Tamblyn

Clerk of Council - Carol Snyder

Next Council Meeting will be
Thursday, February 19th, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

*There will be service held on Ash
Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 at 6:00 pm*

Sunday Worship Services

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship 10:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School During worship services
immediately following "A Time For Children"

Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am

Something from the Pastor

Well the basement has been "waterproofed". It took two days of jack-hammering, cutting cement, laying pipes and gravel, and re-cementing along with putting moisture barriers on the walls. It was noisy and messy but the mess has been cleaned up and it is done.

Someone asked me why we were spending money on a space that we really do not use and the answer is three fold: One - we are a designated shelter area for the elementary school should they need to evacuate. Two- we need a safe shelter area if we should need it for ourselves. And Three - the basement and its walls are the foundation to our building. If it is leaky, it will start to fail and we will have major issues for our whole building. After spending money to enlarge and renovate the building it is only good stewardship to make sure that they are built on a firm foundation. Do you see where I am going here? The whole church of our Lord depends on a firm foundation, and that foundation, as the song says, is Jesus Christ our Lord. So let us all make sure that we all are good stewards of what our Lord has entrusted us with and spend the time and resources we need to make sure that our foundation in Him is well maintained and firm, both as a whole and personally. For having firm foundation in the Lord is our shelter from the storms of life and it shouldn't be leaky either.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chrystal



In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Les & Betty Bedore, Art Brown,
Linda & Steve Garrison,
Rosanna Grant, Jerry Hawkins,
Virginia Michael, Bob Perkins,
Norma Smith

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.

Coming Up in February



Living Right and

Loving Life

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm

Join us for a night of Yoga. It is a beginner's level exercise, mainly for the baby boomer age group. No cost, commitment or sign-up required. No matter whoever shows up, we will exercise. Exercise at your own risk.

Please contact Carol Snyder for more information.



Bettering the Body

Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Pastor Chrystal Abbott is leading an exercise group that will be stretching, toning, and working those muscles. This is an aerobic workout, but allows participants to work at their own pace. This is an adult class (high school and older) so invite your friends. No cost, commitment or sign-up required! Remember, workout at your own risk.

There is also a designated walking route within the church that will be available for use.



Family Game Night

Friday, February 13th at 6:00 pm
Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

We will start dinner at 6:00 (the entrée is provided, please bring a side, snack, or dessert) and then we will follow with games for all ages. Paul Snyder has been acting as our "Game Master" and has introduced us to some new fun and intriguing games.

Please come and bring your family and friends!



Thursday, February 19th at 11:00 am

A light lunch will be served.

Everyone is welcome! Remember this is to be an outreach program for the community - so invite your friends.

This month will feature be Linda Viall on a hiking trip in the mountains.

Still Growing

We have been joined by 8 new members in the last 18 months!

Thank you to Nick Saathoff, John and Megan Tamblyn, Samantha Tamblyn, Emilie Tamblyn, Al Young, Jen Grill, and Chloe Blair for choosing our congregation to join.

Interfaith Food Pantry

Remember, when you're out doing your shopping, that we are trying to gather food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. There is a shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off any nonperishable good.

Every little bit helps!



Check It Out

Don't forget to check out the west entrance bulletin board and be sure bring in those articles and pictures! Samantha Tamblyn will be keeping the board updated. See her or Carol if you have anything that you would like added to the board.

The Church is getting a new home page on the internet. Be sure to keep an eye out for the updated site. It will be a nice and easy way to stay up to date on what's happening at the church.

Emilie Tamblyn as agreed to help start a youth group for the church. This group will be for younger members of the congregation as well as any outside youth who are interested in joining.

February Worship

- **Feb 1st** - The 4th Sunday after Epiphany/ Holy Communion.
- **Feb 8th** - The 5th Sunday after Epiphany.
- **Feb 15th** - The Transfiguration of the Lord.
- **Feb 18th** - Ash Wednesday Service.
- **Feb 22nd** - The 1st Sunday of Lent.



It's time to Celebrate!

February Birthdays

Feb. 1 Donna Hilsenhoff

Feb. 12 Allison Tamblyn

Feb. 18 Gordon St. John

February Anniversary's

Feb. 14 Ron & Lois Meyer

Feb. 28 Tom & Chrystal Ronchetti

