

*First Baptist Church  
of Manlius*

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*December 3, 2006*

*First Sunday of Advent*  
**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.*

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the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven is near."*

*-Matthew 3:1-2*

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*Sunday, December 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m.*

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**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.**

**Scripture Focus**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from

Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

**Sermon**

***“John the Baptist and the Desert”***  
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 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, Pauline and Harry 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, organ

**Lighting the First Advent Candle**

**Scripture** Isaiah 2:2-5

**Singing** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 169  
 (verse 1)

**Lighting the Candle**

**Opening Prayer** (Unison)

Gracious God, throughout time people have come to you in worship. Lift us up in anticipation of Christ’s advent among us. Help us to watch and wait. Grant us the vision to see beyond ourselves and to view all humankind as neighbors. Help us to be honest, generous, and merciful in all our relationships. Help us to be attentive to your Spirit, so we are ready for Christ’s coming. To that end, bless our worship today, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*Songs of Praise** See Insert

**A Reading Offering** Romans 13:11-14 Page 1765

**Offertory** John Spradling, piano  
**\*Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

**Children’s Time\*\*** Pastor Leon

**\*Hymn** *More About Jesus Would I Know* No. 477  
 (verses 1&2)

**Family Prayers** (Joys and Concerns)

**Scripture** Matthew 3:1-12 Page 1499

**“John the Baptist and the Desert”**  
 Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

**\*Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* No. 32  
 (verses 1&2)

**The Lord’s Supper**

*“We are an open congregation and welcome everyone in the name of Christ to break bread and lift the cup with us.”*

**The Bread** **The Cup**

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

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Joyce McCartney, organ

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\*If you are able, please stand. \*\*4 & 5 year olds are welcome to go with Mrs. Guynup following the Children’s Corner; 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.*

**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:** Carole and Charlie Guynup
- **Ushers:** Greg Short and George Oley
- **Child Care:** Debbie Oley

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We presently have three (3) classes for Adults during our 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School hour:

- The Fruit of the spirit – Leader, Betsy Burt – Meeting in the Chapel
- The Book of Acts – Leader, Al Dominy – Meeting in Room 207
- Journeys Bible Study – Leader, Erm Ferris – Meeting in the Library

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**NATIVITY STORY CELEBRATION**

Here is an opportunity for our children and youth (kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade) to invite friends to hear the Nativity Story. An invitation has been prepared for your child to hand out to friends.

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:15 p.m.** at First Baptist Church, Manlius, we will have games, stories, music and snacks that focus on the Nativity Story.

If your family plans to invite friends, please contact Joni Dominy at 637-4964 for invitations. Our space will be limited to 40 so make sure you have contacted Joni.

(Sponsored by Christian Education Board)

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**Now what happens after the 40 Days of Purpose?**

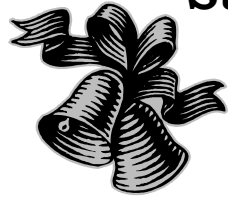
Well, we need your feedback to decide! The Board of Christian Education has a short survey that everyone is invited to complete. We need your input on small groups/studies, Sunday school, mid-week groups, leadership & fellowship. If you did not fill out a survey, please do so. You may obtain a survey on the table in the Narthex. Place your survey in the Christian Education mailbox or the offering plate. The mailboxes are located in the hallway outside of the Library. Your input counts and **THANK YOU!** *-The Board of Christian Education*

**An Ecumenical Event is coming:**  
**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 10, 2006**

**7:00 p.m.**

**at**



**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**400 Salt Springs Street**  
**Fayetteville, NY**

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

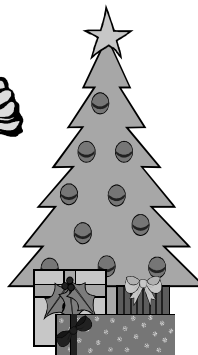
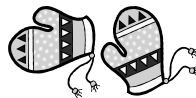
Our own Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee will be participating in this event!!

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

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**MITTEN TREE**



**During the month of December, you may place gloves, mittens, hats or scarves to be donated to children in the Syracuse City schools on the Christmas tree outside of the chapel. Any questions call Kathie Shevchuk @ 682-8678.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Recent Prayer Requests:**

**The Shevchuk Family** – Pete’s parents were killed Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> out of state in a truck accident.

**The Everly Family** – Ellen’s brother, Howard Blood, died November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The Smith Family** – Chester Smith, father of Judy Smith and Elaine Monroe passed away on Tuesday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Pray for:**  
Wanda Baker  
Ken Bex  
Dorothy Benor

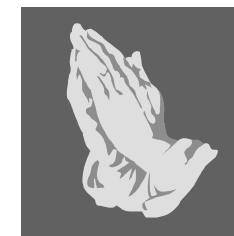
Virginia Noble  
Rev. Bill Kerr  
Ruth Costello  
Derek Mellor

Cecile White’s Aunt Irene  
Al Parker  
Frances Cowles

**PRAISES**

*A thank you to my secret pal. . . Thanks for the cute turkey pot holder and towel. What a neat addition to the holiday decorations. My mom really thought they were cute--I had to check her pockets before leaving the house!!!! (Just kidding) Anyway, thanks so much for thinking of me and I'm thankful for you! - Jill Doss*

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



# CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

*Come, Celebrate the Christmas Message  
told through play and song  
in the voices of our own congregation*

**December 17, 6 pm  
First Baptist Church Sanctuary**

## *A Mountain Christmas Memory*

*by Paul McCusker  
from a story by Dan Miller*

*with*

*Tom Shephard*

*Greg Short*

*Christy Brownell*

*Melissa Buskey*

*Kyle Short*

*Lexi Dominy*

*Gary Goodwin*

*Carol Davenport*

*Bob Mapstone*

*Merl Rice*

*Millar Brace*

*Chris Oley*

*Jessica Oley*

*Allison Butler*

*Featuring our own Adult Choir and Joyful Sounds, with directors John  
Spradling and Shirley Mapstone*

*Sets by Pete Shevchuk*

*Directed by Rosey Oaks-Lee*



***You're invited – Please come!***

# **FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2006  
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, New York**

**Phone: 682-8941**



***All are welcome – ages 0 – 100!!!***

## CALENDAR

### **TODAY, December 3rd – First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee  
 12:15 p.m. Ministry Support Committee Meeting  
 12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal in the Sanctuary until 5:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Board Meeting



### **TUESDAY, December 5th**

5:30 p.m. Craft Night in the gym until 7:00 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m. Prologue Play Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **THURSDAY, December 7th**

6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

### **FRIDAY, December 8th**

9:00 a.m. ABC/NYS Board of Mission meeting & luncheon until 3:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, December 9th**

3:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal in the Sanctuary until 4:30 p.m.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent**

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. Play Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m. Adult and Joyful Sounds Choirs rehearsing  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group until 7:30 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols at Immaculate Conception Church, F'ville.

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#### **Pastor Leon's Office Hours:**

**Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon**  
**Email: [fbc-m-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbc-m-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ATTENTION JR. & SR. HIGH:**

**Next Meeting:**

**Next Sunday, December 10**

Holiday Service Project

**Our Plan:**

**Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month,  
 6-7:30 p.m.**

Anyone with questions may contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678 or email Kathie at: [xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com](mailto:xstitchkath@twcny.rr.com).

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**ABW MINISTRIES** - On Sat., December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-3:00 p.m. a luncheon will take place for the ABC/NYS Board of Mission. Greg Short, chef.

--Fruit baskets for our Special people will be prepared and distributed on Sunday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please bring several pieces of fruit that morning to help fill the baskets. There will be a box in the Narthex for collecting the fruit. Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn are in charge.

--Please remember that we are still collecting Campbell products UPC codes (on the back of cans).

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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP?** As a result of 40 Days of Purpose, new small groups may be forming. Are you looking for a small group? If you were not in a small group or your group will not continue to meet, but you would like to be in a small group, contact Betsy Burt (655-2741) or Rosey Oaks-Lee (637-0023).

**AN INVITATION** - As a result of our small group's discussion of the fellowship section of the 40 Days of Purpose, we would like to start a fellowship group called "The Live Wires." The purpose would be social fellowship once a month in various activities. All who are young at heart are welcome. The first activity is a Christmas Tea Open House at The Davenports, 7682 Stonehedge Lane, Manlius on **Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm**. We will provide beverages and desserts and have information available for those interested in participating in an ongoing fellowship group. Please contact Laura or Dave Knaebel (569-0581) or Carol or George Davenport (682-1771) if you plan to come, need directions, or want more information.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FINANCIAL NOTES** - This is your friendly reminder to submit all donations for 2006 to the church no later than **Sunday, December 31, 2006**. All bank deposits will be made on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –Carole Guynup, Financial Secretary and Barbara Richardson, Treasurer

**2007 ENVELOPES** – are ready for pick up and located in the Narthex. If you need envelopes, please see Carole Guynup or call her at 682-7232.

**UNITY FELLOWSHIP** – will hold its December meeting on **New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Appetizers will be served in the Library at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel. Please bring only your table service. Dinner is provided. Following the entertainment, Rich Richardson's fabulous homemade ice cream will be served (before midnight!). **All are invited!!**

**JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR** – will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The choir will also take part in the Christmas program, *A Mountain Christmas Memory* on Sunday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the Joyful Sounds Choir will be Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. worship and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (**note extended time change**). The additional time will be used for practicing speaking parts (using the microphones) for our Sunday morning performance on December 17<sup>th</sup>. For the Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> evening performance, the Joyful Sounds choir members need to report to the Choir room at 5:15 p.m.

**WHEELS FOR THE WORLD MINISTRY** - Do you know someone in need of a wheel chair, a walker, cane or crutches? We have these items available. Do you know someone who wants to donate these types of items? Please call Al Dominy at 637-4964. Thank you.