

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 2, 2007 ~ 8:30 a.m.

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

Isaiah 2:2-5

²In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, O house of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Sermon

"What Do You Expect?"

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

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

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

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Scripture Isaiah 2:2-5

Singing “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” No. 168

Lighting the Candle

Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we come to worship you this morning.
 We confess that we have been full of ourselves:
 living in darkness and failing to watch for your light.
 Forgive us, Lord.
 Teach us to walk in your paths of peace.
 Help us to see the light of your love,
 which you have shown us in Jesus Christ.
 In His name we pray. Amen.

***Songs of Praise** See Insert

A Reading Isaiah 2:2-5 Page 1062

Offering
Offertory John Spradling

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering** #382

Children’s Time**

***Hymn** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* No. 476

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Scripture **Matthew 24:36-44** Page 1539

Sermon “What Do You Expect?” Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Table is open to all who receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Reading our Church Covenant

The Bread

The Cup

***Hymn of Response** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 560

***Benediction**

Postlude Joyce McCartney

*If you are able, please stand. **4 & 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children’s Time; all those children in Grades 1 and older are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Shirley Mapstone.

*The money received in the Communion
 Offering envelopes goes into the Fellowship
 Fund to help members of our
 Church family who are in need. Thank you.*

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- **Greeting:** George and Carol Davenport
- **Ushers:** George Oley and Harry Cole
- **Child Care:** Ann Shephard

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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Immaculate Conception Church, Fayetteville
TONIGHT, Sunday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

This is a community event consisting of choirs from our area churches. A full choral majesty will be provided for all to enjoy.

Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee will be participating in this event!!

A reception by Immaculate Conception Church and other area churches will follow the concert.



**Join God's Soldiers for
Christmas Caroling!
Everyone is welcome!**

- What?** Christmas Caroling, Games, Refreshments, Gifts!
When? Sunday, December 9, 6 – 8:00 PM
Where? Meet 6:00 pm at FBC for neighborhood caroling ~ dress warmly!
At 6:30 we will go to East Side Manor for more singing, refreshments, games, and gifts!
- Who?** *Everyone* is welcome to join in this event, which is being sponsored by FBC's K – 5 kids, God's Soldiers. We can use all of your voices!
- Bring?** Each participant is asked to bring 2 wrapped "Dollar Store" gifts. One will be for an exchange among all participants, and the other will be for the East Side Manor residents. Suggestions include lotions, pens, notepads, toiletries, word search puzzle books, memory boards, nail clippers, and other small items
- Questions?** Call Barbara Brace, 682-6270.

You're invited - Please come!

Family Craft Night

Thursday, December 6, 2007

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
408 Pleasant Street, Manlius, NY**

Phone: 682-8941

All are welcome - ages 0 - 100!!!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

Donald Loope - was in the hospital - is home now and doing well.

Al Parker - is in the VA Hospital, 800 Irving Ave., Rm. #631, Syr., NY 13210

Ruth Costello - is back in the hospital (Crouse in Room #6023)

Please Pray for:

Virginia Noble

Kermit Breed, Jr.

Mike Handzel

Richard Fuller and his wife, Fran

Virginia, Carol Davenport's aunt

Abigail, Dorcas Ambrosio's sister

The Buskey family

Donna, Joyce McCartney's sister

Mr. and Mrs. Syracuse

Wanda Baker

Loretta Beuchert

Joe Malloy

Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister Licia Swain

Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother

Ruth, Dorcas Ambrosio's sister

Jon Perry, Dave Knaebel's friend

Mary Jane and Russell Davis

Connor

Mike Adams

Martin Short

PRAISES

"I wanted to share the good news that my sister's final pathology came back (after her second lung surgery) and it was negative! Praise God! Thank you so much for your continued prayers for her. -Elaine LaFollette

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

**
JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR - On Sunday, Dec. 16th, 11 am, Joyful Sounds Choir will be presenting a short, musical play in 3 scenes called "When Jesus Was Born." Speakers are Allison Butler (Child 1) and Lucy Shephard (Child 2); Prophet from the Old Testament - Kelsey Mapstone; Mary - Joanna Butler; Joseph - Christopher Oley; Three Wise Men - Richard Spradling, Will Shephard, and Ross Goodwin. Other choir members have speaking parts. **A Special rehearsal is planned for Sunday, December 2nd after church in the Sanctuary.** It is important that all choir members be in attendance at all rehearsals from now until the performance. The choir will also participate in the evening performance on December 16th with the adults.

Youth News

TODAY, December 2nd: FBC Youth Group Christmas Party! Meet at the church @ 6:00 pm and bring a sock (preferably clean) and come celebrate Christmas with us!

Do you know the Christmas story? What town was Jesus born in? Who were his parents? You may want to study up since we'll have a myth buster exam. Do you know the story as well as you think?? Come and find out! As usual, we'll have festive games, crazy antics and some yummy food.



Don't forget your sock or you'll have to use one that you're wearing...you might not want to do that (hint hint).

Side note: No socks will be harmed during the Christmas festivities.

Sending 'FBC Manlius Love' to our College Students!



Please help the youth gather goodies to send to our college students. If you are unable to purchase items, we will accept donations to offset the mailing cost. Please place your donations in the box near the Library by TODAY, December 2nd.

(Ramen noodles, post-its, pens, hot cocoa, crackers, microwave popcorn, gum, etc.)

If you know of a College Student, please contact the church office with his/her name and school address. Care Packages will be mailed December 3rd.

**Youth Group meets
1st & 3rd Sundays!
Next Activity:
December 16th: Church Play
No Youth Group - See you at the play!**

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

FBC is adopting a family of 8 for Christmas! This means that we will provide this family with gently used clothing, games, toys for school-aged children. Can you help? Please be thinking about this ministry. More specific details to follow.



The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

During the month of December, our congregation will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). The RMMO is an annual ABCUSA offering that provides (1) Thank You checks to over 3,000 retired ABC ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses, based on 15 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need. Please help us remember those who have served us.

ABW MINISTRIES – Fruit plates for our special Church members will be packed and delivered on **Sunday, December 9th**. Committee: Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn.

We are still collecting UPC codes on the back of Campbell's products and also cancelled stamps (with at least 1/4" border) to be sent to Rev. David Vila to benefit his Spanish ministry. There is a box in the Narthex for both items.

Blanket Sunday will be held February 10th. JoAnn Mostar is in charge.

****CALENDARS FOR 2008** - are needed for residents in nursing homes and adult care facilities. Calendars may be dropped off through Jan. 15th at the Fayetteville or Manlius libraries. Please call Diane at 637-6632 if you have any questions.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY, December 2nd ~ First Sunday of Advent

- 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. Joyful Sounds Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Ministry Support committee meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party until 7:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols at Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville

TUESDAY, December 4th

- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Board meeting in the Church office

WEDNESDAY, December 5th

- 6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

THURSDAY, December 6th

- 9:30 a.m. Stay 'n Play 'til 11:30 am (for moms/dads with their tots in the gym)
- 5:30 p.m. Craft Night in the gym until 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 7th

- 9:00 a.m. ABC/NYS Board of Mission meeting and luncheon (Chapel & Gym)

SUNDAY, December 9th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Church Christmas Caroling until 8:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Board meeting

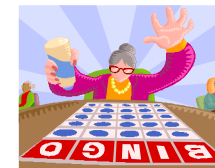
2008 Envelopes – are available in the Narthex.

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

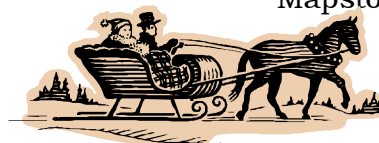


UNITY FELLOWSHIP

Come join Unity Fellowship's
New Year's Eve Party! It will begin
Monday, Dec. 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 consists of: Art and Shirley Mapstone, Guynup, Ware, and Richardson.



COME ONE - COME ALL

HIGHLAND FOREST TRIP - Don't miss the Annual Highland Forest Trip on Sunday, **January 20, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. There is no school on Monday! **All ages** gather in the cozy, fireplace heated lodge for an evening of games, food and fellowship. Horse drawn sleigh rides cap off an evening of pure delight for those adventurous to go out in the cold. Be sure to dress warmly. Bring a favorite board game, or puzzle and be prepared to teach young and old alike the game. We have the lodge until 11:00 p.m. Bring your favorite chili, soup or stew to share. Desserts and munchies are also welcomed. Beverages will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Invite your friends and neighbors - all are encouraged to attend:)

"Thanksgiving in Virginia"

Setting the record straight--The first thanksgiving feast in America was celebrated Dec. 4th, 1619, at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, Va. This place on the James River is about a 30-minute drive inland from Colonial Williamsburg. I'm sure it was Virginia Ham and not turkey. Previously, two different Spanish Conquistadores had offered prayers of thanksgiving as well. The fall foliage goes on for 2-3 months down here as the oak leaves don't fall. Driving the country roads is awesome because there are few power lines and the limbs hang over the roads. Unfortunately, our "tree" can't be planted until March, '08, due to severe drought in the area. The Lake Anna nursery cancelled all tree orders due to the poor survival rate in transplanting. We're all fine and enjoying the fall to winter? Love, Betsy and Bill Burt and Trudy Siegenthaler.

WELCOME

We welcome Melissa Buskey, who was baptized last week, into the membership of our congregation this morning.

Have you made a public profession of your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism?

Are you interested in membership at First Baptist Church of Manlius?

Speak to Pastor Leon or one of our Deacons:

Gail Carlsen, Grace Chege, Al Dominy, Dave Knaebel, Bob Mapstone, Ruby Pfohl, Ann Shephard and Eugene White

Adult Sunday School Options

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.



Choose between four classes:

- 1) "What's So Amazing About Grace?" ~ Leader: Ellen Everly (Chapel)
- 2) Adult Journeys ~ Leader: Erm Ferris (Library)
- 3) Bible Study ~ Room 207 (next to the choir room)
Contact person: Jill Doss
- 4) Bible Study ~ Room 206 Contact persons: Al Dominy & Mark Mapstone

All classes, adult & children's are invited to a special intergenerational Sunday School event on:



Sunday, December 23 @ 9:45 a.m.

Come to the chapel for a unique Christmas experience:

- participate in an interactive story about the birth of Christ,
- learn about Christmas symbols and create a banner
- commit to being aware of God's presence in our lives

Be a part of our church family working along side of each other & get to know one another better. Share some holiday refreshments! Don't have a regular Sunday School class-join us!

First Baptist Church, Manlius, presents

BROADCASTING CHRISTMAS

By Marti Suddarth

Directed by Mary Schwarz



Revisit the days of 1940s-era radio drama!

The story told on WJOY radio. "Miss Placed" (Melissa Buskey) seeks a Gumshoe's (Christopher Oley) help in finding Christmas. They go to a toy store, to a deli in search of figgy pudding, and to a holiday party. Finally they stumble upon a church's simple Christmas pageant performance where they find Christmas - the baby Jesus in a manger.

Additional cast members include Kyle Short, Carol Davenport, Bob Mapstone & Jill Doss. Various musical performances.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2007, 6:00 pm

Everyone, friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, are invited to fellowship & enjoy some refreshments immediately following the performance.