



# The By-Line

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

## June 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, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

\*Home Communion will be given on  
Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</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 is here and that means on one hand- things are slowing down, but on another- things are heating up. While the church takes breaks from Children's Sunday school and suspends some of its programs for the summer months (Family Game night), our call to discipleship never takes a break. So while for many of us our routines change a bit for the summer months we need to make sure that we keep God in all our plans. Have a great summer, stay safe, keep praying, and rely on God in all you do.

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.

## Traveling Day Camp

**We are trying something new for the summer!**

Instead of the traditional Vacation Bible School, we will be teaming up with Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center to bring a new experience to summer. The camp will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9 am-3pm. It is open to children who are entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to partake in the activities. If you know you will not be able to volunteer, you are more than welcome to donate snacks and lunch items to the church.

**If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling your/their children, volunteering or donating food call the church office!**

## Coming Up in June

### June Worship

- **June 7<sup>th</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- **June 21<sup>st</sup>** - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- **June 28<sup>th</sup>** - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



### It's time to Celebrate!

#### Birthdays

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Paul Koch

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** - John Hilsenhoff

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Georgann Butterfield

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** - Dolly Graves

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Thomas Ronchetti

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Donna Abbott

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** - Judy Presson

#### Anniversaries

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Dr. Paul & Debra Koch

Josh & Krista Carlile

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Jerry & Betty Cavender



## 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 & session members have agreed to plan and run the service Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike Snyder will be giving the sermon.

It was voted as part of our mission funds to donate \$500 to Youth for Christ in Manteno.

It was also voted on, by the council to assist the Fire Department in landscaping the parking lot we rent across the street.

### 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.

### Potluck & Committee Meetings

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Family Game Night

**GAME NIGHT HAS BEEN  
SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER  
SEASON!**

Go enjoy the sunshine and warm weather. Maybe even start up your own game night outside of the church with friends and family.

Game nights will resume in August!



**Thursday, June 18<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 retired school Principal Roy Johnson, and his Mission Trip to India.

Would you like to be a presenter and share your experience with others? Contact Carol Snyder;

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

## 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!



## Silent Bake Sale Auction

We will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> following the potluck and committee meeting. The will begin at 10 am and end at noon. There will be cards set up with information on the treats you are interested in. You will write your name and bid on separate card. If another person is interested they can try to outbid you. All proceeds will be going toward the Traveling Day Camp fees.



The youth group members will be making all the delicious goodies and treats that will be offered at the auction. The baking day will be on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. If your child is interested, 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, they are more than welcome to join the fun!

## Youth News

The first youth group gathering was held Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The group has already begun organizing to do mission work and planning events. This second gathering we hope to grow, as with the upcoming meetings, so don't be afraid to bring friends. The next gathering will be Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> following the potluck meal, and morning service. Join us for a lesson as well as an activity.

The children have been raising money for the Heifer Fund since early March. Their goal was to raise enough money to buy a water buffalo. The choir helped them out by singing "The Water Buffalo Song" which many know from the show *Veggie Tales*. This showed the kids you can have fun, while doing a good thing. In the end the children were able to raise just over \$900. They agreed to purchase the following:

**The gift of clean water, a sheep, a pig, a trio of rabbits, honeybees, a flock of chicks And yes, even a water buffalo!**



