

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

June 2009



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From Your Pastor ~

Last year, First Baptist Church voted to issue to both **Cindy Mapstone** and **Damon Gagnier** a license for ministry. At that time we began a process that we believe will lead to ordination of each into Christian ministry as pastors.

Cindy is in the final stage of the preparation for ordination. On Sunday afternoon, June 7th, our church has called for an **Ordination Council** which will occur at 3 p.m. in our church sanctuary.

Hold on! What is an Ordination Council?

An ordination council is a gathering of delegates from the churches of our **Association** who will listen to Cindy describe her understanding of the Christian faith and her call to ministry. The delegates will ask questions and vote to recommend to us whether or not to proceed with her ordination.

Hold on! You're moving too fast! Back up a bit and tell me about "our Association".

Our church has chosen to associate with 40 other like-minded Baptist churches in our area (Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga and Oswego Counties). We call this the **Iroquois Association** of American Baptist Churches.

One of the several functions of the Association is the examination of a candidate for ordination – the Ordination Council. Each church may send a pastor and two delegates.

If the Ordination Council votes to recommend that we ordain Cindy, her ordination will be recognized by all the churches in the American Baptist Churches/USA.

Wow! Can I attend the Ordination Council?

You are welcome to come. Only our designated delegates will be able to ask questions and vote. The event you really want to attend is her **ordination**.

What is the Ordination and when will it happen?

First Baptist Church will plan and conduct a worship service at which time we will ordain Cindy. We will ask for God's blessing on Cindy and her ministry. There is a special time in this service called the "Laying on of Hands". This is a biblical practice, followed by Baptists, which acknowledges our belief that Cindy is called by God to **this ministry**. We won't officially schedule this service until after the vote of the ordination council, but we expect the service will be Sunday, June 28th.

What did you mean when you said, "This ministry"?

God gives many gifts for ministry in God's church. One of these gifts is the gift to be a pastor – to lead a church to hear God's call on their lives and serve in a unified way. Cindy is already serving as a pastor at what is now called, The Fabius Christian Church.

More questions? Don't hesitate to ask. This is an important and exciting process for Cindy and our church. Keep Cindy and Damon in Prayer as they proceed forward toward ordination.

Faithfully,
Pastor Leon

PS – Congratulations Cindy on your graduation from Northeastern Seminary on May 16th.

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Please keep the **Guynup family** in your prayers; Carole died April 30, 2009.

Wanda Baker	Mike Adams	Zulauf
Virginia Noble	Ruth Costello	Courtney H.
Ann and Gene Spradling	Loretta Beuchert	Erika Webb
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	The Nehemiah Team	Marian Pollock
Robert Guild	Bill Edwards	Linda Malloy
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Billy Randolph	Erma Bullard
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother		Eugene White
Judy Ewing, Flo Dixon's daughter	Grace Chege & her daughter	Russ
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister and Peggy's son, Greg		Charles Houston Lasher
Ana and Ben Corona (in Nevada)	Nancy Ferris-Zedwick	

PRAISES

Thank you, Greg, John, Harry, and all the wonderful men and boys who helped prepare and serve the Mother-Daughter Luncheon on Sunday, May 17th ~ plus the cleanup. Everything was great!

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Many thanks to Christy and her family for the excellent program. We appreciate the assistance given by Kathie and Pete Shevchuk.

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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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Pearl; Flower – Rose

3. David Cole
4. Carol Davenport
5. Derek Guynup
9. Laura Ferris
12. Lloyd Crumb
Damon Gagnier
13. Art Mapstone
15. Michael Knaebel
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
Justin, Evan, Lauren Endy
25. Abigail Freeman
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



IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

UNITY FELLOWSHIP - Unity Fellowship will meet at the home of Bob & Shirley Mapstone. **Saturday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.** for a hot dog roast. All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. The Mapstone's house is located at: 4077 Road #2 West, Manlius (682-8169).

BLOOD DRIVE - The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on **Saturday, July 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the gym to take your blood in order to save lives. Please call Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 to set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you for giving the gift of life ☺



Melissa Buskey
Would like to invite her Church family to her
Graduation Party
Saturday, June 20, 2009
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Chapel
Please R.S.V.P. by June 6, 2009
682-0252 or jlbuskey@gmail.com



ABW MINISTRIES - Our annual picnic will be held at the home of Dottie Ammann, 8572 E. Seneca Turnpike, Manlius on **Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.** All are invited. Our stamp ministry has ended. We thank all of you who faithfully saved stamps for Rev. David Vila's Spanish ministry for quite a few years. We are still collecting UPC codes on Campbell's products. They go to Springbrook (formerly Upstate Homes for Children and Adults) to buy needed supplies.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES ~ Jill Doss has been appointed by the Trustees to fill in the position of Financial Secretary that was left vacant due to the sudden death of our friend and servant of the Lord, Carole Guynup.

We are currently working on improving our Financial System. This would improve our reporting of financial information to the congregation and help our King's Kids, Playschool, and Church accounting to be more uniform. We are also revisiting the need for a Church Security System. If anyone would be interested in helping in these two areas, please talk to Jo Ann Mostar (682-6802), Trustees Chair or Pastor Leon. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Children's Day Worship

Sunday, June 14th ~ 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.
- Various recognitions of leaders and children.



Church Picnic

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



There are talks
about a church-wide
game of Kickball!
Please join us!

Sunday, June 14th
Directly after 11:00 Worship

Location: Mill Run Park
Rain location: FBC Manlius
Chapel

**Bring table service, lawn chairs,
games, and a dish to pass.**

**Grilled Hot Dogs and Beverage
will be provided.**

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June 2009 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Dear Friends,

Jesus said "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

For God we are treasure: "*You are children of the Lord your God...It is you the Lord has chosen...to be His people, His treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 14:1-2)*"

One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. We tend God's treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other. We also are invited to tend God's treasure beyond our congregation by participating in **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**. By sharing some of our earthly treasure ~ our money, our time, our energy ~ aid is sent wherever and whenever disaster strikes. Please give this June! Our goal is **\$1200.00**.

Sincerely, Your Mission Board

Jill Doss, Chair

Sally Lyon, Secretary

Ann Morales

Shirley Mapstone

Tom Shephard

"WHEELS FOR THE WORLD"

On May 20th, we shipped 55 wheelchairs plus wheelchair parts, walkers and crutches to Wheels for the World. Thanks to **Tom Biviano** and **Doug Greene** who are overseeing this ministry.

Also thank you to several partners in this effort:

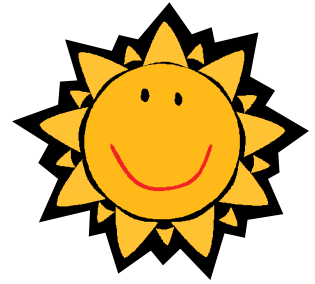
- Community Covenant Church in Manlius has helped us store the wheelchairs.
- The Teen Challenge program provided a truck and volunteers to load and deliver the chairs to the Canandaigua collection point.
- WMHR radio station that regularly makes an announcement about this ministry.

From Canandaigua the chairs will be delivered to a prison in Ohio where they are repaired. From Ohio the refurbished chairs are shipped to third world countries where the need for wheelchairs is great.





June Worship Schedule



Sunday, May 31st ~ Pentecost Sunday/50-Year Membership

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "*Can These Bones Live?*"
Scripture: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Sunday, June 7th ~ Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "*A Gift from Above!*"
Scripture: John 3:1-17

Sunday, June 14th ~ Children's Day

No Early Service today
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Children's Day Worship
After Worship: Church Picnic at Mill Run Park

Sunday, June 21st ~ Father's Day/Graduate Recognition Youth Sunday

We begin our Summer Schedule for worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Our Youth will bring us the sermon.

Youth News

Sunday Morning Bible Study, weekly 9:45am
Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
For youth in Grades 6th - 12th

Upcoming Events:

May 30th - Car Wash to benefit New Refugee Families in Syracuse. 9 - noon. More details to come. Questions talk with George Oley & Tom Shephard

June 5th - 7th - White Water Rafting for Teens & Parents @ Camp Vick & Letchworth State Park



June 21st - Youth Sunday during 9:30am Worship. Honoring our Graduates!

Youth Team: Christy Brownell, Pastor Leon Oaks-lee, Rosey Oaks-lee, George Oley, & Tom Shephard.

Questions or comments for the Youth Team? Email us at
FBManliusyouth@gmail.com

Calling all Graduates



You are cordially invited to Worship on June 21st @ 9:30 a.m. At that time, the Board of Christian Education would like to honor your recent accomplishment of Graduation.



ATTENTION GRADUATES



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 **Monday, June 1, 2009.**

If you have any questions, please call Diaconate Board Chair,
Bob Mapstone at 682-8169.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

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 this to the Church office or put it in a pew envelope, check Scholarship Fund, and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in May. Thank you for your support of this meaningful ministry.

GRADUATE NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Soon many graduations will be held. If you or someone in your family will be graduating (High School, College, Master's, Doctorate, or Seminary), please submit 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 to fbcman@twcny.rr.com. This must be submitted to the Church office **no later than Friday, June 5th** so we can include this in the July newsletter.

Photographs that are mailed to the church will be returned to you. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please call the Church office at 682-8941.



JULY NEWSLETTER ITEMS!!

Deadline is: Monday, June 15th

Please email all articles to:

fbcman@twcny.rr.com

or place the articles in the secretary's mail slot.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Theme ~ "CROCODILE DOCK"

August 17-21, 2009 ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Groups are:
(as of the Sept. 2009
school year)

Entering Kindergarten
Grades 1-2
Grades 3-4
Grades 5-6
Grade 7



Staff:

Music – Mary Schwarz
Crafts – Kristy Keesler & Ruby Pfohl
Snacks – Jean Lynn Buskey
Myrna Benedict
Kyle Short
Storytelling – Shirley Mapstone
Technical Director – Michael Buskey
Games/Recreation – Barbara Brace
Registration – Pauline & Harry Cole
Guides – Marge Edwards
Kelly Schalmo
Stephanie Garwood
Lauren Mapstone
Jessi Oley
Ann Sinclair
Helen Martin
Mission Project – Gail & Bill Carlsen
Finances – Barbara Richardson
Closing/Picnic – Debbie Oley



Bible stories, music, crafts, games, snacks and much more!!
We need others to step forward and help us develop a great VBS 2009!



Contact: Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 or
Barbara Brace at 682-6270

What part will you play in VBS?





JUNE 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-Noon Playschool Summer Camp thru June 12th	2	3	4	5 9-3:00 pm ABC/NYS Board of Mission Meeting and Luncheon (chapel, gym, & kitchen)	6
				Youth White Water Rafting Trip ~ June 5-7th Camp Vick & Letchworth State Park		
7 – Communion Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Ministry Support Comm. 12:15 pm Missions Board 3:00 pm Cindy's Ordination Council Meeting	8	9 6:00 pm ABW Annual Picnic at the Ammann's 6-8:00 pm CPR Refresher Course King's Kids Room	10 10-3 pm Pastor Leon's Nehemiah Mentor Group Ogdensburg 6:00 pm Youth Team Meeting 7:00 pm Executive Committee meeting	11 7:00 pm Trustees & Finance committee meeting	12	13
14 – Children's Day No 8:30 worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship After Worship: Picnic at Mill Run Park – If rain, in the chapel	15	16	17	18	19	20 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Melissa Buskey's Graduation Party in the chapel
21 – Youth Sunday & Graduate Recognition 9:30 am Summer Worship Time Begins	22	23	24	25	26	27 6:00 pm Unity Fellowship's Hot Dog Roast at Bob & Shirley Mapstone's
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30				

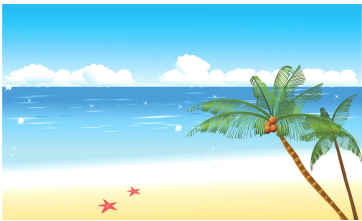
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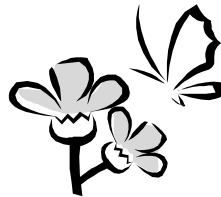
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All the Believers, Ministers**

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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.