
*Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 16, 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

Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ⁶Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Sermon

"Recognizing New Life"

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

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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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- **Ushers:** Peter and Jeremy Mapstone
- **Child Care:** Ann Morales

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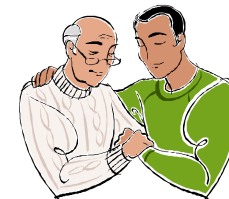
“HEAD-TO-TOE TREE”



Do you have any new or gently-used gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, or socks? If so, please bring them to church and hang them on the “Head-to-Toe” tree located in the hallway by the Chapel entrance. We are collecting them for people in need to help stay warm this winter. Please call Barbara Brace at 682-6270 if you have any questions.

January Newsletter Items – are due no later than **Monday, December 17th**. Please email any items to fbcman@twcny.rr.com or place in the secretary’s mail slot. Thank you😊

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here) - For some people transportation is not readily accessible, and the need to get to their medical appointments becomes critical. This is where F.I.S.H. comes in handy. The Fayetteville-Manlius-Minoa chapter of F.I.S.H. has been operating for over 35 years and transports people from the Fayetteville, Manlius, or Minoa areas to and from doctors’ appointments. Our clients do need to be ambulatory. F.I.S.H. is made up of all volunteers who give their time to dispatch, drive, or serve on various F.I.S.H. committees. We need scheduled drivers (one day a month) or random drivers (on an as-needed basis). If you prefer not to drive, we are in need of dispatchers, too. Dispatchers take the calls from clients one week a month and try and find drivers to transport them. If you would like to reach out and help members of our community get to their medical appointments, please give F.I.S.H. a call at 637-8158. You will meet wonderful people and at the same time be helping out people in need.



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

(There will be no Sunday School/Adult Education on Sunday, Dec. 30th)

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



Next 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? Come and join us!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24th

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Service**
7:30 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service



PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests:

The Pratt Family – Megan Pratt, 19 years old, was killed Wednesday night, December 12th, in a car accident on Sweet Road.

Dorcas Ambrosio – requests prayers for herself.

The Parker Family – Al Parker passed away Friday evening, December 7th.

The Holloway Family – Jim Holloway, Darlene Endy's father, passed away December 2nd.

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

Wanda Baker
 Loretta Beuchert
 Joe Malloy
 Barbara, Carol Davenport's sister Licia Swain
 Florence Cowles, Barbara Brace's mother
 Donald Loope Mr. and Mrs. Syracuse
 Jon Perry, Dave Knaebel's friend
 Mary Jane and Russell Davis Ruth Costello

PRAISES

"A special thank you for my fruit from the Women's Fellowship. I really appreciate such good friends." –Marge Faucett

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Many thanks to all those who provided crafts for the children on Craft Night, December 6th. Thank you to Sally and Bill Lyon who faithfully prepare the hot dogs and beverages each year. –Shirley Mapstone

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"Dear First Baptist Family ~ We were so grateful to receive your gift of fruit from ABW. We're going to enjoy this fresh fruit given with love and so generously. Thank you. –Ken and Ada Phelps."

~ ~ ~

"Merry Christmas to my Church Family ~ 2007 is behind us. I wonder what 2008 will bring. So many blessings this year I can't thank God enough if I stayed on my knees for months. My love and prayers to all my family in Manlius. Love and prayers, Edith Laning."

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

Youth News

New Years Eve Eve Party



December 30, 2007
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Weedsport Baptist Church

****Games****
****Christian Concert****
****Pizza****

****New Friends from Area Churches****

Questions: Call Christy @ 663.7188

2008 Calendars

Only \$7.00



The youth have ended their Calendar Sales, but we still have some left! If you have not ordered one yet, please see Christy Brownell or Kathie Shevchuk.

Youth Group meets
1st & 3rd Sundays!

Upcoming Events:

Tonight: Church Play. No Youth Group. See you at the play!

December 30th: New Years Eve Eve Party @ Weedsport Baptist

A New Youth Newsletter has been sent out. If you did not receive one, please let Christy know. You are not going to want to miss out on our Awesome Youth Group

Activities coming up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABW MINISTRIES - 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.



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.



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 welcome. 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:)

CALENDAR

TODAY, SUNDAY, December 16th ~ Third 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 ~Joyful Sounds Program
Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Play in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 17th

January Newsletter Items are due☺

WEDNESDAY, December 19th

- 8:00 a.m. Staff meeting at Kingsley's Family Diner in Manlius
- 9:30 a.m. Stay 'n Play 'til 11:30 am (for moms/dads with their tots in the gym)

THURSDAY, December 20th

- 10:30 a.m. Playschool Christmas Program (3 year olds)
- 6:30 p.m. Basketball in the gym

FRIDAY, December 21st

- 10:30 a.m. Playschool Christmas Program (4 year olds)

SUNDAY, December 23rd ~ Fourth 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



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



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.

TONIGHT, DECEMBER 16, 2007, 6:00 pm

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

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

Administered by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

Does Your Gift Make a Difference?

Yes, it does! In 2006 Sophia Stephenson of Delaware, Ohio, along with over 3,000 other retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses, received a Thank You check from the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). Sophia (86), the widow of Rev. James Stephenson, wrote: "I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the Thank You check. I have had a lot of medical expenses this year and the check has helped me pay some bills. God bless you."

RMMO donations are taken the month of December.
Our Goal: \$1,000. **Thank You!**

2008 CALENDARS – are from Schepp Family Funeral Homes and are in the Narthex for you to take home.

2008 ENVELOPES – are available in the Narthex.

FINANCIAL NOTES

This is your friendly reminder to submit all donations for 2007 to the church no later than **Monday, Dec. 31, 2007.**

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



When Christmas Was Born

By Vicki Wright Hancock

A Musical Play in 3 Scenes

Child 1	Allison Butler	Joseph	Christopher Oley
Child 2	Lucy Shephard	Wiseman 1	Greg Dominy
Prophet	Kelsey Mapstone	Wiseman 2	Will Shephard
Mary	Joanna Butler	Wiseman 3	Ross Goodwin

Speakers

Lexi Dominy	Lauren Mapstone	Taylor Mapstone
Selena Short	Cheyenne Platten	Morgan Mapstone
Devin Short		

Songs

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
He is Born/ Sing Noel
We Three Kings
Walk in the Light*

