

# Come to the Manger



*Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 7, 2008*

*Worship Services ~ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Education ~ 9:45 a.m.*

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**Our worship leaders this morning include:**

**Our Praise Team Leader: Mary Schwarz**

**Our Pastor: Leon Oaks-Lee**

## **Scripture**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

<sup>9</sup>You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

**Sermon**

**Come to the Manger  
Part II "The Way to the Manger"**

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:** Jo Ann Mostar

**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.

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Michael McCartney, Custodian  
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**Gathering Time**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" -arr. Bock  
Joyce McCartney

**Lighting the second Advent Candle**

**Scripture** (Responsive) from Psalm 85

**Leader:** You showed favor to your land, O LORD;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**People:** **You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.**

**Leader:** Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**People:** **Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**Leader:** The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.

**People:** Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.

**Singing** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 169  
(Second verse)

**Lighting the Candle** Pete and Kathie Shevchuk

**Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise** See Insert

**Family Prayers** (Joys and Concerns)

**Offering**

**Offertory** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" –J. S. Bach  
Courtney Shevchuk, cello

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

**\*\*Children's Time**

**\*Hymn** *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* No. 215

**Scripture** **Isaiah 40:1-11** Page 1119

**Sermon** **Come to the Manger**  
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**Receiving New Members**

**The Lord's Supper**

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

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

**Postlude** "The Heavens Are Telling" –Beethoven  
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 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Mary Schwarz.

*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:** Harry Cole and Jeffrey Loope
- **Child Care:** Doug Greene

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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 11/30/08: **\$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.

Items for the January newsletter are due **no later** than **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please email all articles to [fbcman@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbcman@twcny.rr.com) or place in the secretary's mail slot. Thank you for being prompt during this busy production season☺

## **Calling all k – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**



*Today we welcome into Membership  
at First Baptist Church of Manlius  
the following:*

*Dick Barber*

*Jim Mitscher*

*Linda Barber*

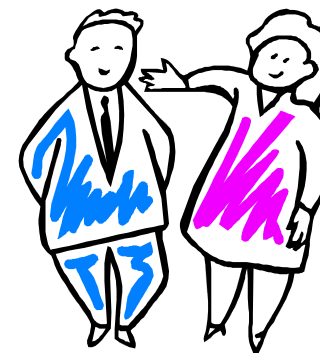
*Harold Ware*

*Tom Biviano*

*Ruth Ware*

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*After the 11:00 Worship Service this morning,  
please join us in the Chapel for a welcoming  
reception for our newest members.*



**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**

*"Many thanks to Greg Short, the kitchen helpers, servers, and others who worked together so well for the Thanksgiving dinner we enjoyed on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks also goes to Carol Davenport for acting as MC that evening. You all did a great job! -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.



**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).

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**



Everyone (young and old alike) are invited to join in singing carols to our homebound members and our neighborhood. We will return to First Baptist for hot drinks and the warmth of fellowship. This event is being hosted by our Jr. and Sr. High Youth.

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 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  
**After Worship – Reception in the Chapel welcoming new members**  
 12:30 p.m. Advent Choir Rehearsal  
 12:30 p.m. Christian Education Board meeting  
 12:45 p.m. Play Practice Rehearsal until 2:15 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group until 7:30 p.m.  
 6:30 p.m. Trustees Board meeting



**WEDNESDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting

**THURSDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SATURDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Play Dress Rehearsal until 12 noon

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Third 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  
 12:15 p.m. Missions Board meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Play

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**ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS** – We will be rehearsing for Christmas Eve after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Pastor Leon's Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 – Noon**  
**Email: [fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fbc-pastor@twcny.rr.com)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2009 offering envelopes are here and in the Narthex. Please take yours home with you. Thank you for your contributions to First Baptist.

### **ABW MINISTRIES NEWS**

Fruit Plates will be packaged and delivered next **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Next Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.** – "Away from the Manger"  
**Play Sunday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.** – Christmas Caroling  
**Sunday, January 18, 6-10:00 p.m.** – Highland Forest Trip!!

## **MISSION NEWS**

The Mission Board has reviewed the latest budget and payment schedule for Missions, and it appears that we are somewhat behind in the giving. We understand everyone is being extra careful with finances in this tough financial climate, but we'd like to encourage you, if you are able and the Lord lays it on your heart, to fulfill your pledges to the Mission 2008 budget. We thank you and pray for each of you as you complete your pledges for 2008. Blessings from your Mission Board ~ Jill Doss, Shirley Mapstone, Sally Lyon, Tom Shephard, Ann Morales, and Jean Lynn Buskey



### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 & 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).

### **RMMO**

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) will be taken during the entire month of December. A goal of **\$1,200** has been set. As of this date, we have received \$90.00. RMMO envelopes are located in the pews for your convenience.

# Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For youth in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events:

**TONIGHT, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** We are continuing the painting in the Youth Room.

Normal time at the church - wear painting clothes. We'll be packing the college care packages & perhaps play some festive game, but our focus is finishing the awesome painting job started last Sunday!



**Last Day  
to Donate!**

**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 TODAY, December 7<sup>th</sup> (The care packages will be sent tomorrow).

*Examples: Post-its, pens, highlighters, crackers, gum/candy, etc.  
We are all set on hot chocolate, thank you! ☺*

**December 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 - 8:00pm:** Caroling with the church family! Bring your family, invite your friends & let's share some Christmas cheer with others! We'll end with festive games & snacks at the church.

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](mailto:FBManliusyouth@gmail.com)

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>)*

*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*

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