

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

November 2007



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From Your Pastor

I rejoice in the response to the Guatemalan Fiesta this past Sunday. Over 60 people attended. You showed your support and interest in our friends from Guatemala. I am sure they felt supported and blessed.

I was pleased for the opportunity for each of us to get to know **Hugo, Jairo, Cerio, Jaime and Walfre** better.

Dorcas Ambrosio, who also is from Guatemala, and **Ana Corona**, were invaluable in the planning and communicating which made the dinner possible.

There are so many people to thank. Thank you to the planning committee: **Dorcas Ambrosio** (music, Guatemalan food, translator), **Ana Corona** (translator), **Bob Mapstone**, **Rosey Oaks-Lee** (Guatemalan Food, music), **Merl Rice** and **Ann Shephard** (visual aids and research on Guatemala).

Thank you to **Ross Binder** for guitar, **Ruby Pfohl** for coordinating the kitchen, **Bob Mapstone** for coordinating set up, **Shirley Mapstone** for desserts and help in the kitchen, and the many people who helped with clean-up.

Thank you to our translators, **Dorcas Ambrosio**, **Ana Corona**, **Jane and Paul Simkin** and **Ruth Cadwell** (Dorcas' sister).

October had so many powerful reminders of how connected we are in Christ across distant geography and diverse cultures: World Communion Sunday (thank you Dorcas, Grace, and

Eugene for reading scripture in your native tongues), the World Mission Conference (15 from our church family attended including 3 youth), the visit from Carlos and Mayra Bonilla and children (sharing their work in Chile) and the Guatemalan Fiesta.

I feel blessed to be a part of a church family who is willing to reach across our differences to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and celebrate together God's love and blessings.

November worship services:

Sunday, November 4th

The Lord's Supper and a special service to make our Covenant of Giving.

Sunday, November 11th –

Rosemary and I will be away for vacation. Damon Gagnier will lead our worship service.

Sunday, November 18th –

Thanksgiving Sunday – A dedication of our 2008 financial pledge for First Baptist Church.

In the evening we will gather for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sunday, November 25th –

Watch for plans for a service of baptism.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Ruth – Dorcas Ambrosio's sister; having joint and nerve system problems.

Jim Buskey – John Buskey's brother is in the ICU.

Martin Short – Andy & Grace's son/brother of Greg Short – cancer of the abdomen and other internal organs.

Please Pray for:

Virginia Noble Wanda Baker
Connor Kermit Breed, Jr.
Mary Jane and Russell Davis
Al Parker Mike Handzel
Richard Fuller and his wife, Fran
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt
Loretta, Elaine LaFollette's sister
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's
mother
Frank, Ana Corona's friend Licia Swain
Abigail, Dorcas Ambrosio's sister
Family of Hugo Herrera

PRAISES

Congratulations to John and Kim Granata on the birth of Annabelle Grace at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and is 20" long!!

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*"Dear Friends ~ Had a bout of sciatica which is painful! I was at Teri and Ray's for 3 weeks watching "Trouble" (their dog) while they visited their son, Ray, who is a student in Paris. They toured France and the area ~ a belated honeymoon. I'm home and happy and healthy. My love and prayers,  
– Edith Laning."*

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A big "Thank You" to all who participated in the CROP Walk Sunday, October 14th either by walking or by sponsoring a walker. Walkers were Carol Davenport, Jean Lynn and Melissa Buskey, Mark, Cindy, Lauren, Morgan and Taylor Mapstone, Ann Morales, Rev. Leon and

PRAISES (Cont'd)

Rosey Oaks-Lee, George and Christopher Oley and some of the Scout Troop members. We appreciate the wonderful support of this congregation.

--Shirley Mapstone

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



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone – Topaz

Flower – Chrysanthemum

2. Ruth Ware
3. Sarah Carlsen
5. Kathleen Baier
8. Leon Oaks-Lee
9. Margo Freeman
10. Jean Baker
13. Ruby Pfohl
20. Keith Butler
23. Angie Gagnier  
Cecile White
28. Katherine Loope
30. Kyle Short

### ANNIVERSARIES

23. Dottie & Walter  
Ammann
25. Ellie & Al Parker
29. Barbara & Millar  
Brace



**QUARTERLY MEETING ~  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**After the 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Service**

**Please mark your calendars  
and plan to attend.**

### **JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR**

Joyful Sounds will sing on

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

during the 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service. Their num

are: *America the Beautiful,*

*Sing Your Thanks to the Lord,*

*and*

*I'm*

*Gonna Sing.* Lauren Mapstone

will be a soloist on *Swing Low,*

*Sweet Chariot* included in the

last number.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

It's Operation Christmas Child Time again! When filling up your wrapped shoe box, please remember to include \$7 to cover the cost of shipping the shoe box. Donations are welcome. For more details, call or email Colleen Guynup at 682-7232 or [cpgmustang@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpgmustang@twcny.rr.com).

**Remember boxes are due  
by November 4<sup>th</sup>.**



### **December Newsletter Items**

**Due:  
Thursday,  
November 15<sup>th</sup>**

You may email the items  
to [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com)

or

place them in the  
secretary's mail slot.

Thank you ☺



### **Pastor Leon's Office**

**Hours:**

**Tuesday-Friday:**

**9:00-Noon**

**Email: [fbcman-](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com)**

**[pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:pastor@twcny.rr.com)**



### **STRENGTH FOR TODAY**

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### **HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

**Iroquois Association Annual Mtg.**

**Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Williams,  
Pastor, First Baptist Church of  
Rochester ~ Featuring the  
Hannibal Liturgical Dancers**

**Sunday, October 28, 2007  
Registration begins at 2:00 p.m.**

**Eastwood Baptist Church  
3212 James Street, Syracuse, NY**





## POINSETTIA ORDER

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help beautify the sanctuary for the holiday season.

I wish to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia plants.

The cost is \$6.75 per plant.

Please check which color(s) you would like and how many of each plant:

\_\_\_\_\_ RED    \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE    \_\_\_\_\_ PINK

Please indicate the following:

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate my plant to the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after worship on December 24th.

Please fill out this form and place it and the money in an envelope clearly marked "Poinsettias" in the offering plate or mail it to the Church. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th.** The plants will be placed in the Church on December 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, December 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lynn Buskey at 682-0252.

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**SAVE THIS DATE!!!**



**Thursday, December 6, 2007  
Family Craft Night**



**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Gym**

***All are welcome - ages 0 - 100!!!***

Bring the kids to make crafts for Christmas gifts or decorations!  
It's easy, it's free, and we'll even feed you a hot dog and dessert supper!



**Where: First Baptist Church - Gym (682-8941)  
408 Pleasant Street, Manlius, NY**





## **COMMUNITY NEWS!!**



### **THE SYRACUSE SYMPHONY WIND QUINTET**

**Saturday, October 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

**Christ Episcopal Church, Manlius, NY**

The cost is \$5.00 at the door. After the concert, visit the Christ Church Café and purchase coffee, gourmet desserts, and find a cozy table! If you have any questions, please call 682-5795.

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### **CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER**

**Saturday, November 3, 2007, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**United Methodist Church of Fayetteville,  
601 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville, NY**

The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-10, and free for ages 5 & under. A bazaar will be held along with dinner to benefit the UMW Mission commitment.

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### **ORGAN RECITAL**

**Saturday, November 3, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

**St. David's Episcopal Church  
Jamar Drive (off of Maple Drive), Dewitt, NY**

Plan to attend this outstanding event!! Steven Ross Seigart, 17 years old and "one of the most promising young organists in the country right now" (*the Post Standard, August 2007*), will be performing.

The recital is planned to benefit the David G. Klim Learning and Recreation Center at Springfield Gardens. The center is coming to fruition through various public and private donations and the efforts of the Town of Dewitt's "People in Action Program." Additional funds are needed, and a free-will offering will be appreciated.

The Town of Dewitt's "People in Action Program" is a community enrichment program which addresses the problems faced by the residents of Springfield Gardens, a low-income apartment complex in Dewitt. It provides educational programs, job training, literacy programs, healthcare workshops, and a food pantry. One of the program's missions follows the heart of Judge David G. Klim: a center where adults and children can learn, hope, dream and grow.

# Traditional Turkey Dinner

First Baptist Church Manlius  
408 Pleasant Street

November 18, 2007

Fellowship time 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served @ 6:15

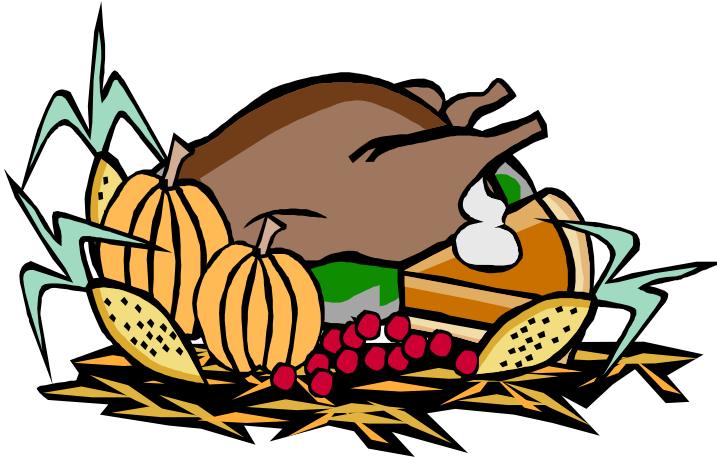
\$8.00 per person ~ \$5.00 children ages 3-10

Children under 3 FREE

Family max. \$30.00



PROCEEDS GO TO  
THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*Turkey and Dressing  
Potatoes and Gravy  
Vegetables, Salad  
Rolls and Butter  
Dessert  
Beverages*

For Reservations call  
Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678 before Nov. 12

Reservations taken in church on Sunday, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11



## Mission News!!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are both times that we all begin to think of our many blessings and the idea of giving and receiving gifts. These are two special seasons for not only the church but for us individually as well. Each means and brings special memories to us. The Mission Board asks you to think about and pray for others at this special time, those who are less fortunate than us. Those individuals also have special memories and traditions.

We will be placing the grocery cart in the church to bring to your thought those that also enjoy celebrating, giving and receiving but are not able for any number of reasons. Won't you remember them by dropping off food or toiletry items to church each week during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season? Let's share our abundance with them so that they too will know the joy of this special time of the year. Let's keep filling the grocery cart not only during November and December, but all year through.

*"But don't forget to be doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."* -Hebrews 13:16

### **WORLD MISSION OFFERING**

**As of 10/21/07:     \$897.00**



**Goal:     \$2,000.00**

Thank you one and all for your contributions to the World Mission Offering. Your generosity will help spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world!

### **THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST!!**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Please call Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 to set up an appointment.

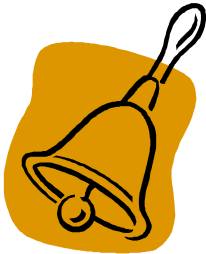




## ABW MINISTRIES

- **NYS/ABWM Fall Board Meeting** – Friday, October 26-Saturday, October 27 at the Treadway Inn in Owego, New York.
- **November meeting** will be on **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 p.m.** at Limestone Gardens. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be furnished. The speaker will be from Springbrook (formerly Upstate Home for Children and Adults). Love gift will be taken. All are welcome. The committee will be Jessie Mapstone, Erica Buchanan, Flo Dixon and others.
- ABW thanks all who contributed to our budget and/or donated items for our White Cross “requests.”
- Please keep the **Campbell's UPC codes** coming for Springbrook – formerly Upstate Home for Children. These codes are on the back of the front label. If you prefer, you may turn in the entire label and we will do the clipping.
- We are getting lots of **cancelled stamps**. Please keep these coming for Dr. Vila's Spanish Bible ministry.

### **HANDBELLS ARE COMING TO FBC!!**



We are planning handbell music for the Christmas services this year and are collecting names of those interested in participating. Commitment to rehearsal time would be Sundays after the second service for the month of December. The more bell ringers who sign up (youth included), the more fun we will have. Please see or contact John Spradling about participating in this beautiful ministry.

### **UNITY FELLOWSHIP**

The November meeting will be **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Greg Short will be cooking up a fabulous dinner and John Spradling will be providing beautiful music! A donation of \$5.00 will be gladly accepted☺ The committee will be Ruby Pfohl, Bob and Shirley Mapstone and Olga Schmidt. Come on out for a truly enjoyable evening ~ **ALL ARE INVITED!!**



# JUST FOR YOUTH!!!



## Warning! Warning! Warning!

Youth Group (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) moves to 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in November!

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**November 4th at 6:00 pm, youth group permanently moves to the 1st & 3rd Sundays.**

Focusing on service, we will look at different ways we have served as well as ways we can serve in the future.

We'll be discussing some major activities for Youth Group so you will not want to miss it!

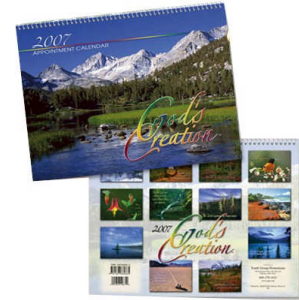
Check out the CD Library that is located in the Junior High Sunday School Room!



It's a growing wide variety of Christian music: Casting Crowns, Tobymac, Barlowgirl, Stellar Kart, etc.

## Help Support the Youth!

Youth are selling 2008 Calendars.  
Price: \$7.00



See a youth or youth advisor to order. Make GREAT Christmas gifts!

**November 18th** is the Thanksgiving Dinner at church, we've been asked to put "our service" into action. Come to the meeting on the 4th to hear more!



New Website:

[www.firstbaptist-manlius.org/youth](http://www.firstbaptist-manlius.org/youth)

Youth Newsletter has been sent. If you did not receive one, please contact Christy 663.7188 / [brownell.cm@gmail.com](mailto:brownell.cm@gmail.com).

# Worship in November

## **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> –**

At The Lord's Table we will make our Covenant of Giving.  
(See the back page of your Stewardship Devotional booklet)

## **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> –**

Damon Gagnier will lead our worship service (Pastor Leon is on vacation).

## **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> –**

Thanksgiving Sunday –

A dedication of our 2008 financial pledge for First Baptist Church.

6 p.m. - Annual All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner.

## **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> –**

Watch for plans for a service of baptism.

## Sunday School News

### **Children's Classes – Rotational Curriculum through November**

“The Good Samaritan – Bullied and Befriended”

### **Four Adult Sunday School Classes: (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.)**

- 1) “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” Leader: Ellen Everly (Chapel)

A ten-week video series drawing on the book written by popular author, Phil Yancey. The study explores the biblical understanding of God’s grace and looks at the powerful impact on our lives when we experience grace.

- 2) Adult Journeys Leader: Erm Ferris (Library)  
Using a guide book, this group explores various books of the Bible.

- 3) Bible Study group – Contact person: Jill Doss (Rm # 207)

- 4) Bible Study group – Contact Persons: Al Dominy and Mark Mapstone  
(Rm # 206 – down the hall from the church office)

# NOVEMBER 2007

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                    | Thursday                                                | Friday                                                     | Saturday                                                              |
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| <b>4</b><br>8:30am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>SS</u><br>11:00 am<br><u>Worship</u><br>12:15 pm<br><u>Ministry Support</u><br>6:00 pm<br><u>Trustees Board</u><br>6:00 pm<br><u>Youth Group</u>                                | <b>5</b><br>7:00 pm<br><u>Men's Bible</u><br><u>Study</u> at<br>Shevchuk's                                                                    | <b>6</b><br>6:30 pm<br><u>Christian</u><br><u>Education</u><br><u>Board Mtg.</u><br>(Ch. Office) | <b>7</b>                                                     | <b>8</b><br>6:30-8:30 pm<br><u>Basketball</u><br>(gym)  | <b>9</b><br>9:30-11:30 am<br><u>Stay 'n Play</u><br>(gym)  | <b>10</b><br>8:00 am –<br>1:00 pm<br><u>Bloodmobile</u><br>(gym)      |
| <b>11</b><br>8:30am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>SS</u><br>11:00 am<br><u>Worship</u>                                                                                                                                           | <b>12</b><br>6:15 pm<br><u>Diaconate</u><br><u>Board Mtg.</u><br>(Room 207)<br>7:00 pm<br><u>Men's Bible</u><br><u>Study</u> at<br>Shevchuk's | <b>13</b><br>12:15 pm<br><u>ABW Bag</u><br><u>Lunch @</u><br><u>Limestone</u>                    | <b>14</b><br>7:00 pm<br><u>Executive</u><br><u>Committee</u> | <b>15</b><br>6:30-8:30 pm<br><u>Basketball</u><br>(gym) | <b>16</b><br>9:30-11:30 am<br><u>Stay 'n Play</u><br>(gym) | <b>17</b><br>6:30 pm<br><u>Unity</u><br><u>Fellowship</u><br>(Chapel) |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>SS</u><br>11:00 am<br><u>Worship</u><br>12:15 pm<br><u>Missions Board</u><br>6:00 pm<br><u>Thanksgiving</u><br><u>Dinner</u> (gym)                                             | <b>19</b><br>7:00 pm<br><u>Men's Bible</u><br><u>Study</u> at<br>Shevchuk's<br>(last one)                                                     | <b>20</b>                                                                                        | <b>21</b>                                                    | <b>22</b><br>Happy<br>Thanks-<br>Giving!!               | <b>23</b><br>Church<br>Office is<br>Closed                 | <b>24</b>                                                             |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30am <u>Worship</u><br>9:45 am <u>SS</u><br>11:00 am<br><u>Worship</u>                                                                                                                                           | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>27</b>                                                                                        | <b>28</b><br>8:00 am<br><u>Staff Meeting</u>                 | <b>29</b><br>6:30-8:30 pm<br><u>Basketball</u><br>(gym) | <b>30</b><br>9:30-11:30 am<br><u>Stay 'n Play</u><br>(gym) |                                                                       |
| <p><b>Coming in December</b><br/> <b>December 1</b> - Master's Touch Chorale/Sanctuary<br/> <b>December 16</b> - Christmas Play<br/> <b>December 31</b> - Unity's New Year's Eve<br/> Progressive Dinner &amp; Game Night!!</p> |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                  |                                                              |                                                         |                                                            |                                                                       |

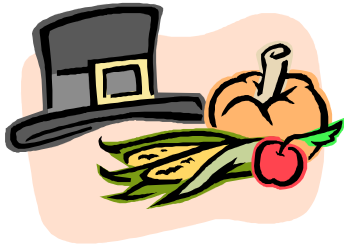
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**Inviting People to New Life**



## **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.