

First Baptist Church of Manlius

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Sunday, April 2, 2006

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Education - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

"The Greatest among you will be your servant."

-Matthew 23:11

First Baptist Church of Manlius *~ Fifth Sunday of Lent ~* *8:30 a.m.*

We gather in this place to worship God, to encourage and care for one another, to grow in our relationship to Christ and to learn to serve God both within this church and in God's world.

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.**

Our Scripture focus this morning is Matthew 23:1-12:

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples; ²The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'

⁸But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Sermon

"Our Core Identity"

Rev. 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:** Frank Adams and Rosey Oaks-Lee

PRAYER AND CARE

- Prayer Needs:** Please call Cindy Mapstone at 655-0616 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, Ken Bex.

Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee, Pastor
John Spradling, Music Director
Joyce McCartney, Organist
Elaine LaFollette, Betsy Miller, Secretaries
Michael McCartney, Custodian
Cindy Mapstone, Christian Enrichment Coordinator
Kathie Shevchuk, Christian Enrichment 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

***Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 322 (verses 1, 3 & 5)

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O God, we confess that we have strayed from your way.
In our desire to serve and please ourselves,
we have set ourselves at odds with you.
You were unwilling to accept the separation between us.
In humility you emptied yourself taking the form of a slave,
and was born in human likeness.
You shattered the separation, not with an iron hand and force,
but with the power of your love.
We thank you for your love and blessings.
Now that we are home in your tender embrace,
help us to have a servants heart;
teach us to serve You and Your people
in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Songs of Praise

See Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found – There is a box located in the corner on the coat rack shelves in the Chapel entranceway. Pls. check this box for your lost items. After today, April 2nd, the contents of this box will be given to charity.

Friday Morning Bible Study - "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." This new series began March 17th and it will continue for 12 weeks. All are welcome to join. We should finish the study on June 9th. If you would like to join in this discussion, please contact Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.

Help Needed – Please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Thank You☺
- Looking for help setting up @ 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for the Lenten series dinner and help cleaning up @ 6:50 p.m. (March 1st-April 5th).
- Looking for adult help with the young people on Wed. from 7:00-8:00 p.m. during the Lenten series (March 1st-April 5th).

Easter Breads! The Board of Christian Education is asking volunteers to bake a loaf of bread (or two) for our shut in friends of First Baptist Church. The breads will be delivered on Easter Sunday. Last year, this was a great success and deeply appreciated by the recipients. It's a great time of year to make people feel loved. The breads can be any recipe you desire. Please label the type of bread it is on the outside of the wrapping and if the bread contains nuts. Please bring your loaf of bread to church on Easter Sunday. Questions? Please see Deb Oley. Thank you.

April 22nd is Earth Day - Does this give you any ideas? Do you wish to make a certain something happen on this day? Here is your chance. We have many eager, energetic children & Youth here at FBC. They love to get together, have fun, and be creative. The Board of Christian Education is looking for an adult or two who would like to lead our Youth for a few hours to do something fun on this date. You get to pick the time, place and event. Our Board will help with the logistics. Please speak to a member of CE. If you would like to lead at another time in the year, please let us know. You may contact Barbara Brace, Joni Dominy, Colleen Guynup, Bill Lyon, Wendy Mapstone or Deb Oley to help lead an event for our kids. Thank you.

Financial Statements –First quarter financial statements are available in the Narthex for pick up.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 2nd – Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
12:15 p.m. Ministry Support Committee Meeting
12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal with Joyful Sounds Choir
6:00 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting

MONDAY, April 3rd

10:30 a.m. ABW Lenten Series today in the Library
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting

TUESDAY, April 4th

6:30 p.m. Christian Education Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Weigh Down Workshop in the Library

WEDNESDAY, April 5th

9:30 a.m. Stay 'n' Play – for moms and dads with their tots in the gym
6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner in the gym
7:00 p.m. Lenten Series with Pastor Leon in the Library

THURSDAY, April 6th

5:00 p.m. Violin Recital – Sue Edwards' students

FRIDAY, April 7th

9:30 a.m. Bible Study today at Kathie Shevchuk's house

NEXT SUNDAY, April 9th – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching

Pastor Leon's Office Hours are:

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Email: fbcm-pastor@twcny.rr.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Requests for prayers that came in this week:

Please Pray for:

Wanda Baker
Rev. Bill Kerr
Cecile White's Aunt Irene
Joe Malloy
Virginia Noble
Steve Poole
Ana Corona
Al Parker

PRAISES

*Dear Secret Sister, Thank you for my lovely St. Patrick's Day wall hanging. You have great taste and have blessed me!
Have a wonderful Easter, sister. Love, Joni Dominy*

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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.

ABW Ministries' News

Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. Joyce Camp, former president of ABW/NYS, will present a program in the Chapel. She will show slides and speak on her recent tour of American Baptist missions in India and Nepal, our geographic focus for this year. Men, women, & children are invited to attend.

The Cayuga-Onondaga ABW Association Spring luncheon will be held at Bethany Baptist Church in Syracuse on **Saturday, April 22nd at 11:00 a.m.** Please bring a dish to share and table service. Janice Turner will speak on "Unity." Election of officers will take place. Transportation will be provided.

ABW/NYS Convention will be held **April 28-30th** at the R.I.T. Convention Center, Rochester, NY. Please call Shirley Mapstone 682-8169 with questions.

Thank you to all who have provided Campbell's labels or cancelled stamps. 400 labels were recently sent to Springbrook (formerly Upstate Homes for children and Adults). Two large envelopes of cancelled stamps were sent to Dr. David Vila, who sells them to collectors. This money will provide Spanish bibles and other Christian literature.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING



Each white star on the display posters represents \$25.00 given toward the AFC Offering.

Goal: \$1,500.00
Amount Received as of March 26, 2006: \$1,195.00

LENTEN EVENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Study Groups

Each Wednesday through and including April 5

- 6:00 p.m.** – Family night dinner.
- 7:00 p.m.** – Study groups will include:
 - Bible Study with Pastor Leon on the theme: "Called to be a Servant"
 - Youth Study and Activities
 - ~ Child care will be available ~

A 4-week Lenten Bible Study series continues this Monday, April 3rd at **10:30 a.m.** in the library. A soup luncheon in the Chapel will follow the study. Cindy Mapstone. The committee for the luncheons consists of Ruby Pfohl, Shirley Mapstone, Olga Schmidt & Annette Andrusyszyn. All are welcome to attend☺

Maundy Thursday - April 13, 6:15 pm-Light Dinner; 7:00 pm-Service at the Manlius United Methodist Church. Manlius United Methodist and First Baptist Church combined choirs will provide a cantata, "Love So Amazing." We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. All are welcome!!

SOME EVENTS IN APRIL

Unity Fellowship - This month Unity Fellowship will be meeting at the Delphi Falls United church on Saturday, April 29th at 12 noon for dinner. Vera Love will speak on “200 years – The History of Delphi Church.” The Committee consists of Art and Shirley Mapstone.

Joyful Sounds Choir - The Joyful Sounds Choir will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 9th at the second service. They will perform two numbers alone and one number “Hosanna” with the Adult Choir. Rehearsal for the combined number will be held after the second service on Sunday, April 2nd. Joyful Sounds will also perform on Easter Sunday, April 16th during the second service.

Quarterly Meeting!! - will be held on **Sunday, April 30th, after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.** All are invited and encouraged to attend☺