

## *First Baptist Church of Manlius*

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### **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

*Sunday, February 24, 2008*

*Worship Service ~ 8:30 a.m.*

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

*Worship Service ~ 11:00 a.m.*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If a person remains in me and I in him,  
he will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing."  
-John 15:5*

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Third Sunday in Lent*

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**Our worship leaders this morning include:**

**Our Praise Team Leader, Mary Schwarz and the Praise Team  
Our Music Director and Accompanist, John Spradling  
Our Pastor, Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee**

**Scripture Focus**

John 15:1-7

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

**Sermon**

**"Honesty Before God"**

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 Beth Greene in your prayers as well as her Caregiver, Shirley Mapstone.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor  
John Spradling, Music Director  
Joyce McCartney, Organist  
Elaine LaFollette, Secretary  
Michael McCartney, Custodian  
Kathie Shevchuk, Ministry Coordinator  
Shirley Mapstone, Joyful Sounds Director  
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team Director  
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director  
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director

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**Gathering time**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

Joyce McCartney

**Call to Worship**

**\*Songs of Praise**

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**Prayer (offered together)**

Almighty God, merciful Father, we do not deserve to be called your children, for we have left you, and sought our own way. Help us to know that when we repent and turn to you, you are forgiving, and are coming with joy to welcome us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture**

Psalm 139:1-6

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**Offering**

**Offertory**

John Spradling

**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

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**\*\*Children's Time**

**\*Hymn**

*Cleanse Me*

No. 425

**Family Prayers**

(Joys and Concerns)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLANKET SUNDAY DONATIONS** – Thank you for your donations for Blanket Sunday. The total amount collected = **\$530.00**. Thank you for your support to this mission project☺

### ABW Ministries Lenten Series

A 3-week Lenten Bible Study series begins **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 am** in the Library. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study.



**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Leader: Cindy Mapstone  
**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Leader: Myrna Benedict  
**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Leader: Gail Carlsen

The committee for the luncheons consists of Annette Andrusyszyn, Shirley Mapstone and Ruby Pfohl.

**ABW MINISTRIES** – We are still collecting UPC codes on the back of Campbell's products and also cancelled stamps (with at least ¼" border) to be sent to Rev. David Vila to benefit his Spanish ministry. There is a box in the Narthex for both items.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – this year will be on **Friday, March 7, 2:00 p.m.** and be held at The Nottingham, 1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville, NY.

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED** – There is a need for volunteers to staff the nursery during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service. If you would be willing to volunteer in the nursery, even if it is one or two times a year, we could use your help. Please see Al Dominy or call him at 637-4964.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY** – As you know, Das Blumen Haus closed their doors January 31, 2008. If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, please give Fortino's Florist a call (637-9885). Fortino's will be able to deliver the flowers to the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.



## **LENTEN MID-WEEK SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY**

**Five Wednesday Evenings, 6 – 8 p.m.**  
**February 13 – March 12**  
**Pastor Leon – Bible Study Leader**

### **6:00 p.m. Fellowship:**

Share a meal of soup, bread, and dessert.  
Donations accepted.  
(March 12<sup>th</sup> will be a Potluck meal sponsored by King's Kids.)

### **7:00 p.m. Bible Study:**

Pastor Leon will lead us in a study of exploring biblical stories about prayer and ways we can pray.

Each study will be a preparation for the Sunday Lenten Sermon Series.  
Everyone including families are encouraged to attend.  
Child Care is available.

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### **Fun, Fellowship, and Accomplishment!**



Join us on **Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon** at our Church to "spruce up" and "clean up." Some projects we are looking at are cleaning the Kitchen and the Nursery and painting the gym. We are open to suggestions. Please call or see JoAnn Mostar to help. Coffee and bagels will be provided. Thanks.



### **God's Soldiers Save these Dates!**

All k – 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends are invited to the following events.  
More information will follow in upcoming church bulletins.

**Saturday, March 15, 2008** Ride on a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

**Sunday, April 13, 2008** Elbow Grease Day

**Sunday, May 4, 2008** Mother's Day Project

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Recent Prayer Requests:

#### Please Pray for:

Wanda Baker	Connor	Kermit Breed, Jr.
Loretta Beuchert	Mike Adams	Jon Perry
Ruth Costello	Virginia Noble	Courtney H.
Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister	Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt	Joann Bishop
The Short family	Mary Jane and Russell Davis	
Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother		Amy Hockey and her family
Richard and Fran Fuller		Stacey

## PRAISES

At the end of each month, the names on the Prayer List above will be removed unless previously specified. If you would like a name to remain on the list for another 30 days, please call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Diaconate Board. Thank You.

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Please call the Church Office at 682-8941 with prayer requests or praises by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

### New Adult Sunday School Class

**All Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

The Ten Commandments - a 10-week video series. You will find each commandment examined in a way to make it relevant to your life.

[What they mean. Why they matter. Why you should care.] This is a good time to join a class to help you grow in your understanding of the Bible and its teachings. Other Adult classes include:

Bible Journeys – Church Library  
Bible Discussion – Room #206  
Bible Discussion – Room # 207

### SINGERS INVITED!

#### **Maundy Thursday Choir**

We are planning a joint choir with the Manlius Methodist Church for Maundy Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals at First Baptist are each Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

## CALENDAR

### **TODAY, SUNDAY, February 24th – Third Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching  
9:45 a.m. Adult Education and Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **MONDAY, February 25th**

6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, February 27th – Lenten Supper & Bible Study**

8:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship in the gym  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study for Adults in the Chapel

### **THURSDAY, February 28th**

6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

### **FRIDAY, February 29th**

9:30 a.m. Stay 'n Play 'til 11:30 (for moms & dads with their tots/gym)

### **SUNDAY, March 2nd – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Communion Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching  
9:45 a.m. Adult Education and Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching  
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
12:15 p.m. Ministry Support Committee meeting – Historical room  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Board meeting  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

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**A NOTE FROM MINISTRY SUPPORT** – As the Ministry Support Committee meets with members of the church staff, your feedback, concerns, kudos and suggestions are most welcome. Please contact Jean Lynn Buskey, Al Dominy, JoAnn Mostar or Bill Lyon anytime. Thank you.

**Pastor Leon's Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9 – Noon**

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



We are now taking orders for **Easter flowers!** The daffodils are available in yellow only. The tulips and mums are available in a variety of spring colors as selected by the greenhouse. The flowers will be displayed in the Sanctuary for **Easter Sunday, March 23rd** and will be available to take home after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please see Jean Lynn Buskey at that time to retrieve your selection. Flowers may also be left at the church for delivery to our shut-ins. Please check below if you would like to take home or donate your plant.

**If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lynn Buskey at 682-0252.**

Please fill out the form below and place it and the money in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" in the offering plate or send it to the Church office **no later than TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th.**

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

Order: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 bulb pot of tulips      \$6.75  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 6" pot of mums                      \$6.75  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 7" pot of daffodils                \$8.50

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print the following in the Easter Bulletin:

Joyous Easter from: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I will leave plant in Church to donate: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take home plant following worship: \_\_\_\_\_

# Youth News

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

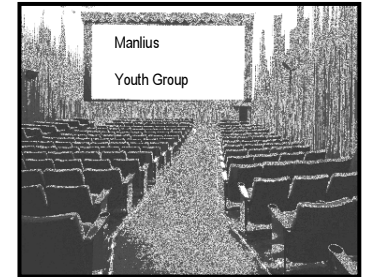
**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

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

## Upcoming Events:

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Continuation of Music Video Creations @ FBC 6:00 pm**

*That's right, we are making our very own Music Videos! The songs have been chosen & planning has begun! (No one picked the song featuring Christy on accordion or Micah Granata on harmonica 😊) February 17<sup>th</sup> planning meeting took longer than expected so we're continuing our planning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & maybe starting to film... We shall see...*



### **March 16<sup>th</sup>: Change of plans?!?! "Our people will talk with your people"**



## **Senior High Event (Grades 9-12)**

**Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

**Bring \$5.00 + \$\$ for food**

Meet at the church @ 7:15 pm OR meet the rest of the crew @ Green Lake Lanes (Route 5, Fayetteville) @ 7:30 pm. Invite your friends!

**Don't know what Super Bowling is?**

**You are in for a treat!**

**Youth Newsletter was sent out – if you did not receive one, let a leader know!**

Youth Team: Christy Brownell, Jillian Everly, Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee, Rosey Oaks-Lee, George Oley, Tom Shephard, & Kathie Shevchuk

Any questions or concerns, please contact a team member.