



The By-Line

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



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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, Mary King,
Betty Stettka, Mary Ella Farrell, Mavis Koch,
Lisa Soderquist, 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.

March Worship

- ❖ **March 1** – Ash Wednesday Service
 - 6:00pm
- ❖ **March 5** – 1st Sunday in Lent
 - Communion & Confirmations
- ❖ **March 12** – 2nd Sunday in Lent
- ❖ **March 19** – 3rd Sunday in Lent
 - Youth Sunday
- ❖ **March 26** – 4th Sunday in Lent

Additional Church Events in March

March 12 – Bible Study 9-9:30am
Committee Meetings and Potluck
March 16 - Council Meeting at 5:00pm

Something from the Pastor

This month we enter into the season of Lent, a time of reflection and repentance. We begin with Ash Wednesday, when the signing of ashes shows we know we have sinned. Then for the next 40 days, the number of days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness while resisting the Devil's temptations, we are to reflect on our sins and repent. But if you add it up, it is actually 46 days and that is because we don't count the Sundays, the 5 Sundays *in* Lent and Palm Sunday. Throughout our time of fasting, reflection, and repentance, Sundays are still set aside as the Sabbath, a day to rest and worship God. So this season, reflect and repent, but make sure to also observe the Sabbath to rest and really worship God, thanking him for all He is and all He has done for you.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Chrystal

Lenten Week

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
April 14 – Cross Walk TBD
April 16 - Easter Breakfast - 9:00am
Worship service - 10:30am

Choir Fest

March 3 at 7pm

Manteno Church of the Nazarene
(698 N Locust, Rt. 50)

Benefits the Manteno Food Pantry

Sunday School Rotation

Week 1 - Penny Bessman

Week 2 - Joe Snyder

Week 3 - Missy Saathoff

Week 4 - Bonnie Mark

Week 5 if needed - Joe Snyder

*Thank you for helping teach our youth
about the Bible & God's lessons.*



Youth News

Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

- ❖ Confirmation Sunday
March 5
- ❖ Regular Meeting at the church
Sunday, March 12th
12:00-1:00pm

Bible Study

Sunday, March 12

9-9:30am

If you would like to catch-up or follow along, the list of daily readings are in the back of the sanctuary.



**Move your clocks
ahead an hour.**

Sunday, March 12 @ 2am

Manteno Food Pantry Collection

March 5 – Soup

March 12 – Cold and Hot Cereal

March 19 – Canned Fruits & Vegetables

March 26 – Box Dinners

Please leave in cart at back of church.



Easter Tulips

Easter will be here before we know it and we need to get our order in for our tulip plants rather early to guarantee getting what we want. The tulips will only be \$10 this year and will be white with purple pot covers and white bows. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins on March 5, 12, and 19. Tulips may be purchased 'in memory of' or 'in honor of someone'. If you cannot or forget to fill out an order form, please email or call the church with your name, the number of tulips you want and if they are in memory or in honor of someone and then you can mail your check to the church. Orders forms filled out in church can be left in the collection plate.

All orders must be in by MARCH 19!



March 2	Emilie Tamblyn
March 8	Gina Blanchette
March 9	Diane Johnson
March 10	Peter Viall
March 11	Chloe Blair Sue Wenzelman
March 13	Bonnie Mark
March 16	Jim Adkins Tom Bessman

Happy Anniversary

March 18 Art & Diane Johnson



New Feature

Do any of you remember that our church houses a very nice little library? Well, across from the meeting room by the office entrance to the building is the Lucille Thies Memorial Library. There is a very nice table and chair set and a beautiful banner in memory of our beloved member and choir director, Diane Hassett. And, of course, LOTS of books! The books can be taken and returned at your leisure. To let you get to know some of the books in our library, we will be highlighting one of them in each newsletter. If anyone wishes to submit a review of one of the available books, just get it to Julie in the office and she'll get it in the next available newsletter.

Lucille's Library Corner

Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan

This is a wonderful book that looks at the stories behind 150 of the world's greatest hymns. Each hymn is written out and followed by a one page explanation of how it came to be. A couple of my favorites . . . first, *Crown Him with Many Crowns* started out with six verses but there was great controversy about some of them as being too Catholic! So, there were six more verses written by a second lyricist and today, hymnals pick from all 12 which ones they want. Next, *Now Thank We All Our God* was written by Martin Rinkart in thanksgiving after he negotiated a peaceful end of hostilities toward his city during the Thirty Years War in Germany. One more - *Be Thou My Vision* started as a prayer written by an unknown Irishman which was translated to English and set to music in the early 1900's.

These are fun to know, short little explanations of the history behind some beautiful works of choral music. I found it to be most enjoyable and easy to read with the Biblical references included for each song.

Submitted by Carol Snyder

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 3

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

<http://www.wdp-usa.org/>

International Women's Day Wednesday, March 8

Call on the masses or call on yourself to help forge a better working world - a more gender inclusive world.

This year's campaign-

Be Bold for Change

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com>

****We will be updating the
Church Directory in March.**

**More information will be
coming soon.****

If anyone has Jerry Cavender's address please give it to Julie in the office. He no longer seems to be on Cedar Rd or Briarcrest in New Lenox.

FAB and Fellowship

9:30am, Tuesday mornings

Flexibility and balance movements led by Carol Snyder. This is for all levels and you can come as often as you want and never fall behind.



Once a month is better than never!

The WAY**

5:15pm, Thursday evenings

Walking, Abds, Yoga exercises.

This is a DVD driven workout where you can do as much as you are able.

Join us as often as you can!



Remember, everyone exercises at their own risk and all bettering your body exercise classes are free. Also, these programs are geared for the high school and older age group and that they are not just for our members . . . Invite your friends!

Sunday Worship Service

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

Georgann Butterfield, John Tamblyn

Clerk of Council – Joe Snyder

March Recipe

Irish Stew



Yield 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 pounds stew beef, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 large garlic cloves, minced
- 7 cups beef stock or canned beef broth
- 1 bottle of stout (dark) beer
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
- 3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2- 1 inch pieces (about 7 cups)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups 1/2-inch pieces peeled carrots
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Preparation

Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add beef and sauté until brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add beef stock, beer, tomato paste, sugar, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves. Stir to combine. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, then cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, melt butter in another large pot over medium heat. Add potatoes, onion and carrots. Sauté vegetables until golden, about 20 minutes. Add vegetables to beef stew. Simmer uncovered until vegetables and beef are very tender, about 40 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Transfer stew to serving bowl. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. Also, very good in a slow cooker.



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