



The By-Line

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

March 2015

Church Council Members

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

*The Children's Easter Program will be on
Palm Sunday at 10:30 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

He forgave all our sin. He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

Once again we are in the season of Lent; a season for reflection on our lives and the repentance of our sins. While this is a somber time of the year, we must remember that in 40 days of the Lent season we don't count Sundays because we are Easter people; People who know that Christ died for our sins, and he rose again so that we can be forgiven for our sins. So while this is a somber season, let us reflect and repent but let us also remember to celebrate Christ's sacrifice and what it means to our lives. And let us live in, and for, the glory of Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chrystal



In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

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

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 March



Living Right & Loving Life

Every Tuesday 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.

Easter Morning Breakfast

Join us for breakfast and fellowship before Easter service. The meal will be provided and begin 9:00 am. We hope to see you there!



Bettering the Body

Every Thursday 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, March 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, March 19^h 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 is a Field trip to the One Room Schoolhouse at Governor Small State Park.



Food for Thought

We are collecting nonperishable goods for the food pantry here in town; Interfaith Food Pantry.

There is a shopping cart located in the sanctuary which you can drop off anything you are looking to donate.

Please keep others in mind while you are shopping; every little bit helps.

Potluck & Committee Meetings

Sunday, March 8th after services

We need your valuable ideas and comments! You only need to bring yourself! The church will be providing the main dish each month. If you wish to bring something, please add a side or a dessert.



Check It Out

John Hassett, on behalf of the Mission Committee, reported that 85 of our old

hymnals have been shipped to a church in the Philippines which could not afford to purchase their own.

Pastor Chrystal will be traveling to Greece June 6th and will return June 18th. The trip is sponsored by a Presbyterian church in Rockford. This trip will allow her to travel in the steps of Paul.

Office hours are 9:00 AM until Noon every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

March Worship

- **March 1st** – The 2nd Sunday of Lent
- **March 8th** – The 3rd Sunday of Lent
- **March 11th** – Mid-Lent
- **March 15th** – The 4th Sunday of Lent
- **March 22nd** – The 5th Sunday of Lent
- **March 29th** – Palm Sunday/ Holy Week Begins



It's time to Celebrate!

March Birthdays

- Mar. 2** **Emilie Tamblyn**
- Mar. 8** **Gina Blanchette**
- Mar. 9** **Diane Johnson**
- Mar. 10** **Peter Viall**
- Mar. 11** **Chloe Blair & Sue Wenzelman**
- Mar. 12** **Betty Bedore**
- Mar. 13** **Bonnie Mark**
- Mar 16** **Jim Adkins**

March Anniversary's

- Mar. 18** **Art & Diane Johnson**

