

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

MARCH 2009



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From Your Pastor ~

Ash Wednesday, February 25, begins the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will also be the beginning of six **Wednesday night dinner and learning experiences**. These learning experiences and my Sunday sermons will focus on a biblical understanding of healing, explore some of the faith resources we have for healing and help us become agents of healing in our world. The schedule is published in this newsletter. Plan to come to as many Wednesday nights as you can.

Fast and Feast

There was no emphasis on fasting in my childhood. If it were not for my Catholic friends who couldn't eat meat during Lent, I wouldn't have heard of fasts.

Luke (4:1-13) tells the story of Jesus fasting for 40 days in the wilderness. Following Jesus, Lent has historically had an emphasis on fasting.

Today, many Christians are re-discovering the value of fasting as a way to seek God's guidance and walk more closely with God.

A fast says "no" to something, usually food, so that one can say "yes" to something more important, like prayer or scripture or worship. We fast so we can feast on God's presence.

I invite you to fast and feast during Lent. Fast from the anxiety of your hectic schedule and feast on the fellowship of your church family. Fast from your normal routine and feast on new learning experiences to stretch your faith. Fast from "business as usual" and feast on vital spiritual growth.

On Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 our youth will participate in a **30 Hour Famine**. They will learn about world hunger, raise funds to fight hunger around the world, and participate in service experiences. You are invited to make your own fast during this time. Not sure? Give it a try as an act of solidarity with our youth.

You are invited to join them as they break their fast on Saturday evening. Whether you choose to fast or not, come, eat and listen to what they have learned and how they have grown. Be part of the feast.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for ~

Wanda Baker The Breed Family
Loretta Beuchert Mike Adams
Virginia Noble Ruth Costello
Courtney H. Ann and Gene Spradling
Marian Pollock Russell and Mary Jane Davis
Zulauf The Nehemiah Team
Helen Jenks Judy Ewing
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt Lucy Shephard
Marilyn Fowler Mills Carole Guynup
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister and Peggy's son, Greg
Mary Schwarz Linda & Marty Malloy
Phyllis Bailey The Barber family
Dana Berg and his wife, Debbie Tom Conley
Jonathan Smart The Family of Connor

PRAISES

Carole Guynup would again like to thank the church family for all the cards, calls, food, flowers and prayers that have been sent or delivered to the Guynup household in the past few weeks. You are such a great group of people!

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*To my Church family ~ May the Lord bless all my Church family for all the cards sent to me in 2008. They keep me alive and very happy. Life doesn't get easier after "90", but I can't complain. I'm blessed everyday to wake up, knowing Christ is with me. Blessings to all ~ Love and prayers,*  
*Edith Laning*

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Norm & Ruth Cadwell are the proud parents of Jeremy, born February 15, 2009!

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*Thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers & cards. -The Barber Family*

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Prayer request or praise? Call the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

April Newsletter items due:

Monday, March 16th

You may email the items to: fbcman@twcny.rr.com or place them in the secretary's mail slot.

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
17. Susan Rowley
19. Laurel Faucett
21. Darlene Endy
22. Flor de Jesus
Amanda Shevchuk
23. Ashley Morningstar
28. Rebecca Baier
Brian McCartney
Christopher Oley
29. Emily Burt
Judy Mantle

ANNIVERSARIES

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

You are very special to us, and we want to remember your special dates. Please contact the church office if you have additions to our Birthday/Anniversary list.

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Unity Fellowship will have a luncheon meeting starting at **12 noon** at the church in the chapel on **February 28**. Entertainment will be provided by ventriloquist Larry Brennan following lunch featuring homemade soups.



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**On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** Unity Fellowship will be meeting in the chapel for a potluck supper (bring your own table setting) with special guest speaker Dr. S. Short, who will be showing various travel slides. All are invited for a great time of fun and fellowship—see you there! Call Erm Ferris with any questions (682-9054)



## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

### ABW MINISTRIES

An ABC/NYS morning coffee and luncheon will be held on **Saturday, March 14**. Greg Short is our chef. Morning coffee, dessert and beverages will be provided by ABW Ministries.

A 3-week Lenten Bible Study will be held **Mondays, March 23, March 30, and April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** This will take place in the Church Library followed by a soup luncheon in the Chapel. The Bible study leaders will be Cindy Mapstone, Myrna Benedict and Gail Carlsen. Committee: Olga Schmidt, Shirley Mapstone, and Ruby Pfohl.

Scholarships are available to High School Graduates and continuing College students from American Baptist Women's Ministries through the ABW Ministries Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the church office and are due no later than **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

We need more UPC codes found on the back of a variety of Campbell's products. These labels go to Springbrook to buy materials for the schools, etc. There is a box for UPC codes and cancelled stamps in the Narthex. We have not been able to find a place for our cancelled stamps at this time; suggestions are welcome.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

*In Christ there are many members,  
Yet one body.*

**Friday, March 6, 2009 ~ 2 p.m.**

At the Nottingham, 1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville, NY

### Women & Girls' State Gathering

American Baptist Women's Ministries/NYS

"Women. . . Destined for God's Purpose"



April 24-26, 2009  
Owego Treadway Inn



**A.B.G.I.R.L.S. Grades 7-12 Invited**

#### Special Guests:

- \*Friday night keynote speaker—Rev. Jackie Saxon and concert with the Dunnemans. Ice Cream Social—gift from Springbrook Special gathering for A.B.G.I.R.L.S.—PIZZA
- \*Saturday & Sunday—Bible Studies with Rev. Martha Cruz
- \*Saturday—David Sheldon from our mission, The Place, Norwich, NY

Chris Marziale from Valley Forge will do two workshops on her mission trips to inspire you!

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#### Costs for ABWomen & Girls:

Registration: Full time - \$15; Part time - \$10 (Send to ABWM Registrar) (After 4/3/09--add a \$5.00 late fee)

#### Hotel Room & Meals:

Single - \$210.00

Double - \$140/person

Triple - \$110/person

Quad - \$99/person

A.B.G.I.R.L.S. are \$20 less on room rates (Hotel registration to be sent with your church tax exempt form and church check directly to the Treadway Inn.

*Ladies this is a tremendous bargain. . . bring friends!*

All registrations are due by April 3, 2009 to both ABWM Convention Registrar & Treadway Inn.

**"Don't Delay – be "purposeful"**



## MISSION NEWS



--**FM Food Pantry** - items needed are **Cereal, Canned Meat, Pasta Sauce and Jelly** ~ please place items in the grocery cart by elevator.

--**Blanket Sunday** was held **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. As of February 15, 2009, \$680.00 was raised! Thank you so much for your generosity and support for this mission project.

--Greg Avellino (Executive Principal at Liverpool High School) and his daughter Rose will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in July on a mission trip. Bob Doss received a letter from Mr. Avellino, who has become a friend to him during his substitute teaching assignment at Liverpool, requesting possible support for Mr. Avellino and his daughter and team as they travel to the Dominican Republic to furnish medical and educational supplies. This is a return visit for Rose and Greg is traveling as a chaperone. They will try to raise funds for an ESL teacher for an orphanage in Santiago for a year, stay seven days with a group called Orphanage Outreach teaching Spanish and English, and distribute supplies to Bateyes, a community near the Haitian border. Both Greg and Rose are very excited about this mission trip and have asked if anyone wanted to support them. If you are interested, here is the information you will need. Your tax-deductible

donation can be made safely and quickly using Paypal. Email Greg Avellino at [gavellin@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gavellin@twcny.rr.com) with your donation amount, and he will send you a Paypal request to pay on line. Or, you can mail a check to Greg Avellino, 6910 Old Quarry Road, Fayetteville, NY13066. Please write Avellino on the comment line at the bottom of the check.

Thank you, Bob Doss



### *Executive Committee*

At our last Executive Committee meeting we talked extensively about our present board structure.

One principle agreed to by those attending was: "A focus on fewer things helps a group accomplish more and keep energy for the task." We agreed that some of the frustration on our boards is having too many areas of concern.

Some adjustments are being made now to help boards be more effective. Some long term thinking is being done for changes in the future.



## CHURCH WORK DAY



### **Fun, Fellowship, and Accomplishment!**

Join us on **Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 am - Noon** at our Church to "spruce up" and "clean up." Some projects we are looking at are: cleaning the kitchen and the nursery; doing work in the chapel; and miscellaneous projects. We are open to suggestions. Please call or see Jo Ann Mostar to help (682-6802).

Coffee and bagels will be provided. Thanks.

# America for Christ Offering 2009

Serve. Sacrifice. Surrender.

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

Dear Friends,

We are called by God to a life of holistic stewardship—to *fully serve, sacrifice, and surrender to the One who has given our lives new and eternal meaning.* And yet that relationship becomes profoundly multifaceted in its real-world application as we live for Christ in order to make a difference in our communities and respond to many needs “with willing hands.”

You can help make a difference! Service in Christ’s name is both an opportunity and a challenge. For 176 years National Ministries, ABCUSA has assisted American Baptist congregations as they have confronted and responded to the spiritual and physical needs resident in many communities like ours.

Our church’s contribution to the America for Christ Offering goes to support Christ-centered ministries that are transforming lives across the United States and Puerto Rico. Our giving directly impacts local activities, projects and ministries such as:

- Evangelism and Church Planting
- Camps and Leadership Development Conferences
- Community Development and Refugee Resettlement
- Scholarships for education and Volunteers In Mission

We believe God is calling us to support local missions in America and Puerto Rico and to join with our sisters and brothers as together we serve, sacrifice, and surrender. Our goal is to contribute **\$2,009.00** to the AFC Offering.

Please join this wonderful opportunity to reach America for Christ. We will be receiving the America for Christ Offering on for the entire month of March.

*For the love of Christ urges us on.....*

Your Mission Board

Jill Doss  
Sally Lyon  
Shirley Mapstone  
Ann Morales  
Tom Shephard



## MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, March 1 – Communion Sunday

Text: Luke 7:12-15 & I Kings 17a  
Sermon: “The Cry of Two Widows”

### Sunday, March 8

Text: Luke 17:12-16  
Sermon: “Ten Lepers Healed”

### Sunday, March 15

Text: John 5:1-9  
Sermon: “Do You Want to be Healed?”



### Sunday, March 22

Text: Mark 10:46-52  
Sermon: “Your Faith has Made You Well”

### Sunday, March 29

Sermon: “The Ministry of Healing”

### Sunday, April 5 ~ Palm Sunday and Communion Sunday

Sermon: “Healing the Nations”

## HOLY WEEK



### Maundy Thursday ~ April 9

6:30 p.m. - Joint service with Manlius Methodists at  
First Baptist Church with both choirs performing.  
A soup and salad meal will be served.

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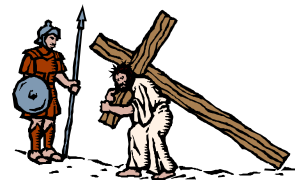
### Good Friday ~ April 10

7:00 p.m. - A simple service in the Sanctuary

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### Easter Sunday ~ April 12

9:30-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the gym  
11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship  
“Healing and Resurrection”



# LENTEN FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE

## **Healing: A Gift from Jesus**

Our Lenten focus this year will take a new look at healing. You are invited to come and learn and to seek the God who heals us.



### **Wednesday Nights Meal and Learning Experience**

**6 – 7 p.m.** – Soup and Salad Meal and fellowship in the gym

**7 – 8 p.m.** – Learning Experience in the chapel

### Learning Experiences

**February 25**

Leader: Pastor Leon  
“A Biblical Understanding of Healing”

**March 4**

Leader: Pastor Leon  
“Faith Resources for Healing”

**March 11**

Leader: Dr. Tim Endy  
A Doctor’s journey of faith and healing.

**March 18**

Leader: Rev. John Buskey  
An EMT and Pastor speaks about trauma and healing.

**March 25**

Labyrinth Experience  
After dinner we will travel to Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. Rev. Redfield will instruct us in the use of the Labyrinth as a spiritual exercise that can lead to spiritual healing.

**April 1**

Worship and Healing



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## **CHURCH FAMILY AND KING’S KIDS FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Wednesday, March 11th  
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.

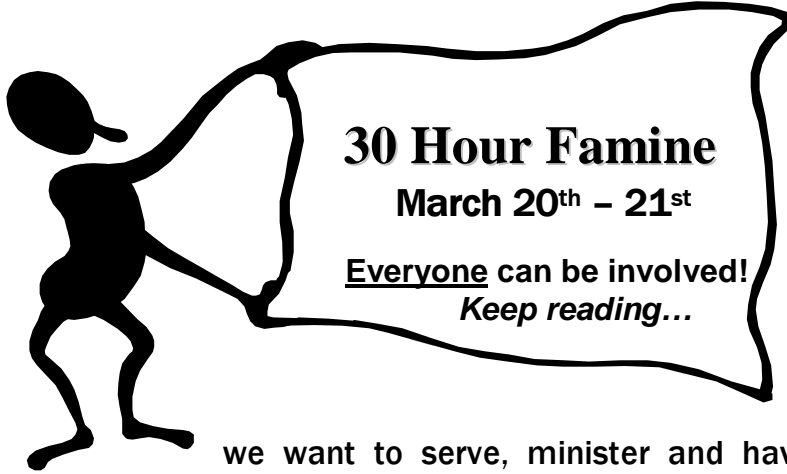




# Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
For youth in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events:



**March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Continuing our February 15<sup>th</sup> discussion, we'll be putting gifts into action as we prepare for the 30 Hour Famine. We need every youth's talents and energy to plan 30 Hours! Meeting at our normal time, we'll start brainstorming how

we want to serve, minister and have fun during the 30 Hour Famine!

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - We'll be solidifying our plans for the 30 Hour Famine and checking in on our goal. Bring your ideas and any "outside" work you had to do from March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** - 30 Hour Famine!!! See below.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** - Plans to come. See April's Newsletter for more details.



Assuming it takes you two minutes to read this Youth News, 36 children under the age of five will have died by the time you have finished. 36 CHILDREN. And those deaths are from hunger, poverty, and hunger-related diseases - all completely preventable. The good news is that our youth have decided to do something about it: World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

The problem is huge, but the solution is not. Just \$30 a month -roughly \$1 a day - can help feed and care for a child in most developing countries.

As our youth go 30 hours without food, they'll get a taste of what it's like to be hungry, all the while reaching out to others in need. And as they do that, their compassion will grow: for people around the world, and right here at home.

### Please help our youth group by:

- Praying for the Famine participants, and for those they're working to save.
- Supporting Famine participants with a donation. It's through your gifts that lives are changed forever. Every youth has a donation packet.
- Attending our "Break the Fast" meal on March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm - by hearing our youth's stories, we promise, you will be moved.

Youth Team: Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-lee, Rosey Oaks-lee, George Oley, & Tom Shephard.  
Questions or comments for the Youth Team? Email us at [FBManliusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:FBManliusyouth@gmail.com)



# MARCH 2009 CHURCH CALENDAR



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                   | Friday                                                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30 am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u><br>11:00 am <u>Worship</u><br>12:15 pm <u>Ministry Support</u><br>6:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u> | <b>2</b><br>4:00 pm <u>Finance Committee</u><br><br>6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board</u>     | <b>3</b><br>6:00 pm <u>CE Board</u><br>6:30 pm <u>Trustees Board</u><br>7-8:00 pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u> | <b>4</b><br>6:00 pm <u>Lenten Supper (gym)</u><br><br>7:00 pm <u>Learning Experiences (chapel)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>5</b><br>6:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u><br>6:30 pm <u>Youth Team</u><br>7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> | <b>6</b><br><b>World Day of Prayer</b><br>2 pm at the <u>Nottingham</u><br>9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u> | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30 am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u><br>11:00 am <u>Worship</u><br>12:15 pm <u>Missions Board</u>                                 | <b>9</b>                                                                               | <b>10</b><br>7-8:00 pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u>                                                            | <b>11</b><br>6:00 pm <u>King's Kids Family Night</u><br><u>Lenten Supper (gym)</u><br>7:00 pm <u>Learning Experiences (chapel)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u><br><br>7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>                         | <b>13</b><br>9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u>                                                               | <b>14</b><br>9-3:00 pm <u>ABC/NYS Board of Mission Mtg. &amp; Luncheon (chapel, kitchen, gym)</u>                                |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u><br>11:00 am <u>Worship</u><br>6:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u>                                    | <b>16</b>                                                                              | <b>17</b><br>7-8:00 pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u>                                                            | <b>18</b><br>6:00 pm <u>Lenten Supper (gym)</u><br><br>7:00 pm <u>Learning Experiences (chapel)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>19</b><br>6:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u><br><br>7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>                         | <b>20</b><br>9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play (gym)</u><br><br>30-Hour <b>Famine (Youth at FBC)</b>                   | <b>21</b><br>9-Noon <u>Church Work Day!!</u><br>10:00 am <u>ABW/NYS Mtg. (library)</u><br>6:00 pm <u>All-Church Dinner (gym)</u> |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u><br>11:00 am <u>Worship</u>                                                                  | <b>23</b><br>10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series (library)</u><br><u>Soup After (chapel)</u> | <b>24</b><br>7-8:00 pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u>                                                            | <b>25</b><br>8:00 am <u>Staff meeting</u><br>6:00 pm <u>Lenten Supper (gym)</u><br>7:00 pm <u>Learning Experiences (chapel)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>26</b><br>6:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u><br><br>7:00 pm <u>Choir Rehearsal</u>                         | <b>27</b><br><b>No School-- No Stay 'n Play</b>                                                                    | <b>28</b><br>6:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship (chapel)</u>                                                                            |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u><br>11:00 am <u>Worship</u><br><b>TIME TBA</b> <u>Youth Group</u>                            | <b>30</b><br>10:30 am <u>ABW Lenten Series (library)</u><br><u>Soup After (chapel)</u> | <b>31</b><br>7-8:00 pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u>                                                            | <b>EVENTS IN APRIL</b><br>April 5 – Palm Sunday (Joyful Sounds performing)<br>April 9 – Maundy Thursday (6:30 pm Joint Service at FBC w/Manlius Methodist--Joint Choirs are performing)<br>April 10 – Good Friday Simple Service (7 pm/Sanctuary)<br>April 12 – Easter Sunday ~<br>8:30 am Easter Worship Service<br>9:30-10:30 am Breakfast<br>11:00 am Easter Worship Service |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                  |

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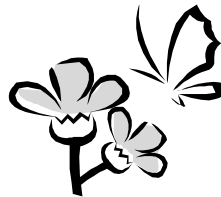
**Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
All the Believers, Ministers**

**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.