

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:** Pauline and Dawn Cole
- **Ushers:** John Granata and Erman Ferris
- **Child Care:** Barbara Davison
- **Flowers:** are in celebration of Pauline Cole's birthday, which is today, Christmas Eve, from her loving family.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

JR. - SR. HIGH YOUTH NEWS

Next Meeting: We will join the church family for the Highland Forest outing on January 14th.

We will meet at the church on Sunday, Jan. 28, 6 pm

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

LEADER GATHERING

Saturday, January 20th in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. - Noon

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28th
following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(lunch provided)

Please email all Annual Reports to: fbcman@twcny.rr.com
or place in the secretary's mail slot
no later than Monday, Jan. 8th.

BOWLING FUN!!!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2006



6:30 p.m.



AT

GREEN LAKES LANES

Rt. 5, Fayetteville

\$2.50 per game ~ Shoes included!!

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED

SEE YOU THERE 😊



PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent Request: Madeline MacLinden-losing weight-turns 97 1/14!

Please Pray for: Virginia Noble Cecile White's Aunt Irene
Wanda Baker Ken Bex The Shevchuk Family Ruth
Costello Frances Cowles Dorothy Benor Derek Mellor
The Everly Family The Radell Family Elmer and Cindy Black
Charles Lincoln The Smith Family
The Kerr Family Al Parker Merl Rice and Flor de Jesus

PRAISES

Thank You notes from Joni Dominy: *Thank you to my Secret Pal! How wonderful it was to open my HUGE gift bag with the Poinsettia, Santa gelatin mold, and other fun goodies to make the season bright. It made me feel so special. God Bless you & Merry Christmas.*

--Feliz Navidad. Nuestra familia es tan feliz de verle cada el domingo. Dios le Bendice y su familia que es muy lejos. Jesús le adora.

(Merry Christmas. Our family is so happy to see you each Sunday. God Bless you and your family that is far away. Jesus loves you.)

--Thank you, Harry & Pauline Cole, for you dedicated work as our Head Usher and organizing Greeters all year long! Your dedication is appreciated!

--Thank you, Mr. Richardson, for another year of keeping our Church Historical records.

--Thank you, Barb Richardson, for your tireless efforts as "Church Treasurer."

--Thank you Carole Guynup for all you work as Financial Secretary.

--The Christmas Play was awesome! Thank you to every single person who had a role in making it such a great production. It was professional and wonderful. Great job and thanks again for your weeks of hard work preparing!

Thank You's from Shirley Mapstone: *Thank you so much to all the families & members of Joyful Sounds Choir for my very generous Christmas gift; thank you Christian Ed. Board for the beautiful plaque given to me Sunday night; thank you Secret Pal for my anniversary and Christmas gifts-you are so wonderful!*

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--To the Women's Fellowship, Many thanks for the lovely plate of God's delicious fruit. May He bless you each. Love, Rose Huffaker

--Carole Guynup would like to thank her Secret Pal for the lovely angels that she received for Christmas. Have a Happy New Year!

--Thank you for the plate of fruit; nice to be remembered. --Flo Dixon

HIGHLAND FOREST EVENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

6:00 p.m. at the Lodge

Don't miss the Annual Highland Forest Event!! 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 so 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 or need a ride, please contact Kathie Shevchuk at 682-8678. Invite your friends and neighbors!!

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



December 2006

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

- Wanda Baker in memory of Rev. John J. Baker*
- Ken Bex in memory of Elsie Bex.*
- Dick and Nancy Bishop in memory of Rev. John J. Baker.*
- Betsy Burt to the Glory of God and to Trudy Siegenthaler who has given so much to the church.*
- Bob, Jill and Robert Doss for the blessing of wonderful parents and grandparents, Russell and Mary Jane Davis and Robert and Harriett Doss.*
- Carole, Charlie, Derek and Colleen Guynup in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guynup.*
- Rose Huffaker in memory of loved ones.*
- Laura Knaebel in memory of Mary Knaebel.*
- Donald Jeff Loope wish all a Merry Christmas and Mom, we miss you at Church.*
- Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.*
- Shirley and Bob Mapstone in memory of our parents.*
- Wilma Meigel in memory of Charles Meigel (1914-1988) ~ “former Associate Member.”*
- Ann Morales – Merry Christmas from your Secret Pal.*
- Thomas and Ellie Parker in memory of Clayton and Margaret Pigueh and Mr. and Mrs. Parker.*
- The Shevchuk Family wishes a Merry Christmas to all!*

CALENDAR

TODAY, December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
11:00 p.m. Communion Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY, December 25th – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY, December 26th

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 30th

6:30 p.m. Bowling at Green Lakes Lanes in Fayetteville

NEXT SUNDAY, December 31st

No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service or Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Rev. Leon Oaks-Lee is preaching
6:30 p.m. Unity Fellowship's New Year's Eve Party!!

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

As we come to the end of 2006, it is important to reflect on our experiences of the past year. How has God blessed you? Maybe you have had an answer to prayer or some evidence of God's care in your life. What new challenges or directions has God placed before you? How have you grown to depend on God? Is there one scripture that has especially spoken to you?

During our 11:00 a.m. worship service, you are invited to share your reflection on this past year. Short thoughts or a lengthier story is appropriate; we'll allow as many to share as there is time for. This is an opportunity to encourage and support each other.

While it is not necessary, letting Pastor Leon know of your intention to speak will help with planning for this service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABW MINISTRIES - There will be no meeting in January.

--On **Monday, February 12th, 10:00 a.m.**, there will be a White Cross work meeting held in the Church library until noon. The hostesses for this event are Ruth Ware and Annette Andrusyszyn.
--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!!**

There will be no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 a.m.** ~ a breakfast is planned. The committee consists of Ken Bex, Ruby Pfohl and Betty Heller. 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).

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.

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 31st. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. –Carole Guynup, Financial Secretary and Barbara Richardson, Treasurer

COFFEE FUND – The coffee fund is hurting and in need of your help! Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to replenish the funds. Please place donations in the offering plate marked “Coffee Fund” or give to Carole Guynup. Thank you very much☺

WEIGH DOWN SESSIONS – Are you struggling with keeping your eating habits under control? I am. Please join us for a 12-week Weigh Down Session beginning Tuesday, January 9th in the Library at 7 p.m. We will view a scripture-based video each week and discuss our achievements and setbacks. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please call JoAnn Mostar at 682-6802. Thank you and hope to see you there!

ADDRESS UPDATES - Murray and Karen Chesebro
34 Setting Sun Drive
Cape Fair, MO 65624

Dr. Oliver Fardig
(Winter Address/Dec.-April)
1444 Pine Tree Circle
Sebring, FL 33875

***All of us on staff of First Baptist Church would like to thank the congregation for their contributions to make our Christmas extra special.
Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!***

Welcome to First Baptist Church Manlius, New York

*Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2004
5:00 p.m. Children's Service*

Welcome

Rev. John Buskey

Getting Dressed for the Part

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 193

*O Come, All ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O Come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

What about the Angel – Mary and Joseph

Hymn

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 184

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.*

The Long Trip – No Place to Stay

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” No. 178

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

Finally the Birth of Jesus

Hymn “Away In a Manger” No. 185

*Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Now, there were these Shepherds. . .

Hymn “Angels We have Heard On High” No. 192

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Several Weeks/Months/Years Later

Hymn “We Three Kings of Orient Are” No. 206

*We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

Chorus: *O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

All had a part to be in the Greatest Story

Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” No. 195

*Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

Prayer

*“A special thank you to Cindy Mapstone
for getting things ready and organized.”*

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Some Children See Him

Some children see Him lily white,
The baby Jesus born this night
Some children see Him lily white,
With tresses soft and fair.

Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
The Lord of heaven to earth come down;
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
With dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed,
This Savior whom we kneel beside,
Some children see Him almond-eyed,
With skin of yellow hue.

Some children see Him dark as they,
Sweet Mary's Son, to Whom we pray;
Some children see Him dark as they,
And ah! they love Him, too!

The children in each different place
Will see the baby Jesus' face
Like theirs, but bright and heavenly grace,
And filled with holy light.
O lay aside each early thing,
And with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the infant King,
'Tis love that's born tonight!

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius, New York

~ ~ ~
“Christmas Eve Service”

Sunday, December 24, 2006 ~ 7:30 p.m.

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music” Psalm 98:4

Brass Ensemble

Welcome

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
John Spradling, piano
Joyce McCartney, organ

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Singing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#193

*Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

*Lighting the Candles

*Prayer

*Singing

Emmanuel
(Words and Music by Bob McGee, c. 1976 by C.A. Music)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S BIRTH IN WORD AND SONG

Choir Anthem Will We Know Him? –Besig

Scripture Luke 2:8-20

***Singing** *Angels We Have Heard On High* #192
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #184
(verses 1&3)

OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *Immanuel* Mary Schwarz
by Michael Card

Prayer of dedication

GOD'S WORD

Scripture Psalm 98

Meditation "Joy to the World" Pastor Leon Oaks-
Lee

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***Passing the Light**

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the Word was God ... In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."
(John 1:1 & 4-5)

[As the light is passed to you, tip your candle to receive the light. Once lit, hold your candle in an upright position for the next person to light theirs.]

***Singing**

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

GOING FORTH

***Benediction**

***Hymn** *Joy to the World!* #171

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.

***Organ Postlude**