



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,
Kim Dixon, Danny Hendrickson, Norma Smith,
Betty Stettka, Mary Ella Farrell, Mavis Koch,
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

I want to thank everyone for the many uplifting cards, texts, phone calls and the beautiful flowers. The last couple of weeks have been different. I have had to learn how to take a shower without getting my foot wet, learn how to sleep with my foot elevated (which isn't easy to do since I sleep on my stomach), and learn to do many things in a different way. While it is frustrating at times, takes much longer to do certain things, and I had to let go of some things that I just can't do right now, it made me even

more grateful for all the things I can still do. Sometimes it takes a setback to see all that we do have and should be grateful for. While this is temporary situation, I hope that I never forget to be grateful and thankful for all that I have. So thanks once again to all of you and your thoughtfulness, prayers, and love.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

Coming Up in August Worship

- ❖ **August 7** – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Communion
- ❖ **August 14** – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **August 21** – 14th Sunday after Pentecost
- ❖ **August 28** – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Additional Church Events in August

August 14 - Energy Meets, 12-1:00pm

August 18 - Council Meeting 5:30pm

*****There will be no committee meetings
or potluck in August*****

It's time to Celebrate!



August 5 Margaret Klipp, Jr
August 8 Josh Carlile,
Emily Bessman,
AJ Dixon
August 9 Jennifer Grill
August 17 Andrew Koch
August 19 Terry Wilson
August 22 Reygan Carlile
August 23 Betty Stettka
August 24 Wayne Pinnow
August 25 Betty Adkins



August 10 Andrew & Megan Koch

Yoga has been suspended until the fall.



Bettering the Body has been suspended until the fall.

Family Game Night
Will resume in the fall
on September 9.



Welcome to Grace Duggan, our
new nursery attendant.

Grace is a junior at Manteno High School where she is a member of the Academic, WYSE, and TEC teams and plays clarinet in the band. She also works at Manteno Public Library as a page. When she isn't working or in school she is riding her horse, Skip.

News from Stronghold

A Note from Dr. Danny Peirce

It has been an exciting first 40 days as the new Executive Director of Stronghold. Summer camp is in full swing, and visiting our Traveling Day Camps at United Presbyterian Church in Henry and Waltham Presbyterian Church in Utica to meet pastors, staff, congregational members and campers have been highlights. We can all be proud of the Summer Staff and programs Ryan Anderson (Program Director) and Richard Simpson (Director of Youth Ministry & Church Outreach) have put together for our youth this summer.

Moving forward, Stronghold will need individual and church support for a sustainable future. Support can come in many ways including prayers, donations of time and talent, booking groups, attending events and monetary gifts. With such a deep history of



Youth News

Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

- ❖ Monday, August 1
ENERGY will meet at Perry Farm 10-1pm.
 - ❖ Sunday, August 14
Regular Meeting at the church 12:00-1:00pm
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changing lives and continuing in the Presbyterian traditions of camp ministry...we are changing lives one person at a time. Please join us as your faith calls.

If I can be of service in any way, please contact me at danny@strongholdcenter.org or 815.732.6111. ext. 608.

Save the Dates!!

Father Ted comes to Stronghold!

As the Blackhawk Presbytery celebrate its 20 year partnership with Imenti, Kenya, Stronghold is excited to host Missionary Father Ted Hochstatter. He will talk about his decades of service in Kenya, how he serves people of Africa's largest slum and how he keeps a good outlook on life on **September 3rd** at Brubaker Center. Fr. Ted Hochstatter was ordained a priest on May 24th, 1980 after finishing theological training at St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. He realized his calling to serve as a ministry through the inspiration of Mother Teresa whom he met in Rome In September 1985.

For a more detailed biography of Father Ted's work and life and to get a taste of the range of experiences Father Ted has experienced please visit www.facebook.com/strongholdcenter and look under 'Events.' Alternatively you can contact Chris Busker (chris@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 607.

Open Challenge Course

Please join us on **September 3rd** for our open challenge course between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person for the Leap of Faith **OR** the Swing by Choice (also known as the Giant Swing.) \$18 per person will get you both the leap of faith **AND** the giant swing. Please meet at Brubaker for registration for this event. All participants must be at least 10 years of age or older and participants under the age of 18 will require consent from their parent/guardian. Questions? Please email Ryan Anderson (ryan@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 609.

5K Run to the Castle

RETREAT! Run to the Castle by way of hilly trail and smooth gravel paths to arrive safely in the Castle courtyard.

For the second year in a row, Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center will host a 5k run for participants of all ages. There will be opportunities for dog walkers and strollers starting at 10:00am. This event will take place on **September 3rd 2016**. Mark your calendars and 'like' our Facebook page to stay in the loop!

To get all the information as it becomes available please email Chris Busker via email (chris@strongholdcenter.org) or call 815-732-6111 ext. 607.



Facts about August

- The Romans gave August its name in 8BC, after the first Roman Emperor Julius Caesar Augustus who ruled from 27BC until his death in AD14.
- On July 2, the vote was taken on our independence from England and the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th. It wasn't until **August 2, 1776**, the **Declaration of Independence** was actually signed. The sixth president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), **Presbyterian minister John Witherspoon** was the only clergyman to sign the Declaration.



August Recipe

It is tomato season and in this simply delicious recipe, they are the star.

You can also serve it on fresh greens or add some cooked pasta of any variety (hot or cold) to make a light supper entrée.

Chopped Caprese Salad

Ingredients

- 10 ounces cherry or grape tomatoes, chopped in half. Ripe, chopped heirloom tomatoes are terrific too.
- 8 ounces whole milk mozzarella, cherry sized. Chopped in half or fourths
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 2-3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients in a bowl and let sit in refrigerator for 10 minutes before serving. (Optional: Top with chopped garlic pita chips just before serving for a bit of crunch.)

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

August 18, 5:30pm.



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