

The By-Line

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

February 2016

Something from the Pastor

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Happy February!! This month we are reminded to make sure that we buy cards, chocolates, flowers, diamonds, and even cars to show those we love, that we indeed love them. But if we have to do such things to show that we love them, we aren't doing a very good job at loving. Showing our love should be an everyday event. So this month let us focus on showing our love to each other every day. May the love of Christ fill you and shine forth from you!!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chrystal

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



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 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.

Church Council Members

Georgann Butterfield
John Hassett
Donna Kiedaisch
Lois Meyer
Joe Snyder
John Tamblyn
Clerk of Council - Donna Kiedaisch

Our next Council meeting will be
February 18, 6pm.

Coming Up in February

February Worship

- ❖ **February 7th** – Transfiguration of the Lord
 - Holy Communion
 - Baptism – Brantley Wayne Dixon
- ❖ **February 10th** – Ash Wednesday Service
 - 6pm
- ❖ **February 14th** – 1st Sunday in Lent
- ❖ **February 21st** – 2nd Sunday in Lent
 - ENERGY will lead service
- ❖ **February 28th** – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Additional Church Events in February

February 9th – Presbytery Meeting in Rockford

Feb. 10th – Home Communion & Ashes,
9am to noon

February 14th – Committee Meetings & Potluck
(Italian Beef)

Feb. 15th – Officer Training, 5-7pm

February 18th – Council Meeting, 6pm

It's time to Celebrate!

Happy
Birthday!

Feb. 1	Donna Hilsenhoff
Feb. 10	Mary Ann Wade
Feb. 12	Allison Tamblin
Feb. 18	Gordon St. John

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 14	Ron & Lois Meyer
Feb. 24	Tom & Penny Bessman
Feb. 28	Chrystal & Tom Ronchetti



Tuesdays at 5:00. Join us for a night of Yoga. Yoga is great to help with our balance and flexibility. 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.

Bettering the Body



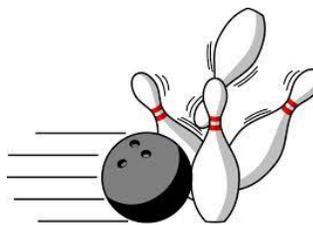
Thursdays at 5pm. We follow a program of walking and yoga stretches. And yes, we have thrown in some abdominal exercises to help strengthen our core. There are no dance moves to learn, so you don't have to worry about not keeping up. This is an adult class (high school and older) so invite your friends. **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.



Youth News Upcoming ENERGY Meetings

- ❖ Sunday, February, 21 11:30-12:30

Sunday, February 21st ENERGY will be leading the worship service for the morning. All the children will be joining with the choir for a musical children's sermon.



Family Fun Night

Friday, Feb. 5

At 5pm we will enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner and then head out to the bowling alley. We will return to the church by 10pm. Bring a friend!

Family Game Night

Friday, Feb. 12

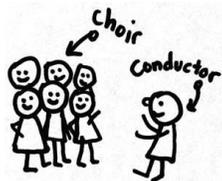
6:00 pm

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

We will start dinner at 6:00 (the entrée is provided, please bring a side, snack, or dessert) and then we will follow with games for all ages. This Month we will be having Pizza. So come and eat and join in the fun and fellowship.

Please join us and bring your family and friends!





Choir News

Manteno All-Church MusicFest
February 26th
7pm



****Don't Forget****

The 2016 Sunday Worship Flower Calendar is in place. This is a wonderful way to

commemorate a special person or event in your life. We ask a donation of \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers.



February Recipe

Flourless Chocolate Cake

So rich & decadent, super easy, and even gluten-free. Perfect for Valentine's Day or just to brighten the grey days of winter. Delicious on its own but even better with a bit of whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. If you or someone you know is a chocolate lover, this will bring a smile to their face.

Ingredients:

- 4 ounces of semisweet chocolate chopped (Ghirardelli is terrific)
- ½ cup butter
- ¾ cup white sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Grease an 8 inch round cake pan, and dust with cocoa powder.
2. In a bowl over lightly simmering water (or if you have a double boiler), melt chocolate and butter. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar, cocoa powder, eggs, and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. *(I found it much better to wait for the cake to completely cool, run a metal spatula around the cake sides, set pan on a low heat stove burner for a few seconds to warm the pan's grease coating and then quickly flip over onto plate. Worked great!)* Slices can also be reheated for 20 to 30 seconds in the microwave before serving.

**Submitted by Julie Larsen



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

Presbyterian Women's 3rd Annual Ladies' Tea

March 12, 2016 at 2:00pm

Grannie Carter portrayed by Gayle Haas will be giving her stories of timeless truths.

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106 S. Lincoln St. Braidwood, IL

\$20/person for the afternoon

\$10/young lady 12 years and under

For more info and to register call

Roberta 815-458-2407 or Linda 815-458-6548

Did You KNOW ?

Presbyterian U.S. Presidents

- Andrew Jackson - 7th
- James Knox Polk - 11th (converted from Presbyterian to Methodist)
- James Buchanan - 15th
- Rutherford B. Hayes - 19th
- Grover Cleveland - 22nd and 24th
- Benjamin Harrison - 23rd
- Woodrow Wilson - 28th
- Dwight D. Eisenhower - 34th
- Ronald Reagan - 40th



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