

# CHRISTIAN CARRIER

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JANUARY 2008

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## ***From Your Pastor***

As I write, the final preparations are being made for our **Christmas Eve Services**:

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Service

7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

11:00 p.m. – I have asked John Buskey to lead this special Christmas Eve Communion service.

**Thank you to Mary Schwarz** for her leadership in the Christmas program held December 16<sup>th</sup>. Despite weather concerns, we went ahead with the program (note the pictures in this newsletter). It was a festive evening, enjoyed by all who could be there.

On Sunday, **December 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will conclude 2007 with a **“Blessings Sunday”**. Bring some object that symbolizes what God has done in your life this past year. There will be an opportunity for a brief sharing in the service. If you would like to share something more extensive, speak to me so we can plan for your time.

Please take note that there will be **no 8:30 a.m. service on December 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The **Nehemiah Team** has now met with me twice. We have examined a 1 ½ year process of discerning God’s directions for our church and developing plans to help us effectively respond. A proposal will be made at our Annual Meeting, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, I will attend the **Nehemiah Leader Network Annual Conference**. This is an opportunity for vital learning with quality leaders and a time to connect with pastors in my group.

**January Preaching and Worship Plans:** How do you think of your life as

a Christian? Do you imagine it as a journey that has a destination? My sermons in January will explore some of these questions.

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**–

Sermon: “Finding Home!”

Read: Matthew 2:1-12

Join your church family at the Lord’s Table as we remember what it means to be at home.

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** –

Sermon: “Member of the Household.”

Read: Acts 10:34-43

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** –

Sermon: “Strengthened to the End!”

Read: I Corinthians 1:1-9

In the evening you are invited to join our church family at the annual Highland Forest Outing.

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** –

Following our worship join the church family for a meal and our Annual Meeting.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Recent Prayer Requests:

**Jon Perry** – back in the hospital.

**The Pratt Family** – Megan Pratt, 19 years old, was killed in a car accident on Wednesday night, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Dorcas Ambrosio** – requests prayers for herself.

**The Parker Family** – Al Parker passed away Friday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**The Holloway Family** – Jim, Darlene Endy's father, passed away Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Please Pray for:

Virginia Noble	Wanda Baker
Connor	Loretta Beuchert
Mike Adams	Mike Handzel
Joe Malloy	Donald Loope
Martin Short	Licia Swain
Richard Fuller and his wife, Fran	
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister	
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Mary Jane and Russell Davis
Abigail, Dorcas Ambrosio's sister	
Mr. and Mrs. Syracuse	Ruth Costello
The Buskey family	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Donna, Joyce McCartney's sister	

### PRAISES

*"A special thank you for my fruit from the Women's Fellowship. I really appreciate such good friends." –Marge Faucett*

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*Many thanks to all those who provided crafts for the children on Craft Night, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Sally and Bill Lyon who faithfully prepare the hot dogs & beverages each year. –S. Mapstone*

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*"Dear First Baptist Family ~ We were so grateful to receive your gift of fruit from ABW. We're going to enjoy this fresh fruit given with love and so generously. Thank you. –Ken and Ada Phelps."*

### PRAISES (Cont'd)

*"Merry Christmas to my Church Family ~ 2007 is behind us. I wonder what 2008 will bring. So many blessings this year I can't thank God enough if I stayed on my knees for months. My love and prayers to all my family in Manlius.*

*Love and prayers, Edith Laning."*

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Please call the Church Office (682-8941) with prayer requests or praises by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Birthstone – Garnet**

**Flower – Carnation**

2. Tony Gaudio
3. George Davenport
5. Oliver Fardig  
Fred Goddard  
Judy Morningstar
7. Selena Short
8. Jeffrey Loope
10. Frank Adams
12. Elwin Richardson
13. Lauren Mapstone  
Rich Griffith
20. Ann Morales
21. Ellen Butler
23. Wendy Mapstone
24. Erman Ferris
28. McKenna Oley  
Dick Foss
29. Pete Shevchuk
31. Dick Barber

### ANNIVERSARIES

7. Dick & Pam Foss
20. Linda & David Tessier

**ABW MINISTRIES** – We are still

collecting UPC codes on the back of Campbell’s products and also cancelled stamps (with at least ¼” border) to be sent to Rev. David Vila to benefit his Spanish ministry. There is a box in the Narthex for both items. Blanket Sunday will be held February 10<sup>th</sup>.

JoAnn Mostar is in charge. There will be a White Cross meeting in the Chapel on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

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**CALENDARS FOR 2008** - are needed for residents in nursing homes and adult care facilities. Calendars may be dropped off through Jan.15<sup>th</sup> at the Fayetteville or Manlius libraries. Please call Diane at 637-6632 if you have any questions.

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**UNITY FELLOWSHIP**

Come join Unity Fellowship’s New Year’s Eve Party! It will begin

**Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

We will meet in the Chapel for appetizers, and there will be a Progressive Dinner and Game Night (Bingo/Bunko).



The committee consists of:

Art and Shirley Mapstone, Guynup, Ware, and Richardson.

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**SAM’S CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Now is the time to give Barbara Richardson a call to receive a membership to Sam’s Club through First Baptist Church. The fee is \$35. There are 4 openings (first come/first served). So, don’t delay and give Barbara a call at 632-4384.

**A NOTE FROM THE BILL BURT FAMILY**

*"Thanksgiving in Virginia."*

*Setting the record straight--The first Thanksgiving feast in America was celebrated December 4, 1619, at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, Va. This place on the James River is about a 30-minute drive inland from Colonial Williamsburg. I'm sure it was Virginia ham and not turkey. Previously, two different Spanish Conquistadores had offered prayers of thanksgiving as well. The fall foliage goes on for 2-3 months down here as the oak leaves don't fall. Driving the country roads is awesome because there are few power lines and the limbs hang over the roads. Unfortunately, our "tree" can't be planted until March, '08, due to severe drought in the area. The Lake Anna Nursery cancelled all tree orders due to the poor survival rate in transplanting. We're all fine and enjoying the fall to winter transition.*

Love, Betsy, Bill, and Trudy

**February Newsletter Items** – are

due no later than

**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please email any items to [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com) or place in the secretary’s mail slot.

Thank you ☺

## “HEAD-TO-TOE TREE”



Do you have any new or gently-used gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, or socks? If so, please bring them to church and hang them on the “Head-to-Toe” tree located in the hallway by the Chapel entrance. We are collecting them for people through January in need to help stay warm this winter. Please call Barbara Brace at 682-6270 if you have any questions.

## 2008 CALENDARS

New calendars are available in the Narthex for you to take home Thank you Schepp Family Funeral Homes for these calendars.

## FINANCIAL NOTES

This is your friendly reminder to submit all donations for 2007 to the church no later than **Monday, December 31, 2007**. All bank deposits will be made on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –Carole Guynup, Financial Secretary and Barbara Richardson, Treasurer



## **Thank You from the Mission Board ~**

Thank you one and all for your support of the **RMMO (Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering)** during December. The goal for this mission has been reached and surpassed! As of 12/16/07, **\$1,114.75** has been donated. Our goal was \$1,000. Thank you so much for your generosity! This mission continues through the end of December.

As a Board, we are most certain that all the contributions received will be greatly appreciated by all those who receive these special gifts. Once again, thanks to you from all of us on the Mission Board.

We continue to encourage you to help support the FM Food Pantry with donations. You can place your donations in the grocery cart located at the entry to the church. We again thank you for your continued and generous support of this important outreach ministry.

Thank you, as well, for your help with Christmas gifts for the Syracuse family of 10. We're sure their Christmas was even brighter with the many items donated for their holiday.

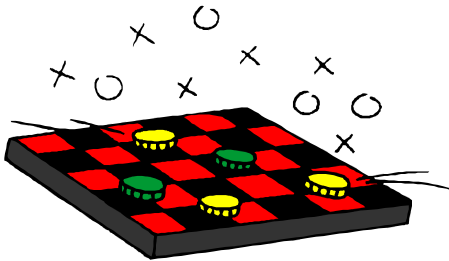
Our church is such a giving and mission minded community. We wish one and all a very blessed New Year as together we continue on with more mission opportunities. Stay tuned!

Your Mission Board,

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

## **HIGHLAND FOREST EVENT!!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008**



**6:00 p.m.**

**at the Lodge**

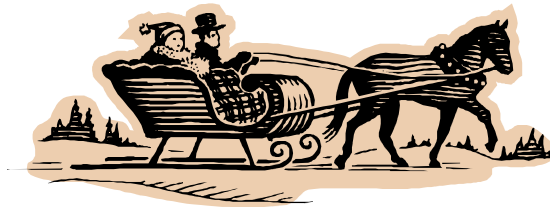


**COME ONE - COME ALL**

**HIGHLAND FOREST TRIP** - Don't miss the Annual Highland Forest Trip on Sunday, **January 20, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. There is no school on Monday! **All ages** gather in the cozy, fireplace heated lodge for an evening of games, food and fellowship. Horse drawn sleigh rides cap off an evening of pure delight for those adventurous to go out in the cold. Be sure to dress warmly. Bring a favorite board game, or puzzle and be prepared to teach young and old alike the game. We have the lodge until 11:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite chili, soup or stew to share. Desserts and munchies are also welcomed. Beverages will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Invite your friends and neighbors ~ all are encouraged to attend☺



### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 27, 2008**

**The meeting will follow the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.  
(Lunch and meeting will be in the gym.)**

**Please email all Annual Reports to: [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com) or place in the secretary's mail slot no later than Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday)

## Adult Sunday School Options for January

- 1) "What's So Amazing About Grace?"  
The video series with Phil Yancey will continue in January  
Leader: Ellen Everly (meets in the Chapel)
- 2) Adult Journeys Bible Study led by Erm Ferris (Church Library)
- 3) Bible Discussion Group (focus on the Gospels) Room 206
- 4) Bible Discussion Group (focus on the Psalms) Room 207

These classes will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

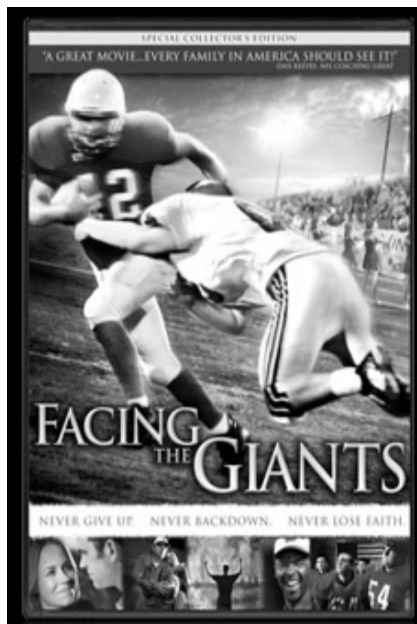
**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Intergenerational Class for everyone**

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service or classes**

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## Movie Event @ FBC Manlius

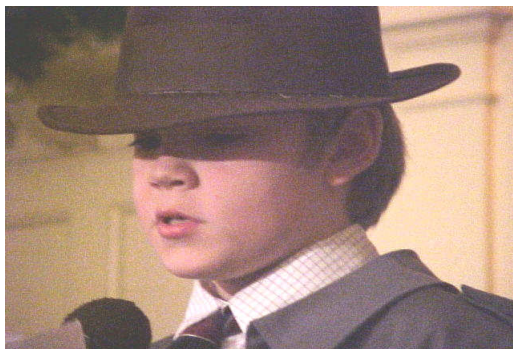
**Movie for the  
entire family!  
Invite your  
friends!**



**Great event to get  
pumped for the  
"Super Bowl"**

**Saturday, February 2, 2008 ~ 7:00 pm  
FBC Manlius (in the gym)**

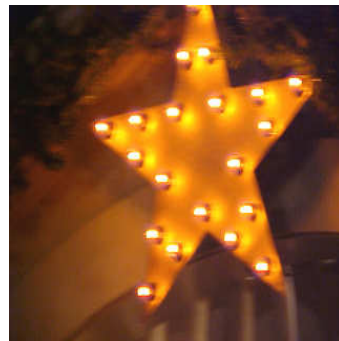
Christmas Play  
at First Baptist  
Church Manlius:  
**“Broadcasting  
Christmas”**  
Dec. 16, 2007







**Thank you for  
the beautiful  
music!**



**Thank you for the  
great performance!**



# Youth News

## New Years Eve Eve Party



December 30, 2007

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

(Meet: FBC Manlius @ 5:00pm)

Weedsport Baptist Church

**\*\*Games\*\*    \*\*Christian Concert\*\*    \*\*Pizza\*\***  
**\*\*New Friends from Area Churches\*\***

*Let Christy or Kathie know by December 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested in going!*

## Help!!!

We have received word that something has been hidden at First Baptist Manlius. Be sure to be at church, 6:00pm sharp on January 6<sup>th</sup>. By following clues, hopefully you can help us find this "hidden "treasure."

If you are real adventurer, you should be done by 7:30pm.

See you there!

## Highland Forest



January 20, 2008

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

**\*\*Snowman Building\*\***

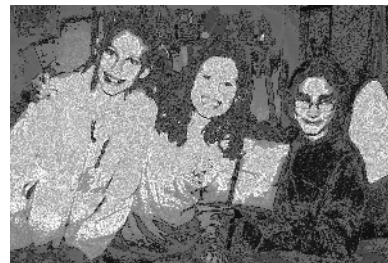
**\*\*Sleigh Ride\*\***

**\*\*Plenty o' games\*\***

**\*\*Yummy Food\*\***

**\*\*Lots of Family & Friends\*\***

Call Christy if you need a ride or more info, 663.7188




**Youth  
packing  
College  
Care  
Packages**

**Any questions, contact a member of the Youth Team:** Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee, Rosey Oaks-Lee, George Oley, Tom Shephard, & Kathie Shevchuk



# JANUARY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> No Stay 'n Play today	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Ministry Support</u> 6 pm <u>Trustees</u> 6 pm <u>Youth Grp.</u>	<b>7</b> 6:15 pm <u>Diaconate Board Meeting</u>	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education Board Meeting</u>	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	<b>10</b> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>11</b> 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm <u>VBS 2008 Meeting (Library)</u>
<b>13</b> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 12:15 pm <u>Missions Board</u>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>18</b> 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> 7-11:00 pm <u>Highland Forest</u>	<b>21</b> Martin Luther King, Jr (Church Office is Open)	<b>Pastor Leon will be away Jan. 21-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Nehemiah Leader Network Annual Conference</b>		<b>24</b> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>25</b> 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>	<b>26</b> 11:00 am <u>Unity Fellowship (Chapel)</u>
<b>27</b> 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> <b>ANNUAL MEETING –</b> (After 11 am <u>Worship (gym)</u> )	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	<b>Events Coming in February:</b> -Saturday, February 2, 7:00 pm - Movie Night at FBC -Lent begins: Wednesday, February 6th -Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> – Blanket Sunday -Monday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> – ABW White Cross Mtg. (Chapel)	

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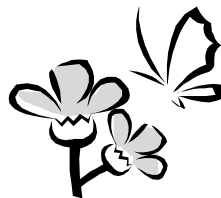
**Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor**  
**All the Believers, Ministers**

**Address Service Requested**



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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.