

*First Baptist Church
of Manlius*

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Come to the Manger



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

Our worship leaders this morning include:

Our Praise Team Leader: Mary Schwarz

Our Pastor: Leon Oaks-Lee

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. ⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Sermon

**Come to the Manger
Part I "Seeking the Face of God"**

Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Sunday, November 30, 2008
~ First Sunday of Advent ~

Worship Service ~ 8:30 a.m.

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

Worship Service ~ 11:00 a.m.

*"Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down, that the mountains
would tremble before you!"*

-Isaiah 64:1

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

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

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

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Sunday, November 30, 2008 ~ 11:00 a.m.
~ First Sunday of Advent ~

Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "O Come O Come Emmanuel" -arr. Kevin McChesney
Bell Choir

Lighting the first Advent Candle Dick and Linda Barber

Scripture (Responsive) from Psalm 80

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who sit enthroned ...
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

**People: Restore us, O God;
make your face shine upon us,
that we might be saved.**

Leader: Return to us, O God almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!

**People: Restore us, O God almighty;
make your face shine upon us,
that we might be saved.**

Singing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 169
(First verse)

Lighting the Candle

Prayer
***Songs of Praise** See Insert

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Offering
Offertory "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise" -arr. Michael Helman
 Bell Choir

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

****Children's Time**

***Hymn** *Open My Eyes That I May See* No. 486

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Sermon **Come to the Manger**
Part I "Seeking the Face of God"
 Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

***Hymn of Response** *Higher Ground* No. 469

***Benediction**

Postlude "Veni Emmanuel" Joyce McCartney
 Rex Koury

*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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- **Greeting:** Harry and Pauline Cole
- **Ushers:** Dick Barber and Harry Cole
- **Child Care:** Deb Oley

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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 11/23/08: **\$8,772.18** 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



**First Baptist Church of Manlius
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 reception in the Chapel will follow the performance.

*This is ABW's Christmas gift to all of you.
A free will offering will be taken.*

AWAY FROM THE MANGER *An Advent Musical*

*First Baptist Church, Manlius ~ Sunday, December 14, 2008
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

*(Snow Date: December 21st)
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



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

PRAISES

To my Secret Pal ~ Thank you for my Thanksgiving gift; I liked it a lot. –Shirley Mapstone

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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.


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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.

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, Jo Ann Mostar or Bill Lyon anytime. Thank you.



DECORATING THE SANCTUARY
TODAY, November 30th, following the 11 a.m.
Worship Service, join others in hanging the greens in our Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please see 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).

CALENDAR

TODAY, 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. Advent Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Master's Touch Chorale Concert in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 1st

6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting

TUESDAY, December 2nd

6:30 p.m. Nehemiah Team meeting
6:30 p.m. Trustees Board meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd

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

THURSDAY, December 4th

5:30 p.m. Craft Night in the gym until 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Youth Team meeting

FRIDAY, December 5th

9:00 a.m. ABC/NYS Board of Mission meeting (chapel, gym, kitchen

NEXT SUNDAY, December 7th ~ Second 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. Advent Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Group until 7:30 p.m.

ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS – On Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st, we'll be rehearsing for Christmas Eve after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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

ABW MINISTRIES NEWS

This 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

MISSION NEWS

BLOODMOBILE

Forty-two (**42**) pints of blood were collected on Saturday, November 22nd. Thank you all for giving the gift of life and to all the volunteers.

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 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
Sunday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling

Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
For youth in Grades 6th - 12th

Upcoming Events:

 **TODAY, November 30th:** Directly after today worship, we'll be starting our Room Renovations with PAINTING! Pizza lunch will be served 12:30-ish with painting directly after that.

December 7th: Youth Group. Normal Time. Normal Place. Festiveness.



Sending FBC Manlius Love!



Would you please help the youth gather goodies to send 'FBC Manlius Love' to our college students? 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, highlighters, crackers, gum/candy, etc.
We are all set on hot chocolate, thank you! ☺



Youth Serving @ Thanksgiving Dinner:

Brodie & Lucy S, Lauren M,
Jeremy & Kelsey M, Lexi D, Emily B,
Jessi O, Kyle S & Melissa B
(Missing from photo Michael B)

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



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!!!