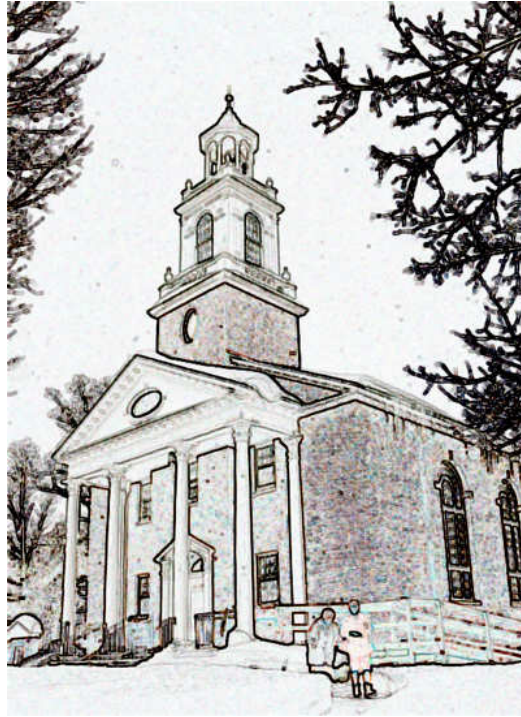


CHRISTIAN CARRIER

APRIL 2007



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From Your Pastor

Ken Bex died on March 12th. As with many of you, I have felt the sadness of his passing.

Ken was on the search committee that presented me as a candidate to become pastor of this church. I remember the phone interview -- my first contact with the whole committee. I couldn't see the faces, but the strong clear voice of an older man stayed with me.

I heard that confident, clear voice many times after coming to be your pastor. One year ago, when we faced a budget deficit, Ken spoke with clarity. Ken told us in what way he had increased his own commitment and then challenged people to follow his lead.

That same voice expressed concern for others, led the Deacon's, taught Bible lessons, organized ministries ...

Harry Cole told me the story that when he would call Ken to ask him to usher or do some other task, Ken would answer "yes," before Harry had a chance to ask.

Among the decisions Ken had made in life was a decision to follow Jesus Christ and to serve him through First Baptist Church. He had no ambivalence about those decisions. His "yes" was said with joy and freedom.

As I approach Easter, I will remember Ken and give thanks to God for confidence in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope that all who have died in Jesus will also be raised in him.

My life has been blessed by having known Ken. I only ask that God might give me such a clear voice of commitment and confidence.

Holy Week Worship

Why take time out of our busy lives to attend another worship service? These are the defining events of Jesus life. They have the power to draw us closer to him. Allow our worship opportunities to help you recall God's goodness and promises for you.

Sunday, April 1st – Palm Sunday

Our Joyful Sounds Choir will help us celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry.

My sermon will continue the series, *Peter – A Model Disciple*, as we look at the story of his denial of Jesus.

We will celebrate communion.

Thurs., April 5th – Maundy Thursday

A service with music and drama to allow the Last Supper to live for you in a powerful way. Join our friends from the Methodist church as we share a meal and worship at First Baptist.

Friday, April 6th – Good Friday

7 p.m. – A simple service of scripture, song and reflection on Jesus' death on the cross.

Sunday, April 8th – Easter Sunday

Celebrate the resurrection in our 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service.

Join others for breakfast in the gym between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

My sermon will look at Peter's response to the resurrection.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer:

The family of Ken Bex;
Ken died March 12th
Wanda Baker
Cecil White's Aunt Irene
Virginia Noble
Mary Jane and Russell Davis
Ruth Costello
Kermit Breed, Jr.
Wendy Bireline
The Brownell/Magisano Families
Connie Dickenson
Richard Pietrowicz
The Whittaker Family
Shirley Mapstone
The Goodwin Family
The Babcock Family
Conner
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister

PRAISES

"Dear Friends ~ After 10 days of "Trouble" dog watching at Tori and Ray's, it was good to be back with people where I could talk people words. Spring is on the way. The birds are back at the feeder after a few weeks not seeing them. They are a welcome sight. My one big joy is watching them. I can't see well enough to distinguish them, but it could be worse. My love and prayers to all of you, Edith Laning"

~ ~ ~

I would like to thank all who sent cards and remembered my family in prayer after the sudden death of my cousin, Wayne Magisano. Knowing that I have a church family who would support us in that way is such an awesome gift. Thank you! In HIM, Christy Brownell

~ ~ ~

*"Thank you so much for all of the cards and visits during my recuperation."
-Shirley Mapstone*

PRAISES (Cont'd)

*"Dear Friends ~ Back in the 50's and 60's, when I worked for John and he kept talking about this special church in Manlius, I had a hard time believing there could be that kind of congregation. However, when I had the opportunity to experience this loving kindness you shared on me the first time I was there, I knew. In the ten years we visited there, I always felt your spirit of love. And, since his death, I've relied heavily on the prayers of many but especially those from your church. John would have been proud of you. Except for the aches and pains of getting older, my life is filled with gratitude for having the time I had with John and you folks, too. Part of my heart belongs up there.
Love, Wanda Baker"*

~ ~ ~

At the end of each month, the names on the Prayer List above will be removed unless previously specified. If you would like a name to remain on the list for another 30 days, please call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Diaconate Board. Thank You.

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Do you have a prayer request or praise to share? Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning. Thank you.



**A Poem submitted by
Fred Goddard**

The Little Black Dog
Elizabeth Gardner Reynolds



I wonder if Christ had a
 little black dog,
All curly and wooly like mine;
With two long silky ears and a nose,
 round and wet,
And two eyes, brown and tender,
 that shine.
I am sure, if He had, that that little
 black dog
 Knew, right from the first,
 He was God;
That he needed no proof that Christ
 was divine,
And just worshipped the ground
 where he trod.
I'm afraid that He hadn't,
 because I have read
How He prayed in the garden alone;
For all of His friends and disciples
 had fled
Even Peter the one called a stone.
And, oh, I am sure that
 little black dog,
With a heart so tender and warm,
 Would never have left him
 to suffer alone,
But, creeping right under
 his arm,
Would have licked the dear fingers,
 in agony clasped,
And, counting all favors but loss,
When they took Him away, would
 have trotted behind
And followed Him quite to the cross.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**Birthstone - Diamond
Flower - Sweetpea**

1. Michael McCartney
4. Olga Schmidt
5. Allan Dominy
7. Joshua Bailey
Steve Barber
8. Jamie Greene
11. Dan Burt
12. Ryan Freeman
Jessie Mapstone
13. Andrew Carlsen
Maria Isabel Ware
14. Andy Burt
16. Pam Foss
17. Ross Binder
18. Lorie Douglas
20. Linda Barber
21. Ben McCartney
Ken Phelps
22. Rosey Oaks-Lee
23. Morgan Mapstone
Dean Morningstar
24. Jeannette Adams
26. Bessie Todd
27. Glenn Douglas
29. Isaac Bailey

ANNIVERSARIES

17. Keith & Ellen Butler
24. Jill & Bob Doss
25. Wendy & Peter
Mapstone
28. Pauline & Harry Cole





CHURCH NEWS



NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are having a “spruce up” day on **Saturday, March 31st from 9-noon**. For information, please call JoAnn Mostar (682-6802) or the Church office. Coffee and donuts will be provided! We have a new Finance Committee that will report to us. Their job is to check into the investments of our Church and make recommendations. We continue to work on our heating system and are looking at some playground improvements.

“FOUR FOR THE LORD” UPDATE - The Sanctuary Upgrade has been paid for. We now just have the Parking Lot Fund to pay off. Please keep your pledges for the “Four for the Lord” coming in so the Parking Lot Fund can be paid off, too.

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007

(After the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service)

All are invited and encouraged to attend☺



UNITY FELLOWSHIP

The next Unity Fellowship get together will be **Saturday, April 28** 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. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00. Please call Barb Richardson (632-4384) or Ruth Ware (637-6006).

All are invited!!

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Board has received thank you notes for 2006 support from the organizations listed below. These are a few of the ministries that you support with your pledges. We wanted to share with you some of their comments.

Young Life: “Your partnership in helping us reach kids is encouraging.”

FM-JD Meals on Wheels: “This donation helps us to fulfill our commitment to serve balanced and nutritious meals....”

ABCNYS: “Acknowledges funds for camping programs.”

Teen Challenge: “We are confident that as we continue to trust God as our Savior and place our hope in Him, He will continue to provide for our needs. . .”

FM Food Pantry: “Your generosity will help us continue to assist the less fortunate in our community.”

Springbrook: “Your gift helps us to meet the changing needs of people with disabilities.”

Rescue Mission: “Thank you for your support to Rescue Mission for the life-changing work with poor and hurting people.”

Harvest of Hope: “Donations are used exclusively for migrant farm workers and their families.”

Tabernacle Baptist: “Refugee ministry of Karen community (Burmese) in Utica”

A Better Chance: “Education of women from disadvantaged urban areas to obtain their high school education at Fayetteville-Manlius.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING:

Goal: \$1,500

S-t-r-e-t-c-h: \$1,800

Donations Received as of 3/25/07: \$1,295.00



BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING: As of 3/25/07 ~ \$ **675.00**

The Mission Board thanks you, the congregation, for your continued support!

Jill Doss, Mission Board Chairperson

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ROTATIONAL CURRICULUM - Our children's Sunday School classes during March have consisted of the Lenten Rotational Curriculum, "Jesus - Death Destroyer." The children discovered these events from Jesus' final days: Jesus' Triumphal Entry, The Passover Meal, Jesus Prays for His Followers, and Jesus is Crucified - and Rises Again!

Children's Day will be **Sunday, June 10** and the young people will be presenting the musical The First Action Heroes. If you can help in any area listed below, please see Kathie Shevchuk (682-8678).

Assistant Director - available to go out with Joyful Sounds for rehearsals; **Set Design** - able to paint backdrop scene; **Props** - not hard to find; and **Costumes** - able to sew

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

As part of the Christian Education Board's work on long-range planning, it is analyzing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and obstacles within the Christian Education Program. We welcome your input. You will find a Christian Education Survey in the Narthex or you may inquire through the church office. Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts as we go through this process. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our rotational curriculum work this spring!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST!



JULY 30-AUGUST 3, 2007

The VBS Planning Committee's work is underway. A core of volunteer leaders is emerging, getting ready for the program called "**Take the Plunge!**" But you know it takes many hands to make lighter work, and we need yours! You can help! Even if you can't commit to the whole week, please consider volunteering in some capacity - much of the work is done well beforehand, and we invite you to be a part of this important Christian Education program. Come on! Take the Plunge with us!

The next planning meeting is

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 pm.

Join the VBS team now!

Easter Breakfast



Date: **Friday, April 8th**

Breakfast served: **9:30-10:45**

Join us for Worship @ **8:30 or 11:00**

**DONATIONS
WELCOME**

Menu

Eggs Scrambled by Greg

Sausage

Pancakes flipped by Kyle

Toast

Coffee

Juice

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Call the church office

682-8941 or Kathie Shevchuk @

682-8678 with any questions

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ April 5th

6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

7:00 p.m. "The Living Last Supper"



**The Manlius Methodist Congregation will join us at
First Baptist Church**

Experience a dramatic musical experience featuring
a combined choir and actors dramatizing the story.
We will celebrate the Last Supper together.



GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 6th

7:00 p.m.

A simple service to reflect on
the passion of Christ.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES ~ April 8th

8:30 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast (gym)

11:00 a.m. - Worship



An Invitation from Joni Dominy

Good Friday
Gets Better
In 3 Days

Jesus died for
ME & YOU &
YOU, & YOU!

I wish I could
LOVE
JESUS
as much as
He LOVES ME!

The Power of the Cross
begins when
Jesus is #1
in your life.

Join us for the 4th Annual Good Friday, "I love Jesus so much....." event.

We meet in the parking lot of M&T Bank in Fayetteville at 11:30 a.m. and start with a prayer. We then choose a professionally made sign to hold as we stand in the Fayetteville Triangle. We love Jesus so much that even if we feel a bit nervous to do it....we do it for HIM! Even if it is cold (and it usually is!) We do it because His suffering was far greater!

Everyone is welcome! I promise you that you will be blessed in a way that you have never experienced before. Your faith will be affirmed by nods, thumbs up, and honks. Your boldness for Christ will also be tested with people shaking their head and even a few comments. When we end at 2 pm, you will wish you could do this every single week. You will leave the Fayetteville Triangle a new Christian and have a new love for Jesus by showing a small part of the world, "I love Jesus so much"

If you have questions or need a ride, call Joni Dominy@ 637-4964.

Please drop by for a few minutes or the entire time.

The more Christians, the better!! See you on April 6th!



ABW MINISTRIES

Tuesday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m. – we will meet at the home of Olga Schmidt. Dessert will be served. Myrna Benedict will speak on our mission focus for this year ~ The Democratic Republic of the Congo. If you've heard Myrna's programs before, you won't want to miss this one!

Saturday, April 21st, 11:00 a.m. – The Cayuga-Onondaga ABW Ministries Association's Spring meeting will be held at the United Church of Fayetteville on this date. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon. Election of officers will take place. Our speaker will be Cynthia Hunter, the Director of the Dorothy Day House in Syracuse (a haven for abused women and children). Please bring a dish to share and table service. We are also asked to bring a donation of paper products and/or cleaning products for the house. Transportation will be provided.

Friday, April 27th-Sunday, April 29th – The NYS/ABW Ministries convention is scheduled for this date at the Adam Marks Hotel in Buffalo. Christy Brownell is on the convention committee and is also leading one of the workshops. This will be an inspiring weekend. Several of our women will be attending. Won't you join us?



MOTHER-DAUGHTER ANQUET

Sponsored by The American Baptist Women

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 p.m.

All Women are Welcome.

**Bring a friend who deserves
some special time.**

**Dinner and entertainment
will be provided.**

Save the Date

(Reservations will begin in April)



**The
Banquet
will be
held in
the gym**

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 (look for the ABW icon) or contact Christy Brownell at 518-225-4732 or email Christy at: cbrownell@abc-nys.org.

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.



Calling All Campers!



**American Baptist Camping
has two camps:**

Pathfinder Lodge on Otsego Lake,
5 miles north of Cooperstown, NY.

Camp Vick in western New York,
near the village of Arcade.

Programs are offered throughout the
summer for children entering first
grade through adults.

Check the bulletin board behind the
baptistery to find details about
programs being offered.

Volunteer and Staff Needed!

There are many opportunities for
volunteers or paid staff positions.

Donations Needed!

Many camp items are needed.
Check the bulletin board for a list.

Come to a Camp Open House!

Lunch, Tours, Crafts, Campfires, etc.

Pathfinder Lodge – Saturday, June 2nd
10:00-3:00 p.m.

Camp Vick – Saturday, June 9th
10:00-3:00 p.m.

Come to a Camp Workday!

Help get the camps ready for the
season. All levels of ability are
needed. Any weekend in May at
either camp.

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Camp Scholarships Available

The Board of Christian Ed. grants scholarships to those who make a request.
Please fill out the form below and return it in the Christian Ed. mailbox by
May 1st. Any questions, seek out a member of the Board of Christian Ed.

Name of Camper: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent (s) _____

How may we contact you? _____

Name of Camp and Location: _____

Date attending camp: _____

Cost of camp session: _____

Is there any other information you would like to share with us?

Check the bulletin board behind the baptistery for all camp information!

Some Future Dates to Remember

Iroquois Baptist Association Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 5th at Sennett Federated Church

Jr. - Sr. High Youth Retreat

Friday, May 4th - Sunday, May 6th at Pathfinder Lodge
For youth from American Baptist Churches across New York State.

Interested? Speak to Christy Brownell or Rosemary Oaks-Lee

Mother - Daughter Banquet

Tuesday, May 15th at First Baptist Church

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, May 20th

Children's Day

Sunday, June 10th at First Baptist Church

Franklin Graham Festival

Friday, June 8th - Sunday, June 10th in Binghamton, NY

American Baptist Churches USA Biennial

Friday, June 29th - Monday, July 2nd in Washington DC

APRIL 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 – Palm Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Ministry Supp</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u>	2 10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series</u> (Library) <u>Soup After</u> (Chapel)	3 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board Meeting</u> (Library)	4	5 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 6:00 pm <u>Family Night Dinner</u> 7:00 pm “The Living Last Supper” at FBC w/Manlius Methodists	6 <u>Good Friday</u> 7:00 pm <u>Service at FBC to reflect on the passion of Christ</u> Church office closed	7
8 – Easter Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:30 am <u>Breakfast</u> gym 11:00 am <u>Worship</u>	9	10	11 7:00 pm <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	12 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball</u> (gym)	13 9:30-11:30am <u>Stay ‘n’ Play</u> (gym)	14
15 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Missions</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u> 6:00 pm <u>Trustees Mtg.</u>	16	17 7:00 pm <u>ABW Dessert Meeting at Olga Schmidt’s house</u>	18	19 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball</u> (gym)	20 9:30-11:30am <u>Stay ‘n’ Play</u> (gym)	21 11:00 am <u>ABW/NYS Cayuga-Onondaga Assoc.</u> at the United Church of Fayetteville
22 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:30 <u>Choir</u> 6:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u>	23	24	25 8:00 am <u>Staff Meeting</u>	26 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball</u> (gym)/last one	27 9:30-11:30am <u>Stay ‘n’ Play</u> (gym) ABW/NYS Conference in Buffalo this weekend	28 Noon – <u>Unity Fellowship</u> at Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum
29 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> Quarterly Meeting (After 11 am <u>Worship/gym</u>)	30	EVENTS IN MAY Friday, May 4-May 6th ~ Jr./Sr. High Retreat at Pathfinder Lodge Sunday, May 5th ~ Iroquois Spring Mtg. Sunday, May 13th ~ Mother’s Day! Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m. ~ Mother-Daughter Banquet in the gym Sunday, May 20th ~ Teacher Appreciation Monday, May 28th ~ Memorial Day!				

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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.

