

CHRISTIAN CARRIER

September 2007



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From Your Pastor

As I prepare to leave on two weeks of vacation, I am finishing preparations for some exciting things that will be happening this September. Here are three things I want you to be thinking about and plan to attend:

1. **Life Cycle Workshop:** In the planning for Saturday morning, September 29th (confirmation pending) is a workshop to which everyone will be invited. This will be a first step in a long term planning process. The workshop, which will be led by Rev. Tom Beers, will help us assess our next steps as a church.
2. **Basic Bible: Getting Started.** We begin the Sunday School year for adults with a class intended to help you get started reading the Bible. Whether you are new to the Bible or have had a habit of reading the Bible for many years, you will find something in this for you. I will teach the class on Sunday morning. We are hopeful that the class will also be offered on a week day evening.
3. My September **preaching series**, "Eat This Book!" will invite you to make the scriptures a regular and deep part of your life.

In the final days of summer, find time to rest and reflect on God's goodness. Take time to rest and renew your spirit. Pray that God will show you where he is at work in your life and in our community. Ask where you and our church can join him.

September Worship

Sunday, September 2nd –

**9:30 a. m. Joint Worship Service
at First Methodist**

Pastor Leon will preach a Labor Day sermon based on Nehemiah 3.
We will celebrate communion!

Sunday, September 9th –

9:30 a.m. Worship followed by our Rally Day program and meal

Sunday, September 16th –

8:30 a.m. Worship Service begins.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

I begin a 4 week study on "Basic Bible: Getting Started"

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

I will begin a series of sermons entitled: "Eat This Book"

Sunday, September 23rd –

American Baptist Women's Sunday.
Cindy Mapstone will be the speaker.

Sunday, September 30th –

I will continue the preaching series "Eat this Book!"

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

JoAnn Mostar – surgery August 20th

Please Pray for:

Virginia Noble	Wanda Baker
Connor	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Mary Jane and Russell Davis	
Lisa Hoy	Al Parker
Flo Dixon	Bessie Todd
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	Cecile White
Dottie Ammann	Edith Percy

PRAISES (Cont'd)

To My Church family: Teri keeps me in flowers so I have had plenty of watering. The summer has been so dry and the lawns still look pretty brown after quite a bit of rain. My grandson is going to France for a semester of study. Students sure are given lots of opportunities to see the world. It wasn't like that, you can be sure, in the 1920's! My love and prayers, Edith Laning

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

### PRAISES

*To the congregation: I am in the process of writing the final chapters in my book. My mother's book, It Is Only For a While has been a valuable tool. Thank you for your prayers and your encouragement. I can feel their power. I am amazed at how I have progressed. I have currently 116 pages and will have some 130 pages at completion. I will be writing author's notes for each chapter so you can see the how's and why's. I'd like to thank Ellen Everly, Joni Dominy, Barbara Brace, Jean Lynn Buskey, Kathie Shevchuk, and Pastor Leon for their encouragement and interest. This has been truly "God inspired," and I have been in prayer many times during the time I've been writing this book. You are all in my prayers. God bless you, Fred Goddard*

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Both Colleen and Carole Guynup would like to thank their Secret Pals for the gifts that they received this past week. They are so nice and will be enjoyed. Thanks for thinking of us. –Colleen and Carole

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Joyce McCartney
2. Barbara Davison
4. Wendy Bireline
5. Erma Bullard
Stacy Norris
Stephanie Norris
6. Bob Doss
7. Grace Short
12. Elizabeth Brace
Grace Chege
16. Carole Guynup
18. Charlie Guynup
Shirley Mapstone
19. Jessica Oley
20. Merl Rice
21. Dottie Ammann
22. Robert Doss
Steven Hotchkiss
23. Dolores Radell
25. Erich Heller
Megan Gagnier
26. Allison Butler
Laura Flagg
29. Gregory Dominy

ANNIVERSARIES

16. Kathie & Pete Shevchuk
19. Donna & Doug Greene

**A Big Thank You to the
"Samaritan Center Team!"**

Every other Thursday this summer a group of three to five members of our church have ventured to the Samaritan Center on Montgomery Street, downtown Syracuse. Our mission has been to serve dinner to the 130 - 175 people who come to the Samaritan Center every day to get a good meal. Led by "Coach Shirley", our jobs have varied from "roll girl", a/k/a Lauren Mapstone to "juice girl and boy", a/k/a Merl Rice and Leon Oaks-Lee. Those we've served have ranged in age from probably 12 to 70 years old. It was a great and humbling experience to do a very little something for so many folks with real needs and challenges right here at home. We have met some wonderful people who work at the Samaritan Center and volunteer from other churches every week. The two hours it took the fourteen volunteers from our church was a very small effort and offering that, based on the thank you's received, meant a great deal to those served.

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"Just a small token of thanks for the water you distributed to many at the July 4th parade in your beautiful village. On behalf of the Mattydale Ladies Auxiliary to V.F.W. 3146 ~ thank you."

-Joyce Stotelar

ABW MINISTRIES



The ABW Executive meeting will be **Monday, August 27th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church Library.

ABW will be serving morning coffee and a luncheon to the ABC/NYS Board of Mission on Saturday, September 15th.

Our meeting in September will be a Family Night Supper on **Friday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. The program will feature the Shephard family telling their experiences on their trip to Chile. There they met the Bolicks, one of the ABW Ministries' Special Interest Missionary couples. Please bring table service and a dish to share. The committee will be Ruth Ware and Shirley Mapstone.

Women's Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, September 23rd.** Our speaker will be Cindy Mapstone.

Please remember to save the UPC code on the back of any Campbell's product for Springbrook, formerly Upstate Home for Children and Adults. These labels take the place of the front panel we saved in the past.

We are getting lots of cancelled stamps. Please keep these coming for Dr. Vila's Spanish Bible ministry.

THE LAST WORD ON VBS

This year's **VBS** was truly a team effort. Many people took responsibilities and carried them through with skill and care. Please reread last month's newsletter for a complete list of those who helped (add Cami Alvarez who stopped in Tuesday to help).

Under-girding all of this work was the dependable, thoughtful and caring work of the people who met regularly to chart the course, make decisions and adjustments, and finally to review the events of the week with an eye to the future. Thanks to **Millar Brace, Melissa Buskey, Carole Guynup, Colleen Guynup, Shirley Mapstone and Ruby Pfohl** for their work on the Planning Committee. It just wouldn't have happened without you!

A special thank you to:

- **Jean Lynn Buskey** and her Snack Shack crew for preparing the refreshing snack to share with the congregation after worship on August 5.
- **Bill Lyon** for creating a way to demonstrate the Bucket Kit
- and **Michael Buskey** for creating a collage of VBS pictures.

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Rosey Oaks-Lee was given a hanging basket from the staff, volunteers, and children as a "thank you" for being the VBS Director for 2007.

Thanks, Rosey! Without you we would not have had VBS this year.



UNITY FELLOWSHIP

On **Saturday, September 29th**
We will be having dinner at the Plainville Turkey Farm. Please call Barbara Richardson for further information at 632-9302.
All are invited to attend!!

KING'S KIDS Ice Cream Social and Garage Sale!!

For the Sue Crayton Scholarship Fund

Friday Night, Sept. 28th

Wanted – Garage sale items! No clothes, computer items, or junk please. Items may be dropped off at Church in Room 204. Questions, call Marge Edwards at 682-5034.



Enjoy a pot luck dinner at church, and learn about Brodie, Tom and Ann Shephard's visit to Chile.

Family Night Supper Friday, September 21

Bring a dish to pass, and table service. Beverages and dessert to be provided. 6:30pm

October Newsletter Items Due: Monday, September 17th

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

HELP WANTED – OPPORTUNITIES AT FBC

YOUTH LEADER The Youth Team is looking for adults wanting to work with our teens in grades 6-12. Our Jr.-Sr. High meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month where they work on building their relationships with Christ, each other, their community and church while having fun. If interested please contact Kathie Shevchuk, Christy Brownell, Rosey or Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The Board of Christian Education along with the Christian Ministry Coordinator is seeking an enthusiastic individual wanting to use their creative talents and direct this year's all church Christmas program. This director will receive the support of the board in making this program a success. Interested parties should speak with Kathie Shevchuk, Christian Ministry Coordinator, @ 682-8678.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS Adults interested in leading a small group should speak with Kathie Shevchuk, Christian Ministry Coordinator. Your talents can be used on Sunday mornings or perhaps mid-week evenings; your topic choice or we can give suggestions.

Our children's **Sunday School** program is fully staffed and ready to begin in September. If you would like to be an assistant, working along side and being mentored by one of these dedicated teachers, please contact Kathie Shevchuk, Sunday School Superintendent. Maybe what you have to offer is the flexibility to be on the teacher substitute list – let Kathie know that's how you want to help. Feeling like you may want a little training? We can help with that. Just see Kathie Shevchuk!

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Rotational Curriculum - The Sunday School program has an opportunity for you to get involved. This is a great opportunity to help out and get involved for a short time. Rotational Curriculum explores the different learning experiences and will start on Nov. 4th and run for 4 weeks. There are many "job openings" which need to be filled. Please contact Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678 or xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com and let her know where you'd like to help out. Our curriculum will be about the Good Samaritan – Bullied & Befriended. Material is provided for you. If you want to get involved with your child's Christian learning experience, this is a perfect opportunity.

(1) Opening and Closing Leader – The Depot - 10 minutes with large group at start and end of sessions.

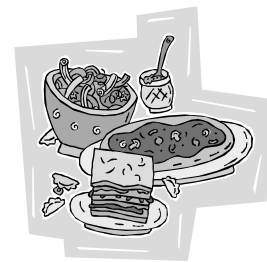
(4) Venture Center Leaders – will conduct learning opportunity 2 times during the 4 week rotation. Areas include: drama, music, games and arts & crafts.

(2-4) Group leaders – Bible Venture Buddies - supervising children to and from centers; provide additional "hands on" help at center if necessary.



RALLY DAY!!

September 9th



The classrooms are getting ready and the teachers are anxious to meet you. Sunday school is about to start.

Our worship service on September 9th will be at 9:30 and immediately following this service we will move right into our Rally Day festivities which you won't want to miss.

A special activity is planned for the children with their Sunday school teacher as well as a special presentation for every child. Baked Ziti and Mac & Cheese will be provided and you are asked to bring a dish to pass according to your last name:

A-H	Salad
I-O	Side Dish
P-Z	Dessert

Please be sure to fill out and return the tear-off reply indicating how many in your family will be attending.

Regular classes will begin on September 16th @ 9:45 a.m.

Invite your neighbors and friends to join you for Sunday school this year.

If you should have any questions, please speak with Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

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Name: _____

#Attending: _____

Something New – BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER VIGIL

On **Saturday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** our church will be having a Back-to-School Prayer Vigil. The purpose of this vigil will be to pray for the children in our ministry at the start of the school year. Prior to this vigil, the kids' names will be written on smooth river rocks. The rocks will be spread on a table in the prayer room as a tool for prayer participants. You'll be encouraged to pray for the children to have strength, courage and the ability to make wise choices throughout the school year.

There's no better way to let the kids know we care about them and the decisions they'll be making this school year than by praying for them. Please sign up for a 30-minute slot. We encourage you to come to the church and pray; praying at home or your place of employment is also acceptable. We are looking for a minimum of 24 prayer warriors and our stretch goal is 48. Place your name on the sign-up sheet which will be available Sunday, August 19 and 26 and September 2 or by calling Pauline Cole @ 687-6674, Mary Schwarz @ 432-1540 or Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

Come and Make Music!

***Meet with John Spradling in the choir room on Sunday, September 16th following the second service. All are invited!
We'll talk about the possibilities for this Fall.***

How will you be involved?

A Hike to Higher Ground

**In the beginning life was like
A hike down a dusty, wandering road
A road so full of the despair of many
No flowers there arose.**

**But alongside this road was a
babbling brook
An oasis in my mind
A place where many go to drink
And there the Master find.**

**It was here that Jesus walked the sand
For you and me
To prove that each and everyone
Should all true brothers be**

**“Let's take the right fork”
So the winding brook points us on our way
As many here have met the test
That must be made today.**

**The road now moves to higher ground
A peaceful pasture there
Where flowers spring eternally
Near the grassy knoll of care.**

**In the beginning God made the heavens
and earth
In the newness of time and old
Where Jesus leads us to the clear, sweet
waters
With thoughts of the purest gold!**

Fred James Goddard

September Worship Schedule

September 2nd – Joint service with Methodist Church

9:30 a.m. – Pastor Leon will preach.
We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

September 9th –

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Followed by Rally Day Celebrations
Bring a dish to pass for lunch.

September 16th –

Fall Schedule begins:

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School Classes Begin

11:00 a.m. – Worship

September 23rd – American Baptist Women's Sunday

Cindy Mapstone will preach

September 30th –

Regular Fall Schedule

Noteworthy News from your Mission Board

There are a few mission opportunities that the Board has received information about. We want to share this exciting information with you!

InterFaith Works, a part of the Center for New Americans organization, recently met with members of the FM Clergy. Deb Virgo shared with the group a great mission field opening up in the next six months, which involves 190 individuals arriving in our area from the following countries; Burma, Burundi, Cuba, Iraq, Iran and Somalia. Now here's where you come in. **PRAY** for what you could do to help and **pray** for your Mission Board as we look into how we can help and as the Lord directs this great mission outreach. There are a number of different ways either our congregation can help, a group of people could help, or an individual can help either with one refugee family, many refugee families, or the entire Center.

Here are a few instances:

An individual person could help one family with the gift of friendship and tutoring, or many refugee families by taking a family shopping, provide rides to appointments or be a culture broker, or to help the entire Center you could offer office help, donate, or help with special projects. We will post the handout on the information bulletin board at the church for further ideas. If interested, contact any member of the Mission Board! Keep on praying!

The second opportunity is about the World Mission Conference sponsored by International Ministries. Normally, this event is held at Green Lakes, WI. This year it will be held in three separate locations at three different times. What's exciting about this year? There is a conference being held at Canandaigua, New York on October 12-14. This is your opportunity to experience a World Mission conference close to home. For more information about the conference, you can visit:

www.internationalministries.org

The third opportunity is your chance to share with the Shephard family their experience in Chile. This family night supper will be held on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel and hosted by ABW and the Mission Board. Mark your calendar.

Another opportunity to share missions is a visit from the Bonilla's on October 14. Mark your calendar. More information to follow on their visit!

We are also looking into continuing ministry at the Samaritan Center in Syracuse.

Thanks for praying for your Mission Board and all the mission happening around us and here at home!

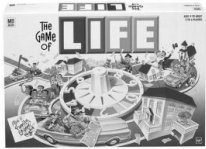
Blessings to all from your Mission Board,

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

JUST FOR YOUTH!!!

Save the Dates!

September 23rd at 6:00 pm. Something **BIG** is coming to



FBC. It's our **KICK-OFF** event for the 2007-2008 School Year! More information will come, keep an eye on your mailboxes...

September 30th (That's right! Don't be confused because it's not our usual 2nd & 4th Sundays – we're throwing in a 5th one for Free!) We're planning something **SUPER** fun for early afternoon...

You are not going to want to miss these events – not only are they going to be **EXCELLENT** but you're going to want to invite your friends! Watch Sundays' bulletins for more information!

GOD'S SOLDIERS

God's Soldiers Summer Event at the Dominy's

Thursday, July 26, 2007

High temperature of 89 degrees,
14 children present, 11 adults
Swimming, dinner, S'mores,
and friendship bonds deepen





SEPTEMBER 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service at Manlius Meth. Ch./Pastor Leon is preaching; Communion	3 LABOR DAY Church Office is Closed	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting	7	8 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. “Back to School” Prayer Vigil (Chapel)
9 9:30 a.m. Worship RALLY DAY! After Worship 6 pm Trustees	10	11 6:30 p.m. Christian Education meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting	13	14	15 9-3:00 p.m. ABC/NYS Board of Mission meeting
16 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u>	17	18	19	20	21 6:30 p.m. Family Night Supper Program: Shepard's trip to Chile (Chapel)	22
23 ABW Sunday 8:30 am <u>Worship</u> 9:45-10:45 <u>Sun. School</u> 11:00 am <u>Worship</u> Cindy Mapstone speaker 6 p.m. Youth Kick-Off!	24	25	26	27	28 King's Kids Ice Cream Social & Garage Sale	29 Life Cycle Workshop (tentative) Unity Fellowship – Plainville Turkey Farm (Time TBA)
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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.