

Come to the Manger



*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 21, 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

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,
²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God."

³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Sermon

**Come to the Manger
Part IV "A God Bearing 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:** Jo Ann Mostar
- **Flowers:** today are in memory of Dick Bishop from Nancy Bishop and family.

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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Wendy Mapstone, Playschool Director
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Gathering Time

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The First Noel" -Smith & Hustad
Duet: Pete Shevchuk and Joyce McCartney

Lighting the fourth Advent Candle

Scripture (Responsive) from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make known his faithfulness.

People: **I will declare that God's love stands firm forever.**

Leader: God said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
'I will establish your throne firm through all generations.'"

People: **God said, "I will maintain my love to David forever,
and my covenant with him will never fail.**

Singing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 169
(4th verse)

Lighting the Candle

Prayer

***Songs of Praise**

See Insert

Family Prayers

(Joys and Concerns)

Offering

Offertory

“Mary, Did You Know?” –Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene
Christy Brownell, Pete Shevchuk, John Buskey,
Ross Binder and Dave Knaebel

***Doxology and Dedication of Offering**

No. 382

Special Music

“Come to the Manger”
Cast from the “Away From the Manger” play

****Children’s Time**

***Hymn**

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
(Verses 1, 2 & 5 ~ congregation)
(Verses 3 & 4 ~ Walfre Marida)

No. 170

Scripture

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Sermon

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Part IV: “The God Bearing Life”
Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee

***Hymn of Response**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 168

Postlude

“When the Savior Jesus Christ”

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Dandrieu

Joyce McCartney

*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 1st through 6th grade are invited to join the rehearsal of the Joyful Sounds Choir under the direction of Mary Schwarz.



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- **Greeting:** Laura and Erman Ferris
- **Ushers:** John Granata and Harry Cole
- **Child Care:** Kim Granata
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Thank You for Supporting our Sanctuary Projection System



We have made good progress toward the purchase of a digital projector (to be located in the balcony), and a retractable screen (to be located at the front of the sanctuary).

With donations to date we are able to move forward with contracting to order and install the projector and screen.

If you would like to make a donation to the final costs to complete this project, label your gift, "Projection System" and direct it to our Financial Secretary.

As of 12/14/08: **\$8,780.46** has been given.

Sam's Club memberships - The church is allowed eight memberships; five are spoken and paid for. Each membership costs \$35 and includes an additional card for a household member. The advantage to joining with the church is access to the store earlier in the day than ordinary members, purchasing for the church tax-free and no tax on the membership. Tell Barbara Richardson immediately if you would like one of the three remaining memberships (632-4384 or 656-3480).

A plea from the treasurer - Please use the reimbursement forms when requesting money from the church account and have the appropriate approvals. I do like to have the receipts but not just circled and scribbled on. And if you are purchasing for the church, please take advantage of our tax exempt status. Elaine and I both have the forms. Thanks Barbara R.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

TONIGHT, December 21, 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.

HIGHLAND FOREST FAMILY OUTING

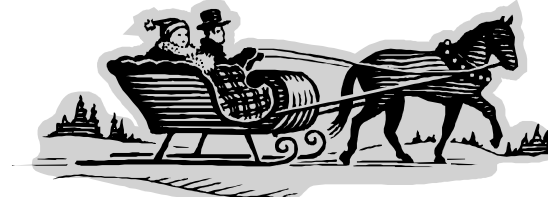
January 18, 2009 ~ 6:00-11:00 p.m.

Come one come all. Bring your family and any friends who would like to share the evening with you and our Church family. Bring any board game or other game you think will add to the fun. Join us for great food, fellowship, sleigh rides, hot cocoa around the fireplace and a night of fun.

Please email or call Deb Oley if you would like to bring anything to share. No ideas? Please check with me.

Also can you guess who I am??

Between now and then please email me at mollyoley@aol.com a little know or obscure fact about you that your church family most likely does not know about you. I will compile these facts on a piece of poster board and you can see how many people you "recognize" by their life tidbits. I may call you to participate if I don't hear from you so start thinking!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Prayer Requests ~

Helen Jenks – is now in Fahey Rehab. (Loretto) receiving comfort care.

Please Pray for ~

Wanda Baker Beuchert	Kermit Breed, Jr.	Loretta
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
Tom Conley		

PRAISES

Dear Secret Pal ~ Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas scarf! It is so pretty and will make such a nice addition to my holiday wardrobe.

Blessings to you and have a wonderful Christmas! Love, Mary Jane Davis

~ ~ ~

Colleen Guynup would like to thank her Secret Pal for the cute angel.

Thanks for the Dove dark chocolate, too. They are my favorite!

~ ~ ~

ABW Ministries ~ "Thank you for the very generous and delicious fruit plate you sent to Ken & I. We are going to enjoy it so much and appreciate your kindness." Sincerely, Ken and Ada

~ ~ ~

Do you have a prayer request or praise to share?

Please call Elaine in the Church office (682-8941) by Wednesday morning.

ATTENTION

On **Sunday, January 11th**, during the **11:00 a.m.** Worship Service,
we will be blessed to have the "Belle Air" Bell Trio playing.
You don't want to miss this!

CALENDAR

TODAY, December 21st ~ Fourth 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

6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Children's Service – Pastor Leon

7:30 p.m. Family Service – Pastor Leon

11:00 p.m. Communion Service – Rev. John Buskey

THURSDAY, December 25th ~ Merry Christmas!

FRIDAY, December 26th ~ Church Office is Closed

NEXT SUNDAY, December 28th

There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Leon is preaching



NEXT SUNDAY!! **INTERGENERATIONAL** **SUNDAY SCHOOL!!**



Sunday, December 28th
9:45-10:45 a.m.

*Everyone, young and old, gather in the Chapel for a fun,
interactive Christmas theme.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABW MINISTRIES NEWS

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 1st.

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 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 is Art and Shirley Mapstone, Guynups, Wares, and Richardsons. **All are invited.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Sunday, January 18, 6-11:00 p.m. – Highland Forest Trip!!

Saturday, January 24, 9-Noon – Church Leader Gathering in the chapel

Saturday, January 24, 6:30 p.m. – Unity Fellowship in the chapel

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

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 (Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering)

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) is being taken during the entire month of December.

A goal of **\$1,200** has been set.

As of 12/14/08, we have received **\$850.00.**

RMMO envelopes are located in the pews for your convenience.

Youth News

Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For youth in Grades 6th - 12th

Upcoming Events:

TONIGHT, December 21st 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.



Hey youth, playing a winter sport? The Youth Team wants to know if you play sports so we can put your schedule on the bulletin board and come watch!

We would like to wish the youth & entire church family
a very Merry Christmas!

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" -Luke 2:10-12



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



December 2008

Poinsettias have been given for the beautification of our church sanctuary during this Christmas season by:

--Anthony and Annette Andrusyszyn in memory of Elsie and Kenneth Bex.

--Dick, Linda, Steve and Doug Barber in memory of Janice and Dudley Barber, our parents.

--To Barbara Brace for encouraging me to write—from Fred Goddard.

--To Mary Jane Davis from her Secret Pal ~ Merry Christmas!

--Barbara Davison in memory of Florence Wheeler.

--Carole, Charlie, Derek, and Colleen Guynup in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Guynup.

--Carol Heller in memory of Ray Heller, Leah Stark, and Charles Stark.

--Merle Judd and Linda, Dick, Steve and Doug Barber in memory of Leslie H. Judd and Bruce A. Judd.

--Jeffrey Loope in memory of Jean F. Hiler, Nancy F. Jumper, and Ruth F. Cryslar and also in honor of Katherine F. Loope.

--Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.

--Shirley and Bob Mapstone in memory of our parents, Carl and Anne Nellis and Lynn and Emma Mapstone.

--Jim Mitscher ~ to the Glory of God.

--Will Shephard in honor of all my wrestling victories.

--Mr. and Mrs. George W. Whitton in memory of Martin S. Whitton, Sr. and Beatrice M. Whitton.