
Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 10, 2006 ~ 8:30 a.m.

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 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" — which means, "God with us."

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Sermon

***"Joseph:
The Courage from Faith"***

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 Beth Greene in your prayers, as well as her Caregiver, Ken Bex.

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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 wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”
 - Matthew 1:20**

Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Joyce McCartney, organ

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Singing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 169
 (Verse 2)

Lighting the second Candle Bill and Betsy Burt

Prayer (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ – True Star of Christmas, who gives light
 always to everyone – please shine in our wandering hearts.
 Melt away the darkness of sin; strengthen us in the face of fear;
 show us the way to follow you; fill our lives with the warmth of
 your coming. Amen.

***Songs of Praise** See Insert

A Reading Romans 15:4-7, 13 Page 1766

Offering
Offertory John Spradling, piano

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

Children’s Time** JoAnn Mostar

***Hymn** Living for Jesus No. 462

Family Prayers (Joys and Concerns)

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Page 1497

Sermon “Joseph:
 The Courage from Faith” Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

***Hymn of Response** It Came upon the Midnight Clear No. 197

***Benediction**

Postlude Joyce McCartney, organ

*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.

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

ATTENTION: There will be No Sunday School on Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st. Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

NATIVITY STORY CELEBRATION

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

Saturday, December 16th 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)

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*

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- **Greeting:** Erika Buchannan
- **Ushers:** Tom Shephard and Rich Richardson
- **Child Care:** Kelly Griffin

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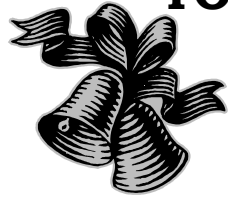
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An Ecumenical Event is coming:
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

TONIGHT, 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.

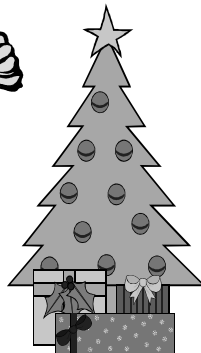
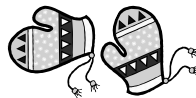
Our own Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee will be participating in this event!!

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:

A request from Merl Rice and Flor de Jesus: Please pray for our winter travel to the west coast for safety and good health.

Charles Lincoln – Marge Lincoln’s son, who lives in Texas, is facing surgery very soon for a growth on his lung. Please pray for a successful surgery and follow up.

Elmer and Cindy Black – Elmer had surgery last week to have his right leg removed below the knee. The Blacks are friends of Andy Short.

<u>Please Pray for:</u>	Virginia Noble	Cecile White’s Aunt Irene
Wanda Baker	Rev. Bill Kerr	Al Parker
Ken Bex	Ruth Costello	Frances Cowles
Dorothy Benor	Derek Mellor	The Everly Family
The Shevchuk Family	The Radell Family	The Smith Family

PRAISES

Congratulations to Joni Dominy and the 4th & 5th grade Sunday School class on a very successful food drive. We appreciate your efforts; the need is great. –The Mission Board

Thank you to all who made crafts and helped out with Craft Night. What a huge success!! Thanks also to Bill and Sally Lyon for taking care of the hot dogs and snacks. –Shirley Mapstone

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*

Next Sunday, December 17th, 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church in the 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



ADOPTING FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS

First Baptist Church is “adopting” families from the Syracuse area this Christmas. There are cards with names and items to be purchased on the bulletin board behind the baptistery.

Please take a card and return the unwrapped gift or gifts with the card next Sunday, December 17th. Please bring your gifts to the Chapel where a group will wrap the gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Davenport (682-1771) or Wendy Mapstone (416-3374).

These families are very much in need and will so appreciate your kindness in making their Christmas extra special this year. Thank you.



SAM’S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to give Barbara Richardson a call to receive a membership to Sam’s Club through First Baptist Church. The fee is \$35.00. There are 8 openings (first come/first served). So don’t delay and give Barb a call today at 632-4384.



CALENDAR



TODAY, December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
- 10:35 a.m. Harper Kids & Gang Play Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee
- 12:15 p.m. Both Choirs and Cast Rehearsing in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group until 7:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols at Immaculate Conception Church/Fayetteville

WEDNESDAY, December 13th

- 6:00 p.m. Play Rehearsal until 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 14th

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

SATURDAY, December 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary until Noon
- 11:00 a.m. Joyful Sounds Rehearsal in the Sanctuary until 12:30 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Nativity Story Celebration until 3:15 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 17th – Third 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
- 4:30 p.m. Family, Tom, and Adult Choir Arrive
- 5:00 p.m. Prologue and Pastor Arrive
- 5:15 p.m. Joyful Sounds Choir, Angels, Devin, Ross & Greg Arrive
- 6:00 p.m. Performance of “A Mountain Christmas Memory”

Pastor Leon’s Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Email: fbcman@twcnny.rr.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION JR. & SR. HIGH:

Next Meeting: **TODAY, December 10th, 6:00 p.m.**
Holiday Service Project

Our Plan: **Meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month,**
6-7:30 p.m.

Anyone with questions may contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678 or email Kathie at: xstitchkath@twcnny.rr.com.

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

UNITY FELLOWSHIP – will hold its December meeting on **New Year’s Eve, December 31st**. 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!!**

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).

JANUARY NEWSLETTER – Items for the January newsletter are due into the Church office by Friday, December 15th. You may email these articles to: fbcman@twcnny.rr.com or place them in the secretary’s mail slot. Thank you☺

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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 31st. 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.

JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR – will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, December 17th. The choir will also take part in the Christmas program, *A Mountain Christmas Memory* on Sunday evening the 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the Joyful Sounds Choir will be today, Sunday, December 10th after the 11:00 a.m. worship and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th, 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 17th. For the Sunday, December 17th 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.

ADDRESS UPDATE – Murray and Karen Chesebro, 34 Setting Sun Drive, Cape Fair, MO 65624

