



# The By-Line

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

## May 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

\*Home Communion will be given on  
Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am\*

### 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

This past month we have been celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. We began with Easter Sunday, and we will continue in the Easter season this month until Pentecost on May 24th. This Season of the Resurrection and what it means has been ever poignant as I suddenly lost my dad the day before Holy Week began, and then the loss of Phyllis Raymond and Bob Perkins the following days.

The day my dad died he was helping me with my ministry telling me that "What will be - will be, and that God will get me through". It has not only been the Lord helping us through, but each of you. We are told that our trials and tough times make us stronger. This season has shown just how strong we are together as the church of our Risen Lord.

What will be, will be - that is so true, and through this time of being what it is, I know without a doubt that we can come through anything with each other and with our Lord walking with us. We are all so blessed to have to the love and devotion of each other in our lives. Let us all remember to give thanks to our Lord for all he has done for us and for giving us each other to help us through all our times, fun times and hard times.

So this season and beyond, let us continue to celebrate and live in the joy that our Lord has risen from the dead, and that through his rising, our loved ones have also risen.

He is not dead, He has risen. They are not dead, they have risen. Alleluia.

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, Norma Smith, Betty Stetka, Amy Blair, Wayne Abbott

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.

### Donations & Memorials

It was approved by the council members to donate \$1000 to Stronghold in memory of Rev. Dr. Al Abbott.

The Perkins family and Abbott families have both shared their *Thank You* wishes with the church. All families are thankful for the generous gifts, support, donations, thoughts and prayers.

## Coming Up in May

### May Worship

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - Day of Pentecost, Communion
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Trinity Sunday, Communion



### It's time to Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

May 1<sup>st</sup> - John Hassett

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Dale Blanchette & David Koch

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Rosanna Grant & Krista Carlile

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Mitchell Wilson

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Dorothy Hendrickson

### Anniversaries

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Betty & Jim Adkins



### 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.



### Check It Out

Pastor Chrystal Abbott will be on vacation starting June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup>. The choir members have agreed to plan and run the service Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The last Sunday of Sunday School will be by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Assisting a community family in need, year round, was discussed in the council meeting. Lois Meyer has offered to contact and work with the school's social worker to find an appropriate family.

A donation of \$500 will be given to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Fund to assist relief measures following the recent tornado in Rochelle.

### Choir

*New Horizons Band* will be performing on the Campus of Olivet Nazarene University Monday, **May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** There is an admission price of \$5. The proceeds will be donated to the Bradley Lions Club. Show your support for choir members David Conrad, Mike Snyder & Carol Snyder as they perform in the band.



## 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, May 8th 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!**

## National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. A prayer service will be held at the Christian Church of Manteno from 7pm until 8pm. The church is located at 401 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Manteno, IL.

## Potluck & Committee Meetings

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> after services**

We need your valuable ideas and comments! You only need to bring yourself! This month's meeting has been pushed back a week due to Mother's Day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The church will be providing the main dish each month. If you wish to bring something, please add a side or a dessert.



**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Linda Viall and her trip hiking trip through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Would you like to be a presenter and share your experience with others? Contact Carol Snyder;

[vonsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:vonsnyder@comcast.net)

## Youth News

There has been talk the last few months about starting a Youth group. Well, the talking is done and the date is set! We will have our first Youth Group meeting following the Committee Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A brief lesson will be taught by Pastor Chrystal and then an activity led by Carol Snyder will follow. The group is open to all youth, 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, and friends are welcome to join!

This summer we will be hosting a Traveling Day Camp, sponsored by Stronghold, in place of our usual Vacation Bible School. There is still fundraising to be done, such as the Bake Sale Auction. The date of the bake sale is TBA. More information regarding the camp will be coming soon. It will, however, be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> between 9-3.

## Baccalaureate

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

The senior class at Manteno High School are preparing to graduate which mean it is time to attend Baccalaureate. This year it will be hosted by St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Manteno. The date and time is listed above.

