

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

June 2008



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From Your Pastor ~

As you may already be aware, **Kathie Shevchuk** has decided to resign from her staff position as Ministry Coordinator. Kathie joined the staff at FBC in the Fall of 2002. She has served faithfully with energy, determination and a love for this church and its people.

I am especially grateful to Kathie for her service. When I came to First Baptist nearly 3 years ago, Kathie eagerly greeted me and made it clear that in her job she wanted to support me and make my job easier.

She did just that! She handled details and executed plans. She staffed the 40 Days of Purpose program. She initiated the building of a Youth Ministry Team and the God's Soldiers Team. [This past Sunday evening nearly 100 of us gathered to celebrate over 20 of our youth. What a glorious evening -- the work of the Youth Ministry Team.]

Kathie has watched over our Sunday School taking on the duties of a Sunday School Superintendent. Week after week, the smooth running has been the result of her administrative skills. She has provided support to our teachers. Children's Day programs of the past two years were programs she initiated.

Kathie also had responsibility for our All-Church events. She initiated and oversaw such events as Highland Forest, our Thanksgiving Dinner, Easter Breakfast, 4th of July Parade, and various All-Church events to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

When Cindy Mapstone resigned from the other Coordinator position in January of 2006, Kathie's job description

changed. She adapted and took on expanded responsibilities.

On top of all these responsibilities, Kathie has taught the Jr. High Sunday School Class each week.

Please, make sure that you find a way to **say thank you to Kathie** for her service.

On Sunday, June 8th, Children's Day, we will include in the worship service a **ceremony to license Cindy Mapstone**. Cindy is entering her final term at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester. She has listened to God's leading and has discerned a call to ministry. She is seeking ordination from our church. As a church we have taken several steps:

1. Our Deacons met with Cindy and have confirmed their sense of Cindy's call to ministry.
2. The Deacons recommended that our congregation license Cindy.
3. At our April Quarterly Meeting our membership recognized Cindy's call by voting to license her.
4. Upon licensing Cindy our church will notify the Iroquois Baptist Association to begin a process of examining Cindy, which we believe will result in their recommendation that we go ahead with her ordination.
5. Ordination might happen as early as next Spring.

As a congregation, God has blessed First Baptist Church of Manlius through the leadership and ministry of both Kathie and Cindy. Pray for both of them as each continue to discern God's unique call in their lives.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ~

Mike Adams	Richard and Fran Fuller	Wanda Baker
Loretta Beuchert	Kermit Breed, Jr.	Virginia Noble
Ruth Costello	Courtney H.	Ann and Gene Spradling
The Nehemiah Team	Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Chuck
Jon Perry	Russell and Mary Jane Davis	Connor
Patty Baggett	The Day Family	Kira
Stephanie Miller	Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Dave

PRAISES

"Thank you, God's Soldiers, for the very pretty violet bouquet I received on Mother's Day." Thanks to Greg Short and the men of FBC for preparing and serving the delicious dinner for the Mother-Daughter Banquet. The Irish Dancers were awesome! Thanks to Ann, Brodie, and Lucy Shephard for arranging the excellent program."
—Shirley Mapstone

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"To the congregation ~ I wish to thank all of you for your prayers (all the month of April) for me after my colonoscopy. I thank Elaine for her support. I am doing the right thing concerning my diet. I really feel good. As far as my medicine goes, I continue to do well. You're support with prayer has made a difference. I'm thankful to all you good people. I keep busy each day and go to town frequently. I go to the Mental health Center in Auburn. Now, as it has been, is the time to return the favor to you. I pray that you all are well and enjoying life. We have a good pastor in Leon. He is my friend, and I pray for God's blessing upon him. Let us all remember what President Kennedy said that, "God's work must truly be our own." Truly, we have much work to do for our Lord. With His blessing, Fred James Goddard. (letter dated 5/2/08)
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Please call Elaine at the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning with prayer requests or praises. Thank you.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Birthstone – Pearl
Flower – Rose
3. David Cole
 4. Carol Davenport
 5. Derek Guynup
 9. Laura Ferris
 12. Damon Gagnier
 15. Kelsey Mapstone
Lindsey Morningstar
 16. Barbara Brace
Pat Beglin
 17. Michael Buskey
 18. Jo Ann Mostar
 19. Arlene Struwing
 20. Kate Procopio
 22. Ellen Everly

24. Bill Carlsen
25. Abigail Freeman
27. Samantha Hotchkiss
30. Reva Burt

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4. Ruth and Harold Ware
8. Jean Lynn & John
Buskey
13. Cheryl & David Vermilya
14. Dolores & Ron Radell
15. Joyce & Mike McCartney
19. Phyllis & Paul Bailey
25. Annette & Tony
Andrusyszyn
26. Arlene & Charles
Struwing

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Soon many graduations will be held. If you or someone in your family will be graduating (High School, College, Master's, Doctorate), please submit (email to: fbcman@twcny.rr.com) a photograph and a paragraph telling us where you are graduating from, the date of graduation, where you will be attending college or where you will be working after graduation and any other pertinent information you would like to include. This must be submitted to the Church office **no later than Friday, June 6th** so we can include this in the July newsletter. Photographs will be returned to you. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call the Church office at 682-8941.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The First Baptist Church Diaconate Scholarship Committee invites all students who are graduating from High School and are planning to attend college or are in college, to apply for a Manlius FBC scholarship. Scholarship forms are available in our church office and **must be returned by June 1, 2008.** If you have any questions, please call Diaconate Board Member, Bob Mapstone at 682-8169.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund was created some years ago by Abe Lorente, a grateful member of our Church family. If you would like to share in this ministry of support for college students of all ages at home and away, please consider making a contribution. You may mail it to the Church office in the enclosed Scholarship Fund envelope or put it in a Scholarship Fund envelope and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in May. Thank you for your support of this meaningful ministry.

ABW MINISTRIES – **Annual Picnic is on Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m.** at the Ammanns. 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. Box is in the Narthex.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU ~ *Marge Lincoln and her family would like to thank everyone at First Baptist church who did so much to make her Mother's Day tribute very special. She enjoyed her day tremendously. God's timing is perfect, and this special day really helped her during this hard time of moving and change. All of her family appreciated seeing her honored so graciously. Thank You for your thoughtfulness. –Marge and the Lincoln Family*

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Come and Learn about Refugee Ministries

**Speaker, Deb Virgo,
Sponsor Coordinator for Refugee Ministries**

Sunday, June 1st in the Chapel ~ 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Come and listen to Deb Virgo, Sponsor Coordinator for Refugee Ministries, talk about the recent influx of refugees in the Syracuse area. She will describe some of the opportunities to welcome and help settle these new friends in our area.

A Baptist connection: Karen and Chin, Baptists from Burma, are among the refugees coming to Syracuse. They have already started new churches and are receiving encouragement from the Iroquois Baptist Association. How can we help? How can we support our brothers and sisters?

Come and learn and be part of the discussion about how we can respond at First Baptist Church of Manlius.

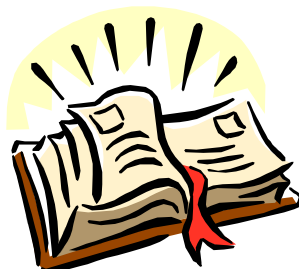
Adult Sunday School Classes

June 1 – All adult Sunday School classes will meet in the chapel to hear Deb Virgo speak. (see above)

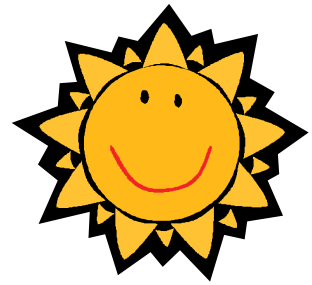
June 8 – Final classes until next Fall.

Morning Bible Study

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. - Thursdays thru June 5th in the library at First Baptist Church. This is a 4-week study of II Timothy. Start your day with God's word. Contact Mary Schwarz with any questions. All are welcome.



June Worship Schedule



Sunday, June 1st –

- 8:30 a.m. – Worship (last early service this Spring)
- 9:45 a.m. – Refugee Ministries!
Speaker, Deb Virgo, Sponsor Coordinator for Refugee Ministries ~ Meet in the Chapel.
- 11:00 a.m. – Communion Service
A Special Recognition by Deacons

Sunday, June 8th –

- 9:45 a.m. – Last Sunday School classes until the Fall.
- 11:00 a.m. – Children's Day Worship
(see opposite page for details)
- Following Worship – All Church Picnic at Mill Run Park

Sunday, June 15th – Summer Schedule begins

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Pastor Leon preaching
Recognition of our Graduates

Sunday, June 22nd –

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Guest Speaker, Damon Gagnier
Pastor Leon is on Vacation



Sunday, June 29th –

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service
Pastor Leon preaching.

Sunday, July 6th –

- 9:30 a.m. – Joint Worship Service at Manlius Methodist Church
Pastor Leon preaching

Children's Day Worship

Sunday, June 8 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Our worship will be filled with a celebration of our ministries with children and more. Help us give praise and thanks for the many ways God is helping us to become followers of Jesus who love, serve and give glory to God.

- Our children's classes will each share with us something they have learned this year.
- A dedication of Annabelle Granata
- Various recognitions of leaders and children
- A ceremony to license Cindy Mapstone



Church Picnic



In honor of Children's Day, what better way to celebrate than a good ole-fashion Picnic!


June 8th – Directly after 11:00 Worship
Location: Mill Run Park (3rd Pavilion)
Rain location: FBC Manlius Chapel

Bring table service, lawn chairs, games, and a dish to pass.
Grilled Hot Dogs and Beverage will be provided.

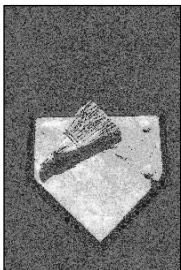
Families, please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

- A - G: Salad**
- H - N: Side Dish
(other than Salad)**
- O - Z: Dessert**

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There are talks
about a church-wide
game of
Kickball/Softball!



MISSION NEWS

Your Mission Board continues to correspond with our designated missionaries.

As many of you might have heard, John and Debbie Coats have experienced some changes in their ministry and are no longer one of our designated missionaries. They will be staying in the mission field but will be making changes that will best address their family. We continue to pray for each of them during this change and on into the future.

Matt & Lori Mann continue to correspond with each of the Board members. They are serving in Laos. Because of the sensitive nature of their location, they have asked us not to share much of the information they send to us in newsletter form so that it does not compromise anything they are doing for the Lord in Laos. They are doing amazing things, and we will place some of the photos they send on the Mission bulletin board for you to look at. They truly have hearts for the Lord. We continue to financially support and pray for them as they continue so faithfully.

Carlos & Mayra Bonilla are the second designated missionary family that we support financially and with prayer. They are located in Chile and are doing wonderful things with building up the church facility, promoting family programs, children programs, and for doing the Lord's work in the area that they live.

We ask that you remember these special people for all the wonderful things they are doing for the Lord. We will bring you further news in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you for your generous support of the FM Food Pantry. Over 40 empty grocery bags were taken by you to fill with items needed at the Pantry. Our first Sunday, we had 15 very full bags returned. You are all appreciated for helping your neighbors--a good job at "anothering."

Blessings to all from your Mission Board.

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING - Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 26, 2008. The bloodmobile will be at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call Shirley Mapstone to schedule an appointment (682-8169). Thank you for your support in giving the gift of life☺



God's Soldiers' Event ~ Dessert with Dad



Calling all K-5th graders! Bring a special dad & join the fun!

- What? Strawberry Picking and making Strawberry Desserts for special dads!**
- When? Saturday, June 14, 2008, 6:17 – 8:17 PM**
- Where? Meet at FBC promptly at 6:17 PM to go to the strawberry fields.**
- RSVP? Call or email Al Dominy at 637- 4964 adominy@netzero.net**

By June 11, 2008, please!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

June 2008



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.”

–Hebrews 13:16

Dear Friends,

The more resources we share through One Great Hour of Sharing, the more lives will be changed. It really is as simple as that. Here's how.

In the remote villages of Bonde, Ethiopia, the cost to dig one well is \$200.00. The lives of villagers would be changed dramatically by having a clean source of water close by. But with \$400.00, two villages can experience the life-changing presence of safe and accessible water.

In the rural communities of El Salvador, \$100.00 provides the basic inputs (seeds and small animals) to break the cycle of food insecurity. Just \$100.00 enables a family to plant vegetable gardens and raise small animals. But with \$200.00, two families' lives will be changed.

In refugee camps all around the world, it costs \$380.00 to provide a family of five with a tent, blankets, water, latrines, and a month's worth of food. So, with \$760.00 . . . you get the picture.

Imagine the lives we can change!

One Great Hour of Sharing offers us a way to grow our faith; sharing what we have pleases God and really does change lives.

How many lives is God calling us to change? Please give.

Sincerely,

Your Mission Board

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



RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Vacation Bible School 2008

Vacation Bible School is an opportunity to share the good news of God's loving actions in the past and today.

Children will learn how God has worked with his people through stories about Ruth and Elisha, and the experiences and parables of Jesus. They will learn how they can make a difference in the lives of street children in Cuzco, Peru, through our mission project.



- What?** Vacation Bible School, with stories, songs, games, crafts, and yes, interesting snacks
- When?** August 18-22, 9 a.m. till 12 noon
- Where?** First Baptist Church
- For whom?** All Children, Pre-K (age 5) through completed 6th grade
- How much?** Free registration till July 15



What do I do?



Register your child. If your child attended VBS 2007, look for a letter with registration forms. If not, see below to obtain forms.

Invite your child's friends or classmates, your grandchildren, your neighbors... See below for registration forms.

Volunteer to help. Contact Rosey Oaks-Lee (637-0023). We need your help before and during VBS week, including:

- a decoration team, to turn our church space into a rainforest canopy
- someone to coordinate the mission project
- co-leaders for the 4th-6th grade group
- help with publicity
- helpers for the week of VBS.

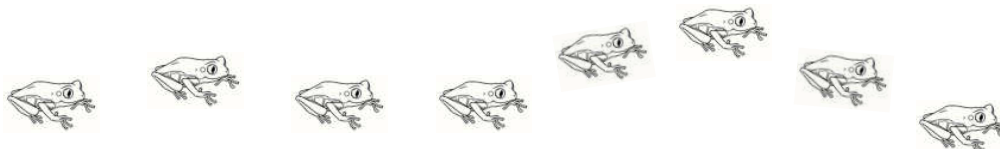
We particularly appreciate your prayers.



How do I register?

Registration forms are available in the narthex, at the church office (682-8941) or online at the church website www.firstbaptist-manlius.org. Please use one form for each child and mail to: First Baptist Church of Manlius, 408 Pleasant Street, Manlius, NY 13104.

VBS Planning Committee: Jean Lynn Buskey, Melissa Buskey, Marge Edwards, Ellen Everly, Carole Guynup, Shirley Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, Rosey Oaks-Lee, and Mary Schwarz



Youth News

**Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm ~ For any youth in Grades 6th - 12th**

Upcoming Events:

June 1st: It's already time for S.E.E.?!?! (School-End Extravaganza)



We have a wonderful treat for you! On June 1st from 5:00pm - 7:30pm, we'll be visiting the Shephards (3663 Rippleton Rd) in Cazenovia for fun, food, fellowship, craziness...you name it!

Hot dogs & "dessert" will be supplied - Each family is asked to bring chips or drinks. Mr. Shephard has assured us that there will be many fun & festive games...so come prepared!

Last time Youth Group was in Cazenovia, we had a record-breaking attendance! Let's try to break it again! If you need a ride, we will meet at FBC Manlius at 4:45pm and return at 7:45pm.

It'll be our last "regular" Youth Group event before the summer! Can't wait to S.E.E. you there!!!

Keep an eye out for
Summer Youth Activities.
They're being planned now
- the Youth Team will
keep you posted!



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

Calling all Graduates



*You are cordially invited to Worship on June 15th @ 9:30am.
At that time, the Board of Christian Education would like to
honor your recent accomplishment of Graduation.*



JUNE 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am <u>Worship Service</u> 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship Service</u> 12:15 pm <u>Ministry Support</u> 6:00 pm <u>Trustees</u> 5-7:30 pm <u>Youth</u>	2	3 6:30 pm <u>Christian Education</u> <u>Board meeting</u>	4	5 7:00-8:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> (Library)	6 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay 'n Play</u> (Gym)	7 9-4:00 pm <u>ABC/NYS Mission Advocate Meeting</u> (Chapel, Gym & Kitchen)
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING THIS MONTH!!						
8 <u>Children's Day!!</u> No 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45-10:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship Service</u> 12:15 pm <u>Picnic at Mill Run Park ~ Chapel if raining</u>	9 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board Meeting</u>	10 6:00 pm <u>ABW Annual Picnic</u> at the Ammanns	11 6:30 pm <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	12	13 9-3:00 pm <u>ABC/NYS Board of Mission Meeting</u> (Chapel, Gym & Kitchen)	14 <u>Flag Day</u> 1-5:00 pm Chapel 6:17-8:17 pm <u>God's Soldiers</u> (Gym and Kitchen)
15 <u>Father's Day & Recognition of Graduates</u> 9:30 am <u>Summer Worship Time Begins</u> 10:45 am <u>Missions Board</u>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <u>First Day of Summer</u> ☺ 6:30 pm <u>Unity Fellowship Hot Dog Roast at the Guynup's Place</u> ☺
Pastor Leon is away beginning Tuesday, June 17th and returning to the office Wednesday, June 25th. During this time and during non-office hours, please call Deacon Bob Mapstone for pastoral emergencies at 682-8169.						
22 9:30 am <u>Worship Service</u> (Damon Gagnier is preaching)	23	24	25 <u>No Staff meeting this month</u>	26	27	28
29 9:30 am <u>Worship Service</u>	30	EVENTS IN JULY Friday, July 4th, - 10:00 a.m. - 4 th of July Parade Sunday, July 6th, 9:30 a.m. - Worship at Manlius United Methodist (Pastor Leon preaching) Thursday, July 17th - God's Soldiers Event Saturday, July 26th - Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Gym				

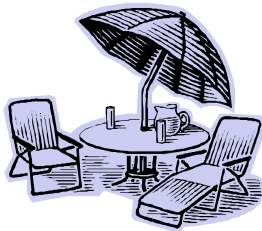
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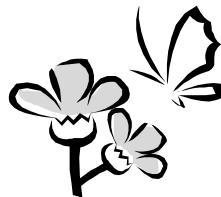
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Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor
All the Believers, Ministers

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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.