



The By-Line

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

April 2016



In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

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

Happy Easter!! Even though the day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ was last month, this month is still Easter. Easter is more than a day; it should be a lifelong celebration for Christians. It is because of the love of God for us, that he sent his Son to come and die so that his sacrificial blood could cover our sins. But if it were not for the resurrection of Christ, we could not celebrate in our resurrection and eternal life with God. So always remember to give thanks, celebrate, and shout Alleluia. For it is because of Easter we can live forever in the love of our God of love. Alleluia and happy Easter!
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

Coming Up in April Worship

- ❖ **April 3rd** – 2nd Sunday of Easter
 - John Tamblyn in the pulpit
- ❖ **April 10th** – 3rd Sunday of Easter
- ❖ **April 17th** – 4th Sunday of Easter
 - Communion***
- ❖ **April 24th** – 5th Sunday of Easter
 - Youth Sunday

*****Please note Communion has been changed to April 17.**

Additional Church Events in April

- April 8th** – Game Night, 6:00pm
- April 10th** – Energy Meets, 12-1:00pm
- April 21st** – Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Sunday, May 29th will be the last day of Sunday School and the 3rd grade Bible presentation.



Youth News

Energy's spring project will be planting boxes for Heritage Woods. Dale and Dan Blanchette will make two raised planters: one at wheelchair height and one for gardeners who are more comfortable standing. John Hassett will assist the youth group with the flower planting.

Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

❖ Sunday, April 10 12:00-1:00pm

Family Game Night

Friday, April 8
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. This Month we will be having a **Taco Bar**. So come and eat and join in the fun and fellowship.

Please join us and bring your family and friends!



The Lawrence Family would like to invite everyone to an Open House in celebration of the 100th Birthday of Hildath Lawrence.

It will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 11:30 til 2:00 PM at the Manteno Presbyterian Church.

Contact Lois Meyer for any further questions.

It's time to Celebrate!



April 12	Hildath Lawrence
April 19	Megan Tambyn
April 21	Virginia Michael, Bonnie Pearce
April 23	Martha Moran



Yoga & Bettering the Body have been suspended until the fall.

Did You KNOW ?



Do you know the role that inventor Cyrus McCormick (yes, that Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the mechanized reaper) played in the construction of our church in 1859?

We first have to go back to how Charles A. Spring (1800-1892), a leader in the 1859 First Presbyterian Church of Manteno, came to be in Manteno. He originally was active in the Presbyterian churches of Rock Island and Sterling. By 1850, his farm in Rock Island was 100 acres but in 1851 the Spring family relocated to Chicago where he founded a shoe business. *(Hmmm. Anyone know why they left their farm and moved to Chicago? Seems like a good story there.)*

During his time in Chicago, Charles Spring began a close friendship with Cyrus McCormick (1809-1884). McCormick was also the primary benefactor of what became the McCormick Theological Seminary, now part of the University of Chicago. Both McCormick and Spring were instrumental in relocating the seminary to Chicago from Indiana at the beginning of the Civil War. McCormick later wrote that Spring should be credited with founding the seminary, due to his active work in securing land and donations for the project. *(That is interesting since there is no mention of Spring on the School's 'Our History' webpage.)* Spring also served on the seminary's board of directors for 17 years.

Anyways.... By 1858, most of the Spring family resumed farming and relocated to Manteno. Only Spring's oldest son, Charles A. Spring, Jr., stayed in Chicago, where he became a close advisor and plant manager for Cyrus McCormick.

To Be Continued in May's Byline
along with the history of the church itself.
Submitted by Dave Conrad



April Recipe Strawberry Shortcake

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds strawberries, stemmed & quartered
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream

Directions:

Mix strawberries with 3 tablespoons sugar and refrigerate while juices develop, at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, remaining 2 tablespoons sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Add heavy cream and mix until just combined. Place mixture in an ungreased 8-inch square pan and bake until golden, 18 to 20 minutes.

Remove shortcake from pan and place on a rack to cool slightly. Cut into 6 pieces and split each piece in half horizontally.

Spoon some of the strawberries with their juice onto each shortcake bottom. Top with a generous dollop of whipped cream and then the shortcake top. Spoon more strawberries over the top and serve.

Do you have a recipe you would like to share? Just leave it in the office, send it to the church c/o Julie or email it to:
administrator@firstpresmanteno.org

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

April 21, 5:30pm.



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