



# The By-Line

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

## July 2015

### Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield  
John Hassett  
Wayne Pinnow  
Lois Meyer  
Carol Snyder  
John Tamblyn  
Clerk of Council - Carol Snyder

There is no Council meeting for the month  
of July.

\*Home Communion will be given on  
Thursday, August 5<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 is out of session for the  
Summer. Have a wonderful vacation!

Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am

### Something from the Pastor

Summer has arrived in a blast of heat, humidity, rain and storms, and while you might not care for this weather, if you just wait, someday the weather will be just the way you like it. We all have different likes and dislikes, and while we know some of them, there are many things that we think we like or dislike, but really don't know. There is a commercial for Silk Almond milk where the little almond is talking to a man; trying to get the man to try this different milk, but the guy won't try it because he doesn't know what it will taste like. He already made up his mind that he probably won't like it, because it was different, even though he didn't really know that he wouldn't like it or not. So many of us fall into that trap with food, entertainment, people, places, and even church. We don't like something or want to try something new because we know we won't like it, even though we really don't know. We need to keep our minds open, we need to keep ourselves open to new things and try them before we decide if we like them or not. While we have taken summer vacations on many of our programs, we will soon bring them back and are looking to try some different groups, and different things here. Some we may like, while some we may not, but we have to be open to at least trying them. Cause who knows we may be like Mikey and like it, really like it. Being a church means being so many different things to many different people, but yet we are called to come together a one family of God. So keep an open mind, you might be surprised at what you really might like.

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, 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.

## Coming Up in July

### July Worship

- July 6<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion
- July 12<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- July 19<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- July 26<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### It's time to Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Edna Allain  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> - Norma Smith  
 July 7<sup>th</sup> - Jolene Hayes  
 July 9<sup>th</sup> - Ainsley Martin  
 July 12<sup>th</sup> - Kris Hilsenhoff  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> - Art Brown  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jaelyn Dixon  
 July 24<sup>th</sup> - Joe Snyder  
 July 29<sup>th</sup> - Nick Saathoff



#### Anniversaries

July 11<sup>th</sup> - John & Megan Tamblyn  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> - Verlin & Judy Presson  
 Nick & Melissa Saathoff

## Events that have been Suspended

With summer being a wonderful time to spend with family we have made adjustments to the events we have been hosting.

- 1.) *Living Right & Loving Life* will be suspending their Yoga sessions until the fall.
- 2.) *Bettering the Body* intermediate exercise class has been suspended until the fall.
- 3.) *Family Game Night* has been suspended until August.
- 4.) There will be no Council meeting, Potluck or Committee meeting the month of July.



Thursday, July 16<sup>th</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 Paul Koch and his Trip to Russia. He will also talk about what he has learned with his many trips to Europe and Russia.

Would you like to be a presenter and share your experience with others? Contact Carol Snyder; [vonsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:vonsnyder@comcast.net) or 815-954-4903

### Choir

Summer is here and for the choir that means resting their voices. While the choir members take their much earned hiatus, several other music performances are being incorporated into the upcoming services. Performances such as vocal solos, instrumental solos & small ensembles of the instrumental kind.

We are very excited to hear the many talents from within the congregation as well as the community.

If you are interested in participating contact the church!



# Council Meeting

## Fundraising for School Supplies



Coming this August we will be looking for donations of school supplies and winter attire. As the month gets closer we will have a list and more information regarding the materials that will be needed. The items gathered will benefit those who cannot afford the required materials.

## American Red Cross

The First Presbyterian Church will be teaming up with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. We are still working on getting information together but when we do, an announcement will go out and anyone interested is more than welcome to participate.



## Stronghold

As many of you know, we have been working alongside Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center for many years. This year is especially important because the Keynote Speaker will be our own Paul Koch. The retreat will be open to all members who are interested in taking part.

## Cleaning Up

It was agreed to accept the bid of Dave's Tree Company to remove the dying trees in front of the manse.

## Around Town

### Grown Local

The Manteno Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market is open every Thursday from 4pm to 7pm. The venue is located at the Southeast corner of Main Street and Division. Wander the parking lot admiring the hard work of so many local farmers and skilled entrepreneurs.



\*Hint: you have to try the fresh kettle corn if you haven't already.

## E-Waste Day

Many people don't know the proper way to dispose of their old electronic devices. The Village of Manteno has decided to set up a day in order to help its citizens take care of that outdated computer taking up space. Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> you will be able to drop off your E-Waste between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. The Event will be located at the parking lot on south Main Street, across from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

\*Most devices are allowed at the drop-off with the exception of larger appliances; refrigerators, washers, dryers, A.C.s, etc. Contact [administrator@firstpresmanteno.org](mailto:administrator@firstpresmanteno.org) with any questions.

## Youth News

### Lock In

There was a mentioning of a lock in which will take place at the church for Youth Group members. Dates and times are still unknown but will be announced as soon as they have been selected.

### Bake Sale & Sunday Earnings

First, thank you to everyone who was kind enough to participate in all the Bake Sale Auction fun on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Group had a great time making all the goodies for everyone and had even more fun watching their items sell. Youth Group members, Ainsley Martin, Samantha Tamblyn, Kylie Saathoff, Emilie Tamblyn and Allison Tamblyn made everything that was up for sale such as cheese and ham breakfast bites and Oreo crust chocolate peanut butter tortes. Many dishes had been donated too, by members of the congregation. It was a fun and successful fundraiser pulling in \$337 from the baked goods.

This is a huge step and one of many first for the newly established Youth Group. We can't wait to see what they do for their next fundraiser!





