



# The By-Line

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

## April 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, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

\*Home Communion will be given on  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</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 During worship services  
immediately following "A Time For Children"

Nursery is available beginning at 10:15 am

### Something from the Pastor

We begin this month celebrating Holy Week. While much of the week doesn't seem like much of a celebration, for the tone is pretty somber as we walk with Jesus through his pain and suffering that led to his crucifixion and death. But the fact that he loved us enough to go through it all, for us, is a cause to celebrate even in the somber tone of Holy Week. Plus there is the little bonus of knowing that when they placed Jesus' body in the tomb and sealed it, it was not the end of the story, but in fact a new beginning, for all of us. So while we begin this month walking a dark somber road we will soon rejoice and sing Alleluia once more.

Happy Easter!

In Christ's Love,  
*Pastor Chrystal*

### Interfaith Crosswalk

Happening Good Friday, Interfaith will be hosting a Crosswalk to all the churches in Manteno. The walk will begin at the First Presbyterian Church at 10 am and end there as well.



## *In Our Prayers*

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:*

Les & Betty Bedore, Art Brown, Linda & Steve Garrison,  
Rosanna Grant, Jerry Hawkins,  
Virginia Michael, Bob Perkins,  
Norma Smith, Betty Stetka, Amy Blair,  
Phyllis Rayman

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.

## *Coming Up in April*



### *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.

### *Choir*

The Choir has started recording some music for Pastor Chrystal to use at her monthly service at Miller center. If you are interested in a CD of your own, call or email the office and a copy will be made for you.



## *Bettering the Body*

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>'s work out has been cancelled.**

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.



## *Family Game Night*

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 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. Paul Snyder has been acting as our "Game Master" and has introduced us to some new fun and intriguing games.

**Please come and bring your family and friends!**

## *Potluck & Committee Meetings*

**Sunday, April 12<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



**Thursday, April 16th 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 Marcia Mellott and her trip to the warm Caribbean.

Would you like to be a presenter and share your experience with others? Contact Carol Snyder; [vonsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:vonsnyder@comcast.net)



### Check It Out

Easter morning is busy for everyone. Getting the kids dressed nicely and driving to church. Not to mention after the service when you try and go to breakfast but every local restaurant is busy. The church will be hosting a breakfast before services at 9 am. Bring the kids and grandkids. There will be plenty of food and good opportunity to beat the rush at the restaurants.

There is a new administrative assistant working in the office. Some of you have met her already, but for those of you have not gotten the chance, her name is Samantha and she started working in the Nursery in the fall of 2008 and has recently agreed to work in the office part time.

Pastor Chrystal Abbott will start doing a Home Communion service once a month for those who are unable to attend regular services. This month will be Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9 in the morning. For any questions feel free to call the office.

### Retreat Time

There is a retreat being planned by the Oversight Committee for Community Liaison at Stronghold for the weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The traveler would return on 8<sup>th</sup>. Speakers and breakout sessions are being planned.

### Something New

We are always looking for something new to do. Maybe working out isn't what you enjoy doing but cooking is, recommend a cooking group to try new recipes. Perhaps, reading is an interest, start a book club. If you are interested in starting a group and know that many other would be interested, contact Carol Snyder; [vonsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:vonsnyder@comcast.net)

### April Worship

- **Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Maundy Thursday
- **Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Good Friday, Interfaith Crosswalk
- **Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday, Communion
- **Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
- **Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
- **Apr 26<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



### It's time to Celebrate!

#### April Birthdays

**Apr. 12 Hildath Lawrence**

**Apr. 19 Megan Tamblyn**

**Apr. 21 Virginia Michael & Bonnie Pearce**

**Apr. 23 Martha Moran**

