

***First Baptist Church  
of Manlius***

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**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

***Sunday, January 11, 2009***

***Worship Services ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.***

***Sunday School & Adult Education ~ 9:45 a.m.***

***“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for the common good . . . and he gives  
them to each one, just as he determines.”***

***-I Corinthians 12:7, 11b***

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**Our worship leaders this morning include:**

**Our Praise Team Leader: Mary Schwarz**

**Our Pastor: Leon Oaks-Lee**

**Scripture**

**Judges 6:11-24**

<sup>11</sup>The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

<sup>13</sup>"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

<sup>15</sup>"But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

<sup>16</sup>The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

<sup>17</sup>Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. <sup>18</sup>Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you."

And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return."

<sup>19</sup>Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.

<sup>20</sup>The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. <sup>21</sup>With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. <sup>22</sup>When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"

<sup>23</sup>But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."

<sup>24</sup>So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

**Sermon**

**“Empowered People of God”**  
Part 1: Some Basic Assumptions  
Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

**ABOUT THIS MORNING**

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available. Ask one of the greeters.
- **Greeting:** Jean Lynn Buskey

**PRAYER AND CARE**

**Prayer Needs:**

Please call Dave Knaebel at 569-0581 to contact the prayer chain.

**In Case of  
Emergency:**

If you or anyone you know is in need of food in times of sickness or family emergency, please notify Shirley Mapstone at 682-8169.

**Caregiver in Action:**

This week please keep Ken and Ada Phelps in your prayers as well as their Caregivers, Pauline and Harry Cole.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
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Elaine LaFollette, Secretary  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team and Joyful Sounds Director  
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director  
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ABOUT THIS MORNING

- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
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- **Greeting:** Cecile White and Linda Barber
- **Ushers:** Mark Mapstone and Erm Ferris
- **Child Care:** Barbara Davison

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**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** – The 2009 Flower Chart is hanging in the Narthex. Please put your name on the special date if you would like to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. The Olive Branch (687-7851) will deliver flowers directly to the church for a small fee on Saturdays before Sunday Worship. Please call the church office with information to put in the bulletin.

**2009 CALENDARS** – are available in the Narthex ~ a gift from Schepp Family Funeral Homes.

**Sam's Club memberships** - The church is allowed eight memberships; five are spoken and paid for. Each membership costs \$35 and includes an additional card for a household member. The advantage to joining with the church is access to the store earlier in the day than ordinary members, purchasing for the church tax-free and no tax on the membership. Tell Barbara Richardson immediately if you would like one of the three remaining memberships (632-4384 or 656-3480).

**A plea from the treasurer** - Please use the reimbursement forms when requesting money from the church account and have the appropriate approvals. I do like to have the receipts but not just circled and scribbled on. And if you are purchasing for the church, please take advantage of our tax exempt status. Elaine and I both have the forms. Thanks Barbara R.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Statements** – are in the Narthex for you to take home ~ Thank you, Carole Guynup, for getting these together.



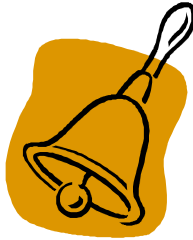
**Pastor Leon's Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 – Noon**  
**Email: [fbc-m-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbc-m-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**





**WELCOME!**

**“Belle Aire Trio”**



***Rene Hebert, Carol Adriance, Pam Spirko***

**Thank you for enhancing our Worship Service this morning!**



## Prayer for Healing Service

Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm



The Deacons are sponsoring a special prayer service this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary. This is a time of corporate prayer when we can come and pray together as one body in Christ. The focus of our prayer will be for healing, which might be physical, emotional, relational, spiritual, etc. We encourage you to come to pray for others as well as yourself. We will respond at the Holy Spirit's direction. Please feel free to invite a friend; this is open to anyone in the community. Please speak to any Deacon or Pastor Leon if you have questions.

**John 15:7:** *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* (ASV)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Recent Prayer Requests ~

**Kyle Short** – had an emergency appendectomy Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Please Pray for ~

Wanda Baker	Kermit Breed, Jr.	Loretta Beuchert
Mike Adams	Virginia Noble	Ruth Costello
Courtney H.	Ann and Gene Spradling	Connor
Russell and Mary Jane Davis	The Nehemiah Team	Marian Pollock
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother	Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	
Marilyn Fowler Mills	Zulau	Tom Conley
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister and Peggy's son, Greg		Helen Jenks
Mary Schwarz	Carole Guynup	Linda & Marty Malloy

## PRAISES

*"I want to thank the church family for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards, and food that we have received since we found out that I am sick. You are such a great group of people. I know that I am truly loved. Please continue to keep me in your prayers."*

*-Carole Guynup.*

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*Colleen Guynup would like to thank her Secret Pal for remembering her. I love the Pampered Chef stuff! The scoop is awesome. Thanks for the cookbook, too!*

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*To the congregation ~ As I reflect on this year, I remember when I was a boy. I was on Pleasant Street, up the hill from my uncle's home (nearing the top of the hill). The sun had come out after a spring rain, and water was cascading down the sidewalk. I thought I could stay there forever. The memory returns, as it has many times during this year. This year has brought us happy times and some sad times. I have come to know these by listening to the tapes of the Sunday services. I've prayed for some people I don't know. I've prayed for Mary, as she has lost her home. The year has produced a president-elect, conflict in the Middle East, and a recession. We need to pray for better times. I pray that it will be easier for us all to live in 2009. With our leadership in our country, maybe some changes will be made that will bring more prosperity to us and make it easier to live our lives. I pray that all of you will feel God's grace in 2009 and in the years ahead. May He ever guide you and have His Hand upon you. In His Name,*  
*Fred James Goddard*

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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.

## CALENDAR

### **TODAY, January 11th ~ “Belle Air Trio” (11 a.m. worship)**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching  
12:15 p.m. Women’s Chorus rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. Missions Board meeting

### **TUESDAY, January 13th**

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service of Healing in the Sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAY, January 14th**

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting

### **THURSDAY, January 15th ~ February newsletter articles are due☺**

6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym until 8:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, January 16th**

9:30 a.m. Stay ‘n Play for moms & dads & tots in the gym ‘til 11:30

### **NEXT SUNDAY, January 18th**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching  
12:15 p.m. Women’s Chorus rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Highland Forest Event until 11:00 p.m.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 25, 2009**

**The meeting will follow the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.**

**(Lunch and meeting will be in the gym)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ABW MINISTRIES NEWS

There will be **no** meeting in January. A White Cross Work meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Chapel. The committee consists of Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided. Fifty (50) bandages will be rolled for hospitals in the Congo.

Scholarships are available to High School graduates and continuing College students from American Baptist Women’s Ministries through the ABW Ministries Scholarship Fund. Applications can be found on the secretary’s desk in the church office. They are due March 1st.

We need more UPC codes found on the back of a variety of Campbell’s products. These labels go to Springbrook to buy materials for the schools, etc. There is a box for UPC codes and cancelled stamps in the Narthex. We have not been able to find a place for our cancelled stamps at this time; suggestions are welcome. Thank you.

### UNITY FELLOWSHIP

January’s meeting will be on **Saturday, January 24th, 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. The Salvation Army will be doing a presentation. This is a potluck event; please bring a dish to pass. Jim Mitscher and Erika Buchanan are in charge. **All are invited!**

### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

These articles are due this Thursday, January 15th. Please email articles to [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com) or place in the secretary’s mail slot.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. – Prayer for Healing Service

Next Sunday, January 18, 6-11:00 p.m. – Highland Forest Trip!!

Saturday, January 24, 9-Noon – Church Leader Gathering in the chapel

Saturday, January 24, 6:30 p.m. – Unity Fellowship in the chapel

# **HIGHLAND FOREST FAMILY OUTING**

**Sunday, January 18, 2009**

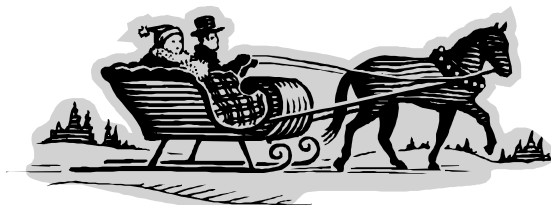
**6:00-11:00 p.m.**

Come one come all. Bring your family and any friends who would like to share the evening with you and our Church family. Bring any board game or other game you think will add to the fun. Join us for great food, fellowship, sleigh rides, hot cocoa around the fireplace and a night of fun.

Please email or call Deb Oley if you would like to bring anything to share. No ideas? Please check with me.

Also can you guess who I am??

Between now and then please email me at [mollyoley@aol.com](mailto:mollyoley@aol.com) a little know or obscure fact about you that your church family most likely does not know about you. I will compile these facts on a piece of poster board and you can see how many people you "recognize" by their life tidbits. I may call you to participate if I don't hear from you so start thinking!



## **MISSION NEWS**

### **FM FOOD PANTRY**

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

**Canned Soup (not tomato), Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Toilet Paper & Cookie Mix**

### **SAMARITAN CENTER**

Come and volunteer on Wednesdays!! We begin at 3:00 p.m. and are out by 5:00 p.m. Call Tom Shephard for details (655-8448).

## **CHURCH LEADER GATHERING**

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. – Noon (Chapel)**

**You are invited to join other leaders as we ask,**

**"How can I really make a difference at First Baptist Church?"**

**"How can we better serve God's Kingdom with our time and talents?"**

**Our Leader Gathering will aim at helping all of us to be more responsive to God's leading and more effective in carrying out his ministries.**



# Youth News

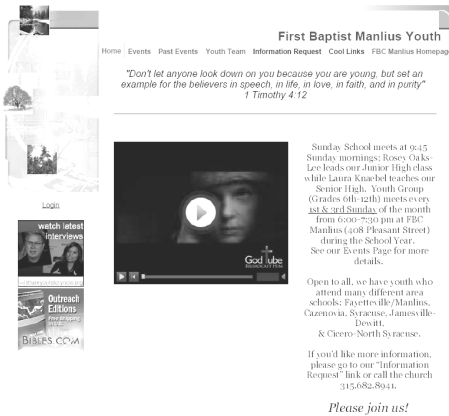
**Youth Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**For youth in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Events:

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Church-wide family event at Highland Forest. Invite your family & friends! Bring games & warm clothes for the sleigh ride. Let a youth advisor know if you need a ride or directions.



**Have you checked out the Youth Website yet?!**  
**Go to the FBC Manlius homepage & click on "Youth Ministries"**

**It contains:**

- Description of who we are
- Schedule of Youth Events
- Introduction of Youth Team
- Pictures from Past Events
- Information Request

**30 Hour Famine is coming! Don't know what it is? You'll be hearing all about it in the next several weeks.**



**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](mailto:FBManliusyouth@gmail.com)**