

*First Baptist Church
of Manlius*

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Sunday, November 23, 2008
~ Thanksgiving Sunday ~

Worship Service ~ 8:30 a.m.

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

Worship Service ~ 11:00 a.m.

*“Be Careful that you do not forget
the Lord your God” - Deuteronomy 8:11a*

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Sunday, November 23, 2008 ~ 8:30 a.m.
~ Thanksgiving Sunday ~

Our worship leaders this morning include:

Our Praise Team Leader: Mary Schwarz
Our Pastor: Leon Oaks-Lee

Scripture

II Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Sermon **“Be Careful that you do not forget the Lord your 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:** Sally and Bill Lyon
- **Flowers:** today are from Jeff Loope in celebration of Mom's Birthday, November 28th.

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
Joyce McCartney, Music Director/Organist
Elaine LaFollette, Secretary
Michael McCartney, Custodian
Mary Schwarz, Praise Team & Joyful Sounds Director
Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director
Marge Edwards, King's Kids Director

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Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" Joyce McCartney
 Johnston

Call to Worship (Responsive) Psalm 138:1-5

Leader: Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"

People: **I kneel in worship facing your holy temple
 and say it again: "Thank you!"
 Thank you for your love,
 thank you for your faithfulness;**

Leader: Most holy is your name,
 most holy is your Word.
 The moment I called out, you stepped in;
 you made my life large with strength.

People: **When they hear what you have to say, GOD,
 all earth's kings will say "Thank you."
 They'll sing of what you've done:
 "How great the glory of GOD!"**

***Songs of Praise** See Insert

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 Page 1834

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Scripture II Corinthians 9:6-15 Page 1803

Our Offerings and commitments of support

Singing "Give Thanks" Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering** No. 382

Special Music "No Mountain High Enough" Joyful Sounds Choir

****Children's Time**

***Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* No. 394

Scripture Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Page 287

Sermon "Be Careful that you do not forget the Lord your God"
 Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

***Hymn of Response** *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 525

***Benediction**

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Joyce McCartney
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*If you are able, please stand.

**All 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children's Time. All children in 1st through 6th grade are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Mary Schwarz.

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- Guests are invited to sign the guest book or fill out a visitor card.
- Hearing devices are available. Ask one of the greeters.
- **Greeting:** Cecile White
- **Ushers:** Jim Mitscher and Harry Cole
- **Child Care:** Shirley Mapstone
- **Flowers:** today are from Jeff Loope in celebration of Mom's Birthday, November 28th.

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Enhancing our Worship with Bright, Clear Visual Images!



Our Deacons have made plans for the purchase of a digital projector (to be located in the balcony), a retractable screen (to be located at the front of the sanctuary), and the computer and programs to provide the visual images at a cost of \$10,000.

As of 11/16/08: **\$8,055.00** has been given.

What Can I do? The system will be installed when we have raised the money. You can make a donation by clearly labeling your check: "Projection System." Direct your gift to our Financial Secretary.

Calling all k – 5th graders!

SAVE THIS DATE ~ Mark your calendars for . . .
Wednesday, Dec. 17 *Pizza Party and Presents*
5 – 6:30 PM (Eat pizza and make crafts/gifts)



God's Soldiers Pizza and Presents Event



TRADITIONAL Thanksgiving Dinner Family Style

First Baptist Church Manlius
TONIGHT, 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*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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	Levi and Paige
Marilyn Fowler Mills	Zulauf	Michael McCartney
Peggy, Marg Kerr's sister and Peggy's son, Greg		

PRAISES

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the scholarship that allowed me to attend the ABY Convention November 7th through 9th. I had an amazing experience there, and your financial help made it much easier for me to be able to go. Thank you for supporting an event that provides a way for youth from across the state to gather and worship God. Thanks again! ~Melissa Buskey

Thank you to all the people who donated cards and notes for Fairport and for Church members. ~Erma Bullard

Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?
Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY



Next Sunday, November 30th, following the 11 a.m. Worship Service, join others in hanging the greens in our Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call Mark Mapstone at 655-0616.



Check your fabric cabinet!



The Youth are redecorating their room, and are looking for large swatches of fabric - a yard or more. If you have pieces which you would like to donate, please contact Rosey Oaks-Lee (637-0023) or George Oley (682-3198).

This Sunday you are invited to bring your pledge of financial support for the ministries of First Baptist Church in 2009. As part of our expression of Thanksgiving, we will dedicate our commitment as an act of worship. Do you need a pledge card? You can find pledge cards on the table in the Narthex.

CALENDAR

TODAY, November 23rd ~ Thanksgiving Sunday & Special Dedication of Pledges

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. Advent Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner in the gym

THURSDAY, November 27th ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, November 28th Church Office is closed today

NEXT SUNDAY, November 30th ~ First Sunday of Advent

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. Intergenerational Bell Choir rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Master's Touch Chorale Concert in the Sanctuary

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsal is this Sunday, November 23rd immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to rehearse Advent music. Sunday, December 7th, 14th, and 21st, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will be rehearsing for Christmas Eve.

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

ABW MINISTRIES NEWS

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

We would like 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. Rev. Vila's stamp ministry has been discontinued due to his death; however, we will continue to collect cancelled stamps and will find another outlet for them.

Fruit Plates will be packaged and delivered on **Sunday, December 14th** during Sunday School by Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn for our special Church members.

Scholarships 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.

ABW Ministries wishes to thank all who have contributed to our budget "request." If you would care to donate, we would appreciate your help.

UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Unity Fellowship for December will be on **Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31st, 6:30 p.m.** We will meet in the Chapel for appetizers, and there will be a Progressive Dinner and Game Night (Bingo/Bunko). The committee is Art and Shirley Mapstone, Guynups, Wares, and Richardsons. **All are invited.**

Ana Corona's Address for the winter:

Mrs. Ana Corona
6440 North Sky Point Drive
Ste. Rt. 41-165
Las Vegas, NV 89131

Youth News

MISSION NEWS

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Total collected as of 11/16/08: **\$1,393.35**

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 & a New Item: 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).

TWO WAYS TO REACH OUT THIS CHRISTMAS ~



(1) **A Christmas tree outside the chapel** - Don't miss it! There will be a **mitten, scarf and hat tree** set up outside the Chapel. We will be collecting boys, girls, men's, and women's mittens, scarves, and winter hats for the Samaritan Center **through the 15th of December**. Your contribution will help keep someone warm for the winter!



(2) **A Christmas Welcome to a Refugee Family** - We will be collecting gifts for a refugee family that has arrived in Syracuse recently. Watch for more details. This will be a way to support our Karen Baptist brothers and sisters in their new homes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Tonight, November 23, 6:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner in the gym
Sunday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. – Master's Touch Chorale @ FBC
Thursday, December 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Craft Night in the gym
Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. – “Away from the Manger” Play

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For youth in Grades 6th – 12th

Upcoming Events:

TONIGHT, November 23rd: We'll be serving at the Thanksgiving dinner again!



Please be at the church at 5:45pm and if possible, please wear dark pants and a white shirt. If you are able to help & you haven't told a youth advisor yet, please do so ASAP.

November 30th: Directly after worship, we'll be starting our Room Renovations with PAINTING! Our base color has been chosen – woo hoo! Be sure to bring clothes that could possibly get paint on 'em. Pizza lunch will be served 12:30-ish with painting directly after that.



Sending FBC Manlius Love!



The youth would like to send 'FBC Manlius Love' to our College Students! Would you please help the youth gather goodies? 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.

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

AWAY FROM THE MANGER

An Advent Musical



*First Baptist Church, Manlius
Sunday, December 14, 2008
(Snow Date: December 21st)*

*6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow in the Chapel*

*There will be wise men, shepherds,
and others -- but not quite like you remember them!*

*Featuring a cast of talented First Baptist adults, youth,
and children*

*Based on the play by Elizabeth M. Topp
Music & lyrics by Sally Beske
Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary
Drama Service*



You're invited - Please come!

Family Craft Night



Thursday, December 4, 2008

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 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!*

Where: First Baptist Church - Gym



All are welcome - ages 0 - 100!!!



THE MASTER'S TOUCH CHORALE
CONCERT

Sunday, November 30th ~ 6:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

*You don't want to miss out on this beautiful
concert conducted by Warren Ottey.*

*Come and hear the joyful sounds of
Christmas.*

A free will offering will be taken.

*A reception in the Chapel will follow the
performance.*



*This is American Baptist Women's
Christmas gift to all of you.*