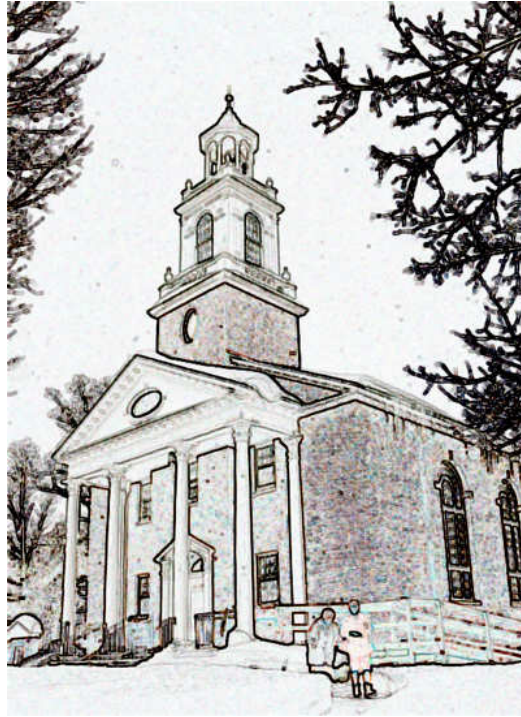


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MARCH 2007

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## ***From Your Pastor***

### **Foundations Class:**

On Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> our Adult Sunday School will offer our first Foundations Class: "Who Are We at First Baptist Church of Manlius?" Come to the chapel from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

When new people come to First Baptist, they come from many different backgrounds. The class is designed so people can come to understand who we are, how we came to be and some of the unique ways we do ministry and mission. My hope is that each member will go through this class. You will learn, but you also may have input that will help us shape this class in the future.

### **Peter: A Model for Discipleship**

On Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> I will begin a sermon series on Peter. On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> we will begin a series of Bible Studies that will prepare us for the Sunday sermons on Peter (See article in this newsletter for details).

Erwin Lutzer writes about Peter in his book Chiseled By the Master's Hand, "No personality in the Bible exhibits so much faith and doubt, courage and fear, love and impulsiveness. No other disciple reveals his heart so often and so honestly. He is in the words of Clarence McCartney, 'the most vivid and intense person portrayed in the Bible.'"

And then Lutzer says, "Peter provides an excellent example of how God shapes a life, beginning with the raw material and progressing to a more finished product."

I have always appreciated Peter for his very human ways. I think his life and his relationship to Jesus have much to teach us.

### **Dedication of Officers:**

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a special dedication of our church leaders for 2007. The dedication will take place in both of our services.

Faithfully,

## **Haralds Rikveilis Celebrates 100 Years**



On February 6<sup>th</sup> Haralds celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a small party at the Craftsman Restaurant. Pictured with him above is his niece from Australia and a neighbor.

Haralds left his homeland in Latvia in 1944 when the Russians invaded. He emigrated to the United States in 1950. His life journey is a powerful story of overcoming many hardships. Many Latvian friends who came to his party had similar life stories.

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Please keep in prayer:

Wanda Baker  
Cecil White's Aunt Irene  
Virginia Noble  
Ken Bex  
Carol Davenport's sister, Barbara  
Jill Doss' parents ~ Mary Jane and  
Russell Davis  
Ruth Costello  
Andy Burt  
The Sell and Mapstone Families  
Kermit Breed, Jr.  
Wendy Bireline  
Connie Dickenson  
Richard Piefnowicz  
Family of Doris Dudley  
The Brownell/Magisano Families

### PRAISES

*"Erma Bullard wishes to thank everyone who donated cards for Fairport Baptist Home. Each person gets a card and a Christmas message. So, thanks to everyone."*

~ ~ ~

*Haralds Rikveillis celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, February 6, 2007!*

~ ~ ~

*"Dear Friends, 2007 winter has been relentless. Spring will come and be as beautiful as ever. I'm so glad I can look forward and remember all my loving and fond memories. My rocking chair is such a comfort ~ rock and remember.*

*My love to all my Church family,  
Edith Laning."*

~ ~ ~

*"Thank you all for being so supportive to me and my family at the time of my mother's death. Your cards and words are very much appreciated. A special thanks to the Christian Education board for your time and effort to prepare such a wonderful, delicious meal. Allowing Wendy and me the*

### PRAISES (Cont'd)

*freedom of not having to cook was very much appreciated. I must add that 15 years ago when I was first introduced to the "FBC Family" through Wendy, I felt your embrace even though I was not a member. You are all always in my prayers. Thanks again, Avis Sell"*

~ ~ ~

#### Notes from our "Adopt a Family" Christmas Giving ~

*"To the Members of the First Baptist Church ~ I can't thank you enough for your kindness and generosity toward the families at Dr. Weeks. They were all overwhelmed by all you did for two families you didn't even know. Both these families would not have had a Christmas without you.*

*Thank you again, Vivian Waffle"*

~ ~ ~

*"To the generous people at the First Baptist Church ~ I'm sorry that it took so long to thank you. Ari has been in and out of the hospital. Thank you for making Christmas wonderful for all of us. The kids loved everything, and I was very grateful for the gift cards. Christmas was going to be very quiet until you entered our lives. Thank you and God Bless You,  
Becky, Ari, Esai, and Isela."*

~ ~ ~

*"Dear First Baptist Church ~ Thank you for making Christmas so special for my family. It was so nice of you to think of us. We are having a hard time right now and you made us all smile. Thank you for your kindness,  
Eric, Kyle, Destiny & Kearra."*

~ ~ ~

Please call Elaine at the Church office (682-8941) with prayer requests or praises by Wednesday morning.



## UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for the  
"Soup 'n' Slipper Party" on  
**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

in the Chapel at **6:30 p.m.**

Music will be provided by Bill Burt.

The committee: Art and Shirley  
Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, Flo Dixon.

~ ~ ~

Save Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for a  
noontime visit to the Chittenango  
Landing Canal Boat Museum. A  
power point presentation about boats  
on the Erie Canal, lunch, and an  
optional tour of the museum and  
grounds is planned. **All are invited**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**Easter Sunday, April 8th**  
**9:30 a.m. Breakfast**  
**In the gym**

Come to the Easter Breakfast  
and celebrate the season with  
good food and fellowship after the  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service and  
before the 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Worship Service

### ADDRESS UPDATES

Ms. Lucia Ernst  
South Bay Manor  
1959 Kingstown Road, Apt. 332  
South Kingstown, RI 02879  
(401) 783-3110

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Ms. Christy Brownell  
1214 Grant Boulevard  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
518-225-4732

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Aquamarine or  
Bloodstone; Flower - Jonquil

1. Bill Lyon
3. Sally Lyon  
Ron Radell
4. Beth Greene
7. Jason Greene
9. Margery Faucett
11. Grace Binder
13. Dorothy Benor
19. Laurel Faucett  
Hannah Whittaker
22. Flor de Jesus  
Amanda Leigh  
Shevchuk
23. Ashley Morningstar
26. Karen Chesebro
28. Rebecca Baier  
Brian McCartney  
Christopher Oley
29. Emily Burt  
Joshua Haase  
Judy Smith

## ANNIVERSARIES

18. Michelle & Steve  
Hotchkiss
24. Judy & Dean  
Morningstar
27. Ada & Ken Phelps





## **BOARD & COMMITTEE NEWS**



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

In January, the Christian Education Board welcomed two new members, Jeanette Adams and Christy Brownell. Always looking for ways to improve, the CE board has scheduled special sessions to review our responsibilities and activities, and make modifications as needed. Rosey Oaks-Lee is facilitating our meetings and guiding us through some long-range planning as well. We will be seeking input from the congregation as we progress.

### **MISSION BOARD**

The Mission Board has received correspondence about an opportunity to support a "wall of honor" for the Town of Manlius Police Department, through Pastor Jim Corl (who serves as the Fire Department and Police Department Chaplain). This "wall" will serve to honor individuals who have been lost in the line of duty, died while in active service, or have retired from the Department. The wall is being built in the lobby of the Police Department. Construction on the wall began February 1, 2007.

If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, you can send your donations to the Manlius Police Department Wall of Honor Fund and mail or drop off to:

Town of Manlius Police Department  
1 Arkie Albanese Avenue  
Manlius, NY 13104

Jill A. Doss, Mission Board Chair

### **TRUSTEES**

One of the projects that the Trustees are looking at is a security system for our church. We have received options and quotes from different companies and are in the beginning stages of this project. We are contacting other boards, committees, and groups in our church for their input.

### **"FOUR FOR THE LORD" UPDATE**

As of February 11, 2007, the Organ portion of the "Four for the Lord" campaign has been paid for!! We only have a few hundred dollars left, and we will have the Sanctuary portion paid for, too.

Thanks goes out to all for keeping your monies coming in to pay off these projects. Soon we will only have the Parking Lot left to pay off.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL During Lent**

On the six Sundays during Lent our Adult Sunday School will offer the first Foundations Class:

### **“Who Are We at First Baptist Church of Manlius?”**

Pastor Leon (and others) will lead us in six classes that will cover:

February 25	- We are followers of Jesus.
March 4	- We have a history
March 11	- We are Baptists
March 18	- We are Baptists part II
March 25	- We have been given this Ministry
April 1	- We are called to this Mission

The class will meet in the Chapel (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.)

The Foundations class is being developed as a way to introduce new people to our church. Our goal is that every member of First Baptist Church will have participated. You're encouraged to be part of this first class (it will be offered again in the near future).

### **ABW Ministries Lenten Series**

A 4-week Lenten Bible Study series “**Women of the Word—Women Who Weep**” will begin on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at **10:30 a.m. in the Library**. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study.

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ Leader: Cindy Mapstone

**Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** ~ Leader: Myrna Benedict

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ Leader: Gail Carlsen

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Leader: Myrna Benedict

The committee for the luncheons consists of Annette Andrusyszyn, Shirley Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, and Olga Schmidt.



March 2007

## America For Christ Offering

**“For the love of Christ urges us on...” -2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

To our family at Manlius First Baptist,

Journey across North America and celebrate the 175th anniversary of home mission in 2007. Join with National Ministries; American Baptist regions and churches throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico, in recognizing the great influence American Baptists have had on the social, religious and political landscape of our nation.

Geographic and social movement has characterized home mission since its beginning, and responsiveness to change has remained a key marker on the road to more effective ministry. When American Baptists celebrated 150 years of home mission, our rally cry was to “Dare to do God’s will!” in a world of rapid change. Now, in 2007, technological advances and the pressures of global economies and politics are producing even more rapid changes.

With so much change, American Baptists are urged to share the gospel, ministering to all who are least and often left out in the rush toward what is sometimes called “progress.” Individuals, churches and American Baptist regions are:

- sending volunteers for the National Ministries/Habitat for Humanity Katrina;
- becoming equipped for ministry through Got Style?™ evangelism training;
- ensuring chaplaincy services can reach people in of difficult life passages;
- and ministering to children in poverty.

Together, we’re moving forward with real progress, seeing whole communities transformed to serve Christ. And together, we continue to reach out from a rich heritage of mission and ministry — thanks to your gifts to the America for Christ Offering. Please give generously to this important offering – “for the love of Christ urges us on.”

Our goal for this offering is **\$1,500** with a s-t-r-e-t-c-h goal of **\$1,800**.  
We challenge you to s-t-r-e-t-c-h!

Yours in the love of Christ,

The Mission Board

Jill Doss, Chair                      Sally Lyon  
Jean Lynn Buskey                  Shirley Mapstone      Tom Shephard



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Five Wednesday Evenings  
6 – 8 p.m.  
February 28 – March 28



**Pastor Leon – Bible Study Leader**

### 6 p.m. Fellowship:

Share a meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert.

Donations accepted.

(March 14<sup>th</sup> will be a Pot-Luck meal – see King’s Kids below)

### 7 p.m. Bible Study:

Pastor Leon will lead us in a study of:

#### “Peter: A Model for Discipleship”

- February 28 – Acting in Faith
- March 7 – The Decision of Faith
- March 14 – Spiritual Peak Experiences
- March 21 – The Heart of the Problem
- March 28 – Disappointment and Denial

Each study will be a preparation for the Sunday Lenten Sermon Series.

### The Children’s Program ~

Activities for the children will parallel the Bible study topics.

Please let Kathie Shevchuk know if your child will attend.

Can you help with the Children’s program?

Let Kathie know (682-8678).

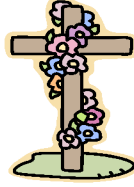
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### King’s Kids Family Night Supper

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the gym**

Come and join the families of our King’s Kids program. Bring a dish to pass. The King’s Kids Board will provide dessert, beverages, and table service. The Family Lenten Series study will follow this dinner at 7:00 p.m.





We are now taking orders for **Easter flowers!** The daffodils are available in yellow only. The tulips and mums are available in a variety of spring colors as selected by the greenhouse. The flowers will be displayed in the Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, April 8th** and will be available to take home after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Please see Jean Lynn Buskey at that time to retrieve your selection. Flowers may also be left at the church for delivery to our shut-ins. **Any questions, please contact Jean Lynn Buskey at 682-0252.**

Please fill out the form below and place it and the money in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate or send it to the Church office **no later than SUNDAY, March 4th.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Order:	_____	6 bulb pot of tulips	\$6.75
	_____	6" pot of mums	\$6.75
	_____	7" pot of daffodils	\$8.50

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print the following in the Easter Bulletin:

Joyous Easter from:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other:

\_\_\_\_\_

I will leave plant in Church to donate: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take home plant following worship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT**

### **FM COMMUNITY** **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

“We begin our Lenten journey together...”

Hosted by our friends at  
Immaculate Conception Church,  
Fayetteville

**Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 pm**

***Sr. Monica Nortz, CSJ will preach***

**Please join your friends, clergy,  
and neighbors for this important  
day in our Christian life...**

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### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Friday, March 2nd**

**9:00 am Coffee - 10:00 am Service**  
**Holy Cross Church, Dewitt**

This annual event is worldwide.  
Through the World Day of Prayer,  
we are encouraged to:

- become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation;
- be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures;
- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them;
- become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

### **COMMUNITY** **LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES**

**Wednesdays, Noon – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Immaculate Conception  
Church**  
**400 Salt Springs Rd.,  
Fayetteville**

Every Wednesday during Lent  
In Dwyer Hall

Bread and Soup will be served.  
Presentations: 12:25-12:55 p.m.  
Speakers will share reflections on  
ways to deepen our faith and  
prepare spiritually for Easter.

**Wednesday, February 21st ~**  
Rev. Suzi Bahner Harriff  
First Presbyterian Church, N. Syr.

**Wednesday, February 28th~**  
Rev. Cliff Auth  
Chancellor, Syracuse Diocese

**Wednesday, March 7th ~**  
Sister Monica Nortz, SJC  
Parish Outreach Minister,  
St. Ann's, Manlius

**Wednesday, March 14th ~**  
Rev. Daniel Francis, C.Ss.R.  
C. Lenten Mission Leader

**Wednesday, March 21st ~**  
Mrs. Lisa Hall, Director  
Respect Life Office, Syr. Diocese



# Women & Girls' State Gathering

American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS

## "Come to the Edge"

April 27-29, 2007

at

Adam's Mark Hotel

120 Church St.

Buffalo, NY



Special AB Girls program for girls in grades 7-12.

### Special Guests:

- \* Friday night Inspirational Concert by New Beginnings
  - \* Sat. & Sun. Keynote Speaker Jan DeWitt
  - \* Missionary – Debbie Kelsey
  - \* Sun. Bible Study Leader Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins
- Various Workshops on the theme for all ages, as well as a trip to Cornerstone Manor - see registration material for titles.

### Costs:

Registration: Full time - \$15.00      Part time - \$10.00  
(send to ABWM Conv. Registrar, Nancy Farley) (after 3/31/07 add a \$5.00 late fee)

Hotel Room & Meals (includes 2 nights lodging & 4 meals):

Single - \$261.00

Double - \$172.00/person

Triple - \$142/person

Quad - \$125.00/person

AB Girls are \$20 less/girl on room rates & must be accompanied by an adult  
(Room registrations to be sent with Tax Exempt form & church check directly to Adam's Mark Hotel.)

All registrations are due by March 31, 2007 to both registrar & hotel.

There are no other hotels close by – so register early to secure your room!!

You may access forms and other information at [www.abmennys.org](http://www.abmennys.org)  
(look for the ABW icon) or contact Christy Brownell at 518-225-4732  
or email Christy at: [cbrownell@abc-nys.org](mailto:cbrownell@abc-nys.org).

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## WOMEN OF FAITH

### Amazing Freedom 2007 - Let Your Spirit Soar!

**Rochester, NY**

"So if the Son makes you free you will be truly free."

-John 8:36

**June 1-2, 2007 - Blue Cross Arena**

Early bird price \$75 plus hotel and meals.

Scholarships are available. If you need more

information, please contact Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.





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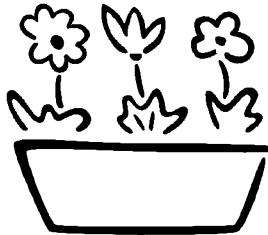
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<b><u>AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING THIS MONTH!</u></b>				<b>1</b> 6:30 pm CE Planning Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm Basketball (Gym)	<b>2</b> World Day of Prayer at Holy Cross Church, Dewitt, NY 9:00 (coffee) 10:00 am (service)	<b>3</b>
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<p><b>COMING IN APRIL: Sunday, April 1 – Palm Sunday</b>  <b>Thursday, April 5: Maundy Thursday Service w/Manlius United Methodists at First Baptist, Manlius – 6:00 pm</b>  <b>Good Friday, April 6: A Simple Service to reflect on Christ's passion– 7:00 pm</b>  <b>Sunday, April 8: Easter Sunday Services – 8:30 am, 9:30 Breakfast, 11 am</b>  <b>Friday, April 27-Sunday, April 29: ABW/NYS Conference in Buffalo, NY</b></p>						

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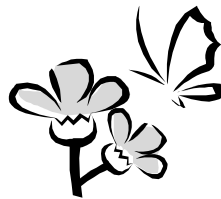
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All the Believers, Ministers**

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**Inviting People to New Life**



**Mission Statement**

In Celebration of the good news shown to us in Jesus Christ,  
We will invite others to unite with us as part of the family of  
God,

Sharing the Gospel through

Worship,

Education,

Encouragement of one another and the

Support of Mission

As we serve Manlius and our surrounding communities.