

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

November 2008



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From Your Pastor ~

I heard the story often when I was growing up. I'm still amazed when I think of it.

On Election Day, November 8, 1949, my parents went early to the polls. Casting their votes, they headed for the hospital in Rochester (50 miles away) where I was born at 7:31 a.m.

Wow! As I got older, I began to ask, "How fast did my father drive during that trip which typically took more than an hour?" "What was their conversation like?" "How tense was that trip?"

Do birth stories have some special impact on our lives? Some people at the time suggested I would become a politician. God had a different plan for me and gave that one to my brother. However, as a young person, what stayed with me was how important voting is. My parents never took that privilege lightly or for granted.

I always look forward to Election Day. I study the decisions to be made and based on what I consider to be most important, I make the best choices I can.

I can't remember not voting on Election Day. This year my ritual will change a bit. For the first time I will vote by absentee ballot. (How did I plan to be on vacation over Election Day?)

You are invited to a
Retirement Party for
Rev. Bill Carlsen Saturday,
November 22, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Rusty Rail Party House
Canastota, NY
More Details & R.S.V.P. ~
Call Mary Schwarz ABC/NYS
469-4236

Shaped to Make a Difference: Having received God's grace, we are called to share the good news of God's Kingdom with others. God wants First Baptist Church of Manlius to be a place of welcome -- a place where others will find a taste of his Kingdom. What is your place in this Kingdom sharing? What is your part in strengthening the witness at First Baptist?

God has uniquely shaped each of us to contribute. We at FBC cannot fulfill our mission without each person serving, offering that unique way of service.

On November 16th I will complete the preaching series, "Shaped to Make a Difference." I hope you are reflecting on your SHAPE to help you find your place of service at First Baptist. Join others on Sunday, November 2nd at the Now Serving Expo.

Vacation: Rosey and I will be away from November 3rd through 10th.

While I am away, **Ross Binder** will lead the 8:30 a.m. service and **Cindy Mapstone** the 11 a.m. service. Cindy is in her final semester at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester. Be sure to give her your encouragement as she continues to move toward ordination.

Faithfully,

Pastor Leon

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for ~

Wanda Baker	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Loretta Beuchert	Mike Adams
Ruth Costello	Virginia Noble
Courtney H.	Michael Quirk, Sr. & family
Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Karen
Ann and Gene Spradling	Connor
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	Anita
Carol Manley	Carole Guynup
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Dave
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister	Dennis
Linda Malloy	Ruby Pfohl
Orfelina, Ana Corona's sister	Zulauf
Marilyn Flower Mills	Nehemiah Team
Bette Kendrick	Eugene White
Marian Pollock	Mike Hasenstab
Art Mapstone	Harry Helsher

PRAISES

"Thank you to all people who have remembered Donald Buckley in such wonderful ways - some by cards, letters, and prayers, others who gave to the Wildlife Association and Habitat for Humanity. I am just getting notice of them and I am so, so grateful. Thank you again. I am in the process of giving his large, large tools that are in the garage up here in Syracuse taking up space to Habitat for Humanity. I will be able to use the garage for my yellow Beetle then."

-Thelma Buckley

~ ~ ~

"I would like to thank all those who sponsored me for the CROP Walk." -Shirley Mapstone

~ ~ ~

Thank you all for all the prayers for our daughter Marquita; her surgery went textbook and she is recovering faster than the doctors thought she would. She still needs prayers for full recovery as she had major surgery to remove her 11th vertebrae. She is still having quite a bit of pain but that is to be expected. Will keep you updated as we learn more. -Andy Short

~ ~ ~

"Many thanks to all for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during the time of my recent surgery.

-Harold Ware

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
29. Barbara & Millar Brace

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.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR

All children in 1st through 6th grade are invited to join in rehearsals. If you have any questions, please call Mary Schwarz, the Joyful Sounds Director, at 432-1540 or email Mary at: mschwarz@abc-nys.org.

On **Sunday, October 26th**, the Joyful Sounds Choir will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION FALL MTG.

Sunday, November 2, 2:00-5:00 pm
Tully United Community Church,
5872 Meetinghouse Rd., Tully, NY
Rev. Dr. Thomas Hast
"Ants and Grasshoppers"
Questions ~
Call Phyllis Fox 673-3540

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY (Cont'd)

QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, October 26th
After the 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service
~ ~ ~
All are invited to attend.



December Newsletter items are due:

Monday, November 17th
You may email the items to
fbcman@twcny.rr.com or place
them in the secretary's mail slot.
Thank you ☺

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Unity Fellowship this month will be on **Saturday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. There will be a potluck supper; please bring a dish to pass and table service. Cheryl Pula will provide a slide show on "The Nativity and the Star of Bethlehem." The committee is Shirley Mapstone & Olga Schmidt. All are invited.

CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION

Remember it's almost Christmas card time! We still have 166 people in Fairport Baptist Home. Also, I've been getting Birthday cards to members of our Church at Limestone and also to their homes. If you have extra cards, I can use them. I've been writing notes and sending cards to Fairport for about 30 years.
Thank you. -Erma Bullard

FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 4th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for our Annual Family Craft Night in the gym. 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. Everyone is welcome from ages 0-100!!

A NOTE FROM FRED GODDARD ~

*To the congregation: I was in the Purple Monkey Antique Store some time last summer when I saw on the shelf a child's lunch pail with "Annie" on it. I opened it up and saw that the plastic thermos was intact. The wheels of my mind started turning. . . I knew I had plans for this lunchbox. I took it to Mrs. Chilson at the counter and said I would buy it. When the transaction was completed, I told her that I wondered if she could find a family with a little girl, and that the lunchbox would be a gift to her. Mrs. Chilson said she would be glad to. Weeks passed, and I inquired at the antique shop. Mrs. Chilson told me that they had found a family with a little girl. I was happy in the Lord. I shall never forget that experience, the chance to make a child glad. I thank the Lord for His countless blessings heaped upon me, for His love that I could share with a little girl. In His love, Jesus spoke to little children. . ."for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "God knows the depth of a single tear." He knows what's on our hearts. He helps us through life. He rejoices when we do His will. My best wishes to you all. May He make you glad. In His Name,
Fred James Goddard*



MISSION NEWS

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Through the month of October

GOAL: \$2,008.00

AS OF 10/19/08: \$ 1,162.00

S - T - R - E - T - C - H GOAL: \$2,500.00

Helping people come to Christ, Grow in Christ, and change their world with Christ.

THE BLOODMOBILE IS COMING!!

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church on **Sat., Nov. 22, 8-1 pm** in the gym. Please call Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169 for an appointment.

CROP WALK STATS!! **\$1,211.00** was raised by First Baptist Church. We had 13 walkers and one dog☺ Thank you all for you support of this wonderful mission!!

SAMARITAN CENTER NEWS!!

Wednesdays – serve at 3:00 out by 5:00 at 310 Montgomery Street in Syracuse. Call Tom Shephard for details 655-8448.

CHILE EVENT OCTOBER 17th

~ Thank you to First Baptist Church of Manlius for your generous support of our Chilean mission project. Through our International Ministries' team – Dwight and Barbara Bolick – we were able to display for purchase beautiful woolen items created by native South American women (Mapuche) located in southern Chile. Weavings, scarves, shawls, dolls and skeins of yarn were available at a 10/17 party at the church chapel and after church on 10/19. Over \$500 was raised. By working together, these women are able to reclaim and strengthen an important art of their culture, and develop saleable products to support their families. Their earnings allow some to build decent homes with running water, bathrooms and electricity, or to purchase items such as washing machines and refrigerators for the very first time. Others use the money to buy much needed school supplies and school uniforms for their children. If you would like additional information on how you can support this project, please contact Ann Shephard at 655-8448 or email at ashepar1@twcny.rr.com.

FM FOOD PANTRY - Here is the list of items needed at this time for the FM Food Pantry. Please place all items in the shopping cart by the elevator ~ thank you☺

Canned Soup (not tomato), Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Toilet Paper, Baked Beans

A NOTE FROM THE BONILLAS ~

"Dear FBC Manlius brothers and sisters ~ It has been a year since we last visited with you and it seems like time is flying. As we write, you recently had your NYS biennial and a Chile Mission Experience, both of which we pray were a blessing to each participant. Also, by now you must have reached and surpassed your 2008 World Mission Offering goal. With last year's record, you surely were surprised how God provided you to meet your new goal. The Coats, the Manns, the Bolicks and us, along with our many colleagues, are in the field because of church members like you who take it to heart to partner in missions with your love, letters, emails, care, and financial support. It is always a blessing to find a note in the mail, or an email of encouragement, or your name on one of our monthly support reports we get from the office. It seems like yesterday but it has already been three years since we first visited and, we look forward to many years of sharing our journeys together. Through Christian Carrier we stay in touch with life at Manlius as much as you do through Acts in Action updates. It is always pleasant to recognize a name in the bulletin and important information that help us pray for you. May you experience this month of Thanksgiving as a special time to rejoice for our joint journeys as we are grateful for the opportunities the Lord has allowed us to know you better. Till next time, Your fellow servants, The Bonilla-Giovanetti family"



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, November 2nd ~ Communion Service

Sermon: God Uses Your Personality
Text: Mark 12:30

“Now Serving Expo” following worship in the Gym.
Enjoy food, fellowship and finding a place to serve.

Sunday, November 9th ~ Pastor Leon is on vacation.

8:30 a.m. Service – Ross Binder, speaking.
11:00 a.m. Service – Cindy Mapstone, speaking

Sunday, November 16th ~

Sermon: Using Your Experiences
Text: Romans 8:28

Sunday, November 23rd ~ Thanksgiving Sunday

As we give thanks to God, we will commit our giving
for the year ahead of us.

Sunday, November 30th ~ First Sunday of Advent Advent Choir performing



“NOW SERVING” EXPO
Sunday, November 2nd
Following Worship
First Baptist Church Gym

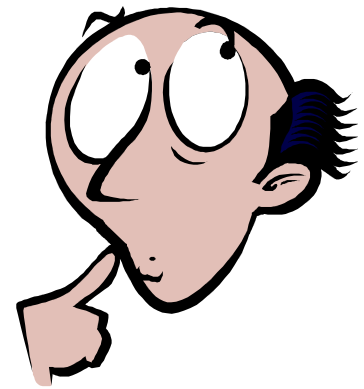
What Opportunities are there at FBC for me to serve now?

What is my part in the ministry?

Where Can I Make a Difference?

Opportunities:

helping us to worship God?
strengthening our fellowship?
sharing God’s love with children?
supporting our youth?
caring for others?
making our building a place for ministry?
sharing the good news in Manlius?
many other possibilities ...



Now Serving some delicious food!!
Food prepared by Chef Greg and others
(donations accepted to help cover costs)

JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN FELLOWSHIP!

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Thanks to Tom Biviano, Ruth Ware, Ann Morales, Jim Mitscher, Ross Binder, George Oley, and Doug Greene for all the work done on Sat, Oct 4 at our Church Work Day. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m.** for FBC's **Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up**. Contact Doug Greene (655-3741) for details.

Work was done in the kitchen, the shed was cleaned out, the Chapel porch was cleaned, the picnic tables were sanded and stained, the backdoor was scraped and primed, windows were washed, and miscellaneous work was done. On Sunday, Mark Mapstone did work on the landscape. I appreciate the time and energy you put in our Church!!!

Have you noticed how neat and well kept our lawns have looked this summer? Thanks to Jeff Loope for all the mowing he did this year as well as past years. Jeff also serves many Sundays as usher and is always ready to help with whatever anyone needs. We thank God for all those in our Church Family who help to make our little corner of Manlius a welcoming and caring place for God's work. --Jo Ann Mostar, Trustees Chair

ABW MINISTRIES

The ABW Executive Committee will meet in the Library on Monday, October 27th at 9:30 a.m. The November ABW meeting will be held at Limestone Gardens on Tuesday, November 11th at 12:15 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be served. The speaker will be David Sheldon, Executive Director of The Place, Norwich, NY. The Place was started by former members Doris and Bill Dudley. It is a Christian Center to serve families, especially the children, and is supported by ABW Ministries/NYS. All are invited. A Love Gift will be received.

On Sunday evening, **Nov. 30, 6:00 p.m.**, the Master's Touch Chorale will present a Christmas Concert in our Sanctuary sponsored by ABW Ministries. This is a beautiful event to usher in the Advent season. All are invited. A free will offering will be taken.

I would like to thank the women who participated in Women's Sunday, September 28th. You all did a great job! --Shirley Mapstone

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through **gift-filled shoe boxes** and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of **all ages** to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ. When filling up the shoe box, please remember to **include \$7** to cover the cost of shipping. Please wrap the box cover and bottom, place unwrapped items in the box (along with the money and/or check made out to Samaritan's Purse), and place in the bin in the Narthex marked "Samaritan's Purse." If you can't get a box together but still want to contribute, **cash donations** are greatly appreciated. For more details see or call Colleen Guynup at 682-7232. All shoe boxes **MUST** be turned in by **Sunday, November 2nd!**



God's Soldiers Save the Dates!

All K – 5th graders and their friends are invited to the following events. More information will follow in upcoming church bulletins.

- *Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 – 8 PM Cookies and Scream (Cookie baking and games in the gym) (We'll take cookie orders!)
- *Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5 – 6:30 PM Pizza Party and Presents (Eat pizza and make crafts/gifts)

In Memoriam
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

May 29, 1917-November 22, 1963

His Memory Lingers On
by Fred Goddard



*On the side of a hill an eternal flame burns
Burning for the man for whom it yearns
Burning for John Kennedy, who for peace had fought so long
Burning for a man who triumphed over wrong.*

*On the side of a hill a flag dips in grief
In tribute to a man whose life was so brief
Who had so much to give, on a quest only begun
For the good of his country, peace and freedom.*

**On the side of a hill are a daughter and sons
Mere babes to this cherished one
And a loving wife who carried on
Always looking to the one beyond.*

*To the side of a hill the throngs still come
To pay homage to a departed one
And they remember Jackie and what had been wrought
In that brief shining moment, "Camelot."*

*On the side of a hill in Arlington, eternally lingering on,
Is the memory of a man of right
A flicker of hope in a world of strife
Who for his country, gave his life.*

**The persons referred to in stanza three of the poem are: an unnamed girl that was born dead, Patrick Kennedy who was born premature and didn't survive, and John F. Kennedy, Jr., who was killed in a plane crash. The loving wife, of course, is Jacqueline Kennedy.*

TRADITIONAL Thanksgiving Dinner Family Style

First Baptist Church Manlius
408 Pleasant Street

Sunday, November 23, 2008
6:00 p.m.



**COME FOR GREAT FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP 😊**

\$8.00 per person ~ \$5.00 children ages 3-10
Children under 3 FREE
Family max. \$30.00



*Turkey and Dressing
Potatoes and Gravy
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Vegetables, Rolls and Butter
Homemade Pie
Beverages*

For Reservations call the Church office at 682-8941.
Reservations will be taken in Church on Sunday, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16

Limited Seating!

Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For youth in Grades 6th – 12th

Upcoming Events:

November 2nd – “Where do we see God?” We’ll be looking at places that we see God in our lives. ALSO we’ll be brainstorming more on our Youth Room & making some pretty big decisions – so you will not want to miss it since we need everyone’s input!

November 7th – 9th: Keep our Senior High Youth (and adults!) in prayer as we head up to Liverpool for the American Baptist Youth Convention! We’ll have lots of stories when we return on all the fun we had, people we’ve met and most importantly, how God worked through us & others while there.



November 16th – So we can’t share too many details at the moment, but we have some tricks up our sleeve for Youth Group. Let’s just say, this activity will take most of Youth Group & will be one that you won’t soon forget...

November 23rd – We’ll be serving at the Thanksgiving dinner again! Woo hoo!



If you’re interested, let a youth leader know by November 16th. You would need to be at the church at 5:40 pm on the 23rd and if possible, please wear dark pants and a white shirt.

November 30th – Keep an eye out in December’s Newsletter for our “5th Sunday Event!”

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



The youth need your help!

(Yup! You, the church family...)



We want to send ‘FBC Manlius Love’ to our College Students! Would you please help the youth gather goodies? If you are unable to purchase items, we will accept donations to offset the mailing cost. Please place your donations in the box near the Library by December 7th (The care packages will be sent on December 8th).

Examples: Post-its, pens, hot cocoa, highlighters, crackers, microwave popcorn, gum/candy, etc.

Know of a college student? Please contact the youth team with the student’s address.



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 \$7.00 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 9th. The plants will be placed in the Church on December 14th, 21st, and Wednesday, December 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lynn Buskey at 682-0252.



NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Leon is away beginning Monday, November 3rd and returning to the office Tuesday, November 11th. During this time and during non-office hours, please call Deacon Bob Mapstone for pastoral emergencies at 682-8169.						1
2 – Communion 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45 am <u>Sunday School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> After 11 am Worship: “Now Serving Expo”- gym 2-5 pm <u>Iroquois Assoc. Fall Mtg. at Tully United Community Church</u> 6-7:30 pm <u>Youth Group</u>	3 6:30 pm <u>Diaconate Board Mtg.</u> 7:00 pm <u>Study at the Shevchuks</u>	4	5	6 7:00-8:00 am <u>Study (Library)</u> 6 pm <u>Study at the Braces</u> 6:30-8:30 pm <u>Basketball (gym)</u>	7 9:30-11:30 am <u>Stay ‘n Play (gym)</u>	8 ABY Convention this weekend Holiday Inn, Liverpool (Nov. 7-9)
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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.