



First Baptist Manlius

Connecting with the heart of God



February 2012

From Your Pastor ~

200 Years

This Fall, my sister (the pastor in Wyoming) traveled with a delegation from her American Baptist region to Burma (Myanmar). They went to help prepare for the 200 year celebration (in 2013) of the arrival of Adoniram and Ann Judson -- the first Protestant missionaries from North America.

While there she began to appreciate how important it is to Baptist leaders in Burma that American Baptists supported the work of the Judsons. Because of this they can live every day with the hope of the good news of Jesus Christ.

In the early 1800s, Judson had come to believe, through a prayer group of young men, that God was calling him to go to India. Once the Judsons set sail for India in 1812, there were many surprises ahead. The first was a study of scripture on the ship that convinced him of the importance of believer's baptism. Another was God's leading from India to Burma. There, it would be many years before he made his first convert in this predominantly Buddhist country. In the meantime, he translated the New Testament so the people could read the good news for themselves.

Much of the Judsons' work was among tribal people including the Karen and Chin. They led people to faith and helped establish churches, schools and medical work in Burma.

The Judsons' work inspired other Americans to hear the call to support mission and to become missionaries. Their ministry 200 years ago was an early part of the remarkable turning of

people throughout S.E. Asia to become followers of Jesus.

In 1814, the Baptist churches in America formed a society to support Judson and others who were called to this work. Today this society is called International Ministries and sends missionaries, including **Matt and Lori Mann** in Laos, **Carlos and Mayra Bonilla** in Spain, **Phil and Correne Smith** in Brazil and **Rick and Mercy Barnes** in Mexico – all people we have supported.

There is another way we live this 200 year history today. Those tribal groups, to whom Judson introduced Jesus Christ, have lived under severe persecution for decades of dictatorships in Burma. Many have had to leave behind family, homes, churches and possessions to escape the tyranny. While there are hopeful signs with changes in government, Christians and tribal people are still persecuted.

Today, many Karen and Chin refugees have settled in Syracuse. They have each formed a church. During this past year, both have joined our Iroquois Baptist Association. As they learn our American ways and enjoy the freedom to express their faith, they seem ready to partner with us in sharing the gospel.

Thank you to each of you who provided blankets and coats for new arrivals who face their first winter in New York State.

Interested in getting to know some of these brothers and sisters? Speak to me. I have felt welcomed as I have visited their worship on Sunday afternoons.

Faithfully,
Pastor Leon

In the Church Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruth Costello
Mike Adams
Linda Malloy
Wanda Baker
Bill Konvicka
Jane Kendrick-Mitchell
Jean and Willis Calkins
Ken and Ada Phelps
Grace Short
Karen Knaebel Scott
Jessie Mapstone
Anthony Andrusyszyn
Kathy, Wayne & Maria
The Spradling family

Walt Ammann
Loretta Beuchert
Michael Buckhout-White
Colleen Davis
Ann Spradling
Judy Ewing, Flo Dixon's dtr
The Loope family
Teresa Murray
Rachel Pitot, Jill Doss' niece
Nathan Cowles, B. Brace's nephew
Erma Bullard
Tulio Jay (friend of Ana Corona)
The Quirk family

Russ Davis
Courtney H.
Garth Brokaw
Cecile White
Kate
Leslie
Don Bauer
Barbara Wilson
Cheryl Reghi
Betty Brown
Megan Miller
Caleb Smith
Jan Hobert

PRAISES

In a recent email communication to Rosey, Dorcas Ambrosio has asked that we relay her greetings and best wishes for the New Year to the members of our congregation.

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Dear Church Members ~ This is a rather belated thank you for the lovely fruit platter I received at Christmas. I really enjoyed the fruit, but what pleased me most was that I was remembered.

Manlius Baptist Church has been and will be my church since I was baptized in 1933. I miss being active in the church very much so the fact that you remembered me really meant a lot to me. Sincerely, Annette Andrusyszyn

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Thank you for the wonderful donation of hats, gloves and mittens. Your work and generosity has helped many families and children this cold winter season. We get to see the looks of excitement on the faces of the many you helped, but the smiles are for your kindness and meant for you. Thanks for all you do ~ Peter Parrillo, Director, Cathedral Emergency Services

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Kelsey Mapstone competed at the Star Struck Invitational Gymnastics Meet in Atlantic City, NJ (Level 9) and placed 1st in the qualifying meets and then made it to the finals, where she placed 1st again. Congratulations, Kelsey!!

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Do you have a prayer request or praise to share? Call the church by Wed. morning.

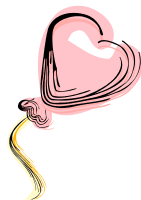
February Birthdays

Birthstone – Amethyst; Flower – Violet

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| 1. Betsy Burt | 16. Karin Davenport |
| 4. Colleen Guynup | 20. Adam Baier |
| Teddy Junko | 26. Jake Everly |
| Deborah Oley | 28. Andy Bailey |
| Charles Struwing | |
| 6. Haralds Rikveilis | |
| Jacob Albanese | |
| 7. Alexander Keesler | |
| Kristy Keesler | |
| 8. Stephen Burt | |
| 13. Walter Ammann | |

February Anniversaries

13. Linda & Erich Heller



Unity Fellowship – Sat., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

It's income tax season, and we have a speaker who is coming to help all of us. He is our friend, Rev. Gary Baker. Gary is a volunteer tax preparer with the AARP free tax program, and this is his 12th year doing it. His program will present new features of the 2012 tax laws. Gary will have information on sites where people could go to take advantage of the AARP tax service. Gary will have a question and answer session following his presentation. We will have a "Dish to Pass" supper first; beverages and dessert will be provided. Bring your table service and some friends for a program that should be very informative! ~Dick Barber, Co-President

Missions & Outreach

Support the FM Community Outreach Pastor's Pasta Dinner

Thursday, February 9th at St. Ann's Church in Manlius
Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
(sit at a table and be served or take out)



Cost: \$7/Adult and \$5/Child (age 12 and under)
Purchase tickets on Sundays
or at our Church office



Pastors (including Pastor Leon) from 11 FM churches will be serving the meal.

TAILGATE GARAGE SALE RETURNS!! Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m.–noon

Doesn't time just fly by? The month of May will be here before you know it and so will the second Tailgate Garage Sale. On Saturday, May 19 from 8-noon we will be using our parking lot to "Give Back to the Community." Selling our unwanted treasures and spending time with family, neighbors and friends as well as donating to the Food Pantry and Catholic Charities. are some of the benefits of participating. More info will be coming. Please see me if you want to reserve a spot. God blessed us last year, and I am sure He will be there again this year. Love and Blessings, Jo Ann Mostar



American Baptist Women News: The next ABW meeting is **Monday, February 6, 10 am** in the chapel for the White Cross Work meeting; 50 bandages will be rolled for the Congo.

- Blanket Sunday will be February 12.
- **ABW Scholarships:** Forms are currently available in the Narthex. Due date: no later than March 1st. Please fill out and return to the Church office.
- The ladies of Manlius First Baptist "adopted" a young woman to help her with her schooling. Her name is Khaya Palada, and she is from Gilbertsville, NY – presently attending Onondaga Community College and is in her first year. We found out about some of her favorite things, so we packed a box of "goodies" that she likes and a gift card for Burger King for Christmas. I had the joy of talking to her as she was heading home for Christmas break and is ever so grateful for our "adopting" her. She loves going to college here.
- The ABW has continued the tradition started with Erma Bullard sending Christmas cards to people at Fairport Home.



America for Christ Offering ~ Coming in March

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group: Sunday, January 29th - NEW TIMES - 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Welcoming Kristy Keesler, Al Dominy, and Ed Miller to the Youth Team (snacks provided).

March Newsletter: Articles due: **Wednesday, February 15th**. Please email all articles to: fbcm@twcny.rr.com or place in the secretary's mail slot. Thank you☺





Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Every Sunday ~ 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Adult Classes

Christianity & Today's Cultures	Rm. 209	Adult Ministry Team (thru 2/12/12)
Bible Characters	Library	Erm Ferris
Paul's Epistles	Rm. 206	Al Dominy
Psalm 23	Rm. 207	Jill Doss
Bible Study in Spanish	Historical Rm.	Ana Corona

Youth/Children's Classes

Grades 9-12	Room 204	Kristy Keesler
"101 Questions Christians Don't Want to Answer"		
Grades 6-8	Room 208	Kelly Griffin
"Discussions on the Life of Christ"		
Primary Grades (1-5)	Room 203	Mary Schwarz
Pre-K/Kindergarten	Room 100	Kim Granata

During Lent, we are offering an adult Sunday School class, *Walking with God in the Desert,* based on materials and a DVD program by Ray Vander Laan. The classes run from February 26 through April 1, and will coordinate with the Wednesday evening Lenten series. The format of the classes will include viewing the DVD, Bible study, and discussion. All adults are invited to join us for any or all of the classes. Hope to see you there!

Spring Bible Study Inquiry . . .

. . . are you ready to commit time to come to a 4-session investigation of selected Parables unique to the Gospel of Luke? If so, read on:

Rev. Frank Adams is going to offer the study answering . . .

1. How does God feel about people who mess up?
2. What is so important about salvation?
3. What does it mean to follow Christ today?
4. What does God expect of us?
5. Why do we give up on Prayer?
6. What is a secure investment?
7. What does love look like?
8. How does humility fit with self-esteem?



The preferred time for the study is between April 9-May 5 . . . 1 ½ hours one-day a week for four weeks. You submit the day and time of day your schedule best fits. Then, call Frank and let him know your choice. Then, he will let you know the consensus. The study will be in the Church library. Pray, then call!

February Worship/Preaching Plans

Sunday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Communion Service



Sermon: "Invited to His Table" ~ I Samuel 3:1-20

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Sunday, February 12th

Sermon: "Followers of Jesus" ~ John 1:43-51



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Sunday, February 19th

Sermon: "As One Who Has Authority" ~ Mark 1:21-28

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Wednesday, February 22nd - Ash Wednesday Service

7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Syracuse
in Jamesville
(5833 E. Seneca Turnpike - Route 173)

We will gather with other churches that are focusing on our Lenten theme.

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Sunday, February 26th - First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Sermon Series: "Walking With God in the Desert"
Read: Romans 8:14-17

Lenten Preaching-Study Series

Walking with God in the Desert

During Lent, Pastor Leon will preach a series of sermons on the theme "Walking with God in the Desert." We will study the Bible to learn about the experiences of God's people in the desert and our own desert experiences in our personal lives. Plan to listen to the sermons on Sunday and attend one of the Bible studies on Sunday or Wednesday nights.

This experience will be shared with 4 other churches. We will begin the series with a combined Ash Wednesday Worship Service at First Baptist Church of Syracuse in Jamesville on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



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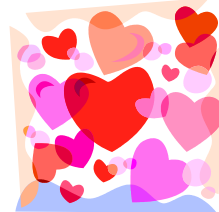
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Inviting People to New Life

Mission Statement

In celebration of the good news shown to us in Jesus Christ, we will invite others to unite with us as part of the family of God, sharing the Gospel through

Worship,

Education,

Encouragement of one another and the

Support of Mission

As we serve Manlius and our surrounding communities.