



The By-Line

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



In Our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Les Bedore, Linda & Steve Garrison,
Rosanna Grant, Jerry Hawkins, Virginia Michael,
the Painter Family, 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.

was in fact a good thing. Jesus told them, although he was leaving, they would not be left alone because soon the Holy Spirit would come and be with them, and in them. Later this month, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit did come, and he was not only sent for those disciples, he was sent for all those who believe in Jesus throughout time. We celebrate that we are not left alone, but in fact have the Holy Spirit of our Lord with all of us, all the time. So, let's celebrate and let's enjoy all those beautiful May flowers.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

Something from the Pastor

We have all probably heard the saying "April showers bring May flowers". It is a saying of hope; from what some consider depressing and gloomy, comes something beautiful and good. As we enter May, we are ending our Easter season and on Thursday, May 5th we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This marks the day the disciples watched as their Lord ascended into heaven. While amazing, it was a depressing and gloomy day. Once again they felt like they were losing their Lord, and their friend. Like April showers, it

Coming Up in May

Worship

- ❖ **May 1** – 6th Sunday of Easter
 - Communion
- ❖ **May 8th** – 7th Sunday of Easter
 - Mother's Day
- ❖ **May 15th** – Day of Pentecost
- ❖ **May 22nd** – Trinity Sunday
 - Graduation Observance
- ❖ **May 29th** – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Additional Church Events in May

May 15th – Committee Meetings & Potluck

May 15th - Energy Meets, 12-1:00pm

May 19th – Council Meeting, 5:30pm



Youth News

Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

❖ Sunday, May 15th 12:00-1:00pm

Sunday, May 29th

Last day of Sunday School & the 3rd grade Bible presentation.



June 13-17

Day Camp

Call the church office to sign up.

Sunday, June 19
Day Camp & Youth Sunday

Family Game Night

Will resume in the fall on September 9.



Baccalaureate Service for High School Seniors
Sunday, May 15 at 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Manteno

National Day of Prayer

Thursday - May 5, 2016
7pm @ The Christian Church
401 E Third St, Manteno

Bettering the Body has been suspended until mid-September. If you have any suggestions for dates, times, and or program ideas, please contact Carol Snyder.



Yoga has also been suspended until the fall.

It's time to Celebrate!



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| May 1 | John Hassett |
| May 13 | Dale Blanchette, David Koch |
| May 14 | Rosanna Grant, Krista Carlile |
| May 20 | Mitchell Wilson |
| May 24 | Dorothy Hendrickson |



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| May 9 | Betty & Jim Adkins |
| May 12 | Linda & Steve Garrison |

Did You KNOW

The Cyrus McCormick Connection to First Presbyterian of Manteno.

We left off last month in 1858 with the Spring family back to farming in the Manteno area.

Here is how the church began according to *Theakiki* (Vol. 26 #1) published in 1996:

Certain Presbyterians of the township of Rockville met for organization in the Merrick school house April 7, 1853. Three years later, in 1856, the church was transferred to the village of Manteno, and its name changed to the "First Presbyterian Church of Manteno." Meetings thereafter were held in a school house on the south-east corner of Leon Euziere's residence lot, but later, the old Illinois Central freight house was used until removal was made to a school house on the south-east corner of the public school block.

By 1859, Charles Spring had become a leader in the church and plans were being drawn up to erect a permanent building in the town with an expected cost of \$1800. Spring convinced Cyrus McCormick to fund \$800 of the construction costs for the new building. This would equate to almost \$23,000 by today's standards taking inflation into account.

According to the Chicago Presbytery:

The building was dedicated in January of 1860. This is the same year the church transferred from the "New School" denomination to Cyrus McCormick's favored "Old School" branch.

The land for the church was donated by the Illinois Central Railroad. The Railroad may have been 'influenced' to make this donation by McCormick's vast power as an early industrialist.

Look for the Third installment to continue in June's Byline.

Submitted by Dave Conrad

Choir News



Sunday, May 29th will be the last Sunday for the Choir until the fall.



We are looking for a new nursery helper. If you know of anyone, please contact Lois Meyer.

**** If you have a little green dish from alter flowers, please drop them off in the church kitchen. Carol Snyder is running low.**

News from Stronghold

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Come to Stronghold Summer Camp and take home memories for a lifetime! Experience singing around the campfire, learning new skills like archery and canoeing, touring the Castle, learning to work together on the teambuilding course, and making new friends. Campers also enjoy a wide variety of activities like Bible Study, hiking, arts and crafts, group games, nature study, swimming, cookouts, and experiencing God's creation first hand. You can get more information and register online by visiting www.strongholdcenter.org or picking up a brochure from the church office or by contacting Ryan Anderson (summercampinfo@strongholdcenter.org) or by phone (815-732-6111 ext. 609.)

Weekend Hosts Wanted

As rental business increases, Stronghold is seeking motivated and passionate volunteers serve as a liaison between rental guests and Stronghold staff about maintenance and program issues. Weekend hosts will need to be available from approximately 5:00pm Friday through 1:00pm Sunday and are asked to stay complimentary at Stronghold. If you are interested, please shadow one weekend for training. Accommodation and meals are provided. Questions? Email (info@strongholdcenter.org) for more information or call 815-732-6111

Castle Tours Available

Weekday evening tours of the Strong Castle are now available for only \$5 per person. Come learn about Walter Strong and his family and this wonderful piece of property. Tours are by appointment only, last for approximately 1 hour. The castle is not handicapped accessible and is spread over 5 floors. Tours should be booked through our Reservation Coordinator, Diane Brainard Jogerst (reservations@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 606.

Summer Staff Wanted!

Stronghold is looking to hire college age students to serve on the 2016 Summer Camp Ministry team. Do you know a student who is good with kids and is looking for a fun and rewarding summer experience? Stronghold is looking for people in the church community to be summer camp counselors and to help make summer camp a success. If you know someone, please direct them to www.strongholdcenter.org where they can download an application packet or direct them to Ryan Anderson via email (ryan@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 609

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
May 19, 5:30pm.**



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