



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,
Jerry Hawkins, Norma Smith,
Betty Stettka, Rosanna Grant, Sue Wenzelman,
Art Brown, & Hildath Lawrence

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 joy and concerns by contacting Margaret Klipp at 815-468-7586.

Something from the Pastor

September is here, and we are starting off with a whole bunch of new possibilities. We are calling a congregational meeting for September 16th to discuss and vote on exploring the possibility of merging our church and the Presbyterian Church of Peotone.

This vote would just be a beginning of a process that could end up giving a new life to our ministries and our church family. It has been amazing watching the way's God has led us up to this point and with his grace and love and I am excited to see how he leads

us onward. God is good! So, let us follow his leading with the love and grace of children of God. In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

September Worship

- ❖ **September 2** – 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Communion
- ❖ **September 9** – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **September 16** – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **September 23** – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **September 30** – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Additional Church Events in September

September 2 – No FAB this week

September 9 – Sunday school starts
No FAB this week

September 11 – Presbytery is in Morrison, IL

September 16 – Congregational Meeting

September 18 – Council meeting, 5pm

The Calling of a Congregational Meeting

September 16th immediately following the service we have called a congregational meeting with the purpose of discussing and voting on exploring the possibility of a merger between the First Presbyterian Church of Manteno and The First Presbyterian Church of Peotone. During this meeting we will also elect three members to form a negotiating team with three members from Peotone to further explore what a merger would consist of. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chrystal or one of our session members.

Potluck is back

Following the Congregational meeting on Sept 16th we start back our monthly church potluck's and Committee Meetings. This month the church will be providing Italian Beef, so please bring a side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.



Plastic Cap Collection

We are collecting plastic caps for the Cavalier Cap Challenge which provides recycled benches for KCC through Green Tree Plastics.



Acceptable clean, plastic caps & lids:

Medicine bottle caps

Drink bottle & Milk jug caps

Flip-top caps

Detergent caps

Hair Spray & Spray Paint caps

Toothpaste & Ointment tube caps

Deodorant caps

Caps with recycle #s 2, 4, & 5

Cottage cheese, cool whip, yogurt, cream cheese, & butter tub lids

Mayonnaise & Peanut Butter jar lids

Coffee Can lids

Ice Cream lids less than 8 inches

*Prescription bottles with **labels removed***

No metal, plastic bags, food containers, bottles, Soap/lotion pumps, or fast food drink lids.



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



Sept 10 Gene & Bonnie Mark

Floral Needs

Carol needs containers for Sunday arrangements! If you have any smallish, relatively shallow flower containers, please consider donating them to the church. Just bring them to the kitchen. Thanks!



Living Right and Loving Life

Exercise Schedule

FAB

Flexibility & Balance
Tuesdays & Thursday
9:30am



Remember, everyone exercises at their own risk and all bettering your body exercise classes are free. Also, these programs are geared for the high school and older age group and that they are not just for our members . . . Invite your friends!



The altar flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board. Just write your name next to the date and don't forget to note who or why you are memorializing or celebrating. You can include your \$25 in an envelope placed in the offering plate with your name and what it is for. Be sure to bring the beautiful floral arrangement home to enjoy.

Please return the container to the church kitchen when you are finished with it.

Manteno Food Pantry Collection

September 2 – Hot and Cold Breakfast Cereal

September 9 – Canned fruits & vegetables (light syrup) (low sodium)

September 16 – Canned & dried soup packages

September 23 – Pasta and Pasta Sauces

September 30 – Toilet paper, soap, dish soaps, sponges, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc.

****Please leave in the cart at back of church.**

Sunday School Teacher's Needed!

Sunday school will begin on September 9th and we are still looking for one or two more people to take a week of the month and volunteer to teach Sunday school. If you are interested, please contact Joe Snyder or Pastor Chrystal



Letters To An American Lady

By C.S. Lewis

This is not technically a book by C. S. Lewis. This is, as the title says, a series of letters from Mr. Lewis and an unidentified American woman - her identity kept secret per her request. The letters were not written to form a book. They were written between an author and one of his fans over about 13 years. For whatever reason, these two people, who never met, kept a dialogue going purely because their writing and their thoughts interested each other.

What this book does for those of us reading it, is to give us a much better understanding of the kind of man Mr. Lewis was. Not the kind of writer he was but the type of man he was. Although many of the letters spoke of God, faith and the Bible, most of the content was about daily life and how Mr. Lewis saw life.

This was an interesting way to learn about the most famous author, C.S. Lewis.

Submitted by Carol Snyder

September Recipe

Simple Macaroni and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1 (8oz) box of elbow macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Ground black pepper to taste



1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook elbow macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally until cooked through but firm to the bite, 8 minutes. Drain.
 2. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat; stir in flour, salt, and pepper until smooth, about 5 minutes. Slowly pour milk into butter-flour mixture while continuously stirring until mixture is smooth and bubbling, about 5 minutes. Add Cheddar cheese to milk mixture and stir until cheese is melted, 2 to 4 minutes.
 3. Fold macaroni into cheese sauce until coated.
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Sunday Worship Service

Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship	10:30 am
Children's Church beginning at 10:45 am (September thru May only)	
Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am	

Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield, Paul Koch
Joe Snyder, Lois Meyer, John Tamblyn
Clerk of Council – Donna Kiedaisch



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