



**Opportunities for
Fellowship and Service Dec. 24th-31st**

Nursery
NO Club 320, Jr. Church, Small Groups today
Maghen Beck

6:30pm Informal Family Service led by Pastor Alexandra
9:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service led by Pastor Lynn

Monday



Tuesday

9:00 Bulletin info due in office
Secretary in Office 7-12

Wednesday

Secretary in Office 7-12
7:45 a.m. Prayer Time in Lounge
Pastor in Office 9am-12pm
*Exercise Group and Bible Study Group will not meet
this week.*

Thursday

Secretary in Office 7-12
Pastor in Office 6pm-8pm

Friday

Rummage Rooms 9-12

Saturday

Rummage Rooms 9-12

Sunday December 31st- New Year's Eve

10am Worship Service
No Small Groups today

Attendance Last Sunday 126

CCLI # 1751709

The Subjunctive Space



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“STRIVING TO BE THE HANDS And FEET OF JESUS”

December 24th, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Celebration and Concern slips are in the pew pockets for your convenience. Please write it out clearly and usher will collect it during the Prelude. Thank you.

(Supervised care by an adult for infants and young preschoolers is available in the Church Nursery)

Preparation For Worship “*Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible.*” Mary McLeod Bethune

Welcome

Life Of The Church

Prelude

Advent Liturgy See Overhead Screen

Lighting The Fourth Advent Candle The Shaffer Family

Advent Chorus # 186 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” V. 4

Sharing Of Celebrations And Concerns

Prayer Chorus #218 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” v. 3

The Congregational Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison) (Debts)

The Children’s Story Pastor Lynn

(Preschoolers may go to Nursery, all other kids will stay in the Sanctuary with their family)

Scripture Luke 1: 26-38

*Hymn #202 “What Child Is This” v. All

Sermon “The Subjunctive Space” Pastor Lynn

*Hymn of Commitment #200 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” v. 1 & 4

Worship Through Giving Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

* The Doxology #623 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

* Benediction

* Choral Response #216 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” refrain

* Postlude

* Greet Your Neighbors

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Pianist, Vanessa Reed Larson

During the announcements those sitting beside or near the center aisle are asked to sign and pass along the red “**Ministry of Friendship**” pads. When the pad reaches the end of your row, please pass it back to the center and learn the names of those sitting with you.

Thank you to The Shaffer Family, our greeters, Ann Gross and Cindy Wise, and our pianist, Vanessa Reed Larson for assisting in today’s worship service.

Our Church is equipped with -

- ***Hearing assistance.*** Please ask an usher for a portable receiver or pick one up at the Technology Center.
- ***Back support cushions.*** Please ask an usher for assistance

Thank You for setting your cell phone to “silent”



Announcements

- ❖ **HELP! The rummage rooms is in dire need of winter attire for infants, children, men and women. As you clean out those closets this holiday season, why not pass along some warmth to the community. Items can be dropped off any day at the south street door, or delivered to the Rummage rooms during their hours of operation 9am-12noon on Friday and Saturday. Thank you in advance! This mission serves many families in the area. All donations are greatly appreciated (no televisions or electronics please).**
- ❖ **Envelopes for the people that requested them or asked for them last year are available on the table in the court. If yours isn't there or if you want envelopes, please put your name on the list and I will provide one after the first of the year.**

Thank you, LaVerna Stohr
- ❖ **Pastor Lynn will have new Office hours after the New Year starting Jan 2nd. They are as follows:
Monday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (except when other events are scheduled like clergy meetings)
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Rev. Dr. Malcom (Mac) Shotwell sent a lovely letter to our congregation and is on display in the Court for you to read.**
- ❖ **Jr. Church is in need of volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet for the first quarter of the New Year.**
- ❖ **Please check the table in the court. There are many ways to get involved in the life of our church.**
- ❖ **We have received \$468.50 towards our \$650 goal for the Retired Minister and Missionaries Offering. Thank you!**

Prayer Requests:

Health Concerns: **Michael Swift Hayes** (nephew of Alice Resch and Katy Harbeck), **Gene Case, Doc Gilroy, Michelle Serra's niece**
Recovering: **Harry Hardman**, David Halstead Continuing Prayers: **Susan Stoddard (Sallie Miller's sister)**, Sandy Lathrop, Bert & Mickie Tidlund, Carol Halstead, Gary Shaffer, Duke Burnett (Sheila Burnett's husband) Other Requests:

Remember in Care Facilities

Absolute Care (East Aurora) - Gene Case
Batavia VA- Dennis Chamberlain
Eden Heights- Helen Swift, **Betty Parker**
Highland Healthcare (Wellsville) - John Hoagland
Livingston Cty. Center for Nursing & Rehab. - Katie Hamilton
Manor Hills (Wellsville) - Elva Gross
Pines (Olean) - Connie Battistoni
Wellsville Manor- Joann Lee, Flora Prentice
St. Luke Health Services (Oswego) - Beverly Abbott

Special Interest Missionaries

David and Joyce Reed, IberoAmerica and Caribbean
Dan and Sarah Chetti, Lebanon

All those serving in the military, police and firemen.

All those in and outside of our congregation who may not be listed but need the healing power of the Spirit

Friend of the Week:

We have many members and friends of the church that are homebound or in care facilities. We pray for them weekly and are listed above. This time of year can make being away from family and friends especially difficult. Please send cards to them to let them know that they are loved, valued, and thought of. Cards, notes, and phone calls can make long days brighter.

"Above all things, have a fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th, Worship Schedule

10 a.m. *Nursery is open for infants and young preschoolers but there will be NO Jr. Church, Club 320, or Small Groups today*

6:30 p.m. Informal Family Service with Pastor Alexandra

9:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Pastor Lynn

Upcoming Events

- What are you doing on New Year's 2018?** A free New Year's Meal will be served this year on Jan 1, 2018 from 11-1. There are numerous ways that you can help. There is a sign-up sheet in the court to work on: set up, serving, kitchen prep and clean up. We will also be in need of food items to be furnished. If you cannot do any of those but would like to be supportive, a financial donation will help offset the costs.

We will also be delivering take- outs to our shut-ins, so we'll be need of delivery folk and people to put together those meals at 10am. You can also sign up for this in the court.

This meal is open to the community. Please help spread the word to all your family, friends and neighbors. Let us continue on our mission to "be the Hands and Feet of Jesus".
- If you, or anyone you know, are struggling with grief or any life changing event. Please consider joining the Grief Support Group on Dec 6th at 1pm, in the church lounge. Especially during the holiday season, emotions run high, and the struggles often return. Whether it is from a loss of a loved one, or any life changing event - this group offers support and comfort to all. Spending some time with others experiencing similar feelings in a confidential environment can offer a great break from the everyday fears and strife. All are welcome, including the area community.

Special Announcement from the Trustees

- If you have sat in our pews recently, it should come as no surprise that they need to be repaired. There are approximately 26 pews that need to be renovated. Our plan is to do them gradually overtime. We hope to raise the full amount needed to do the repairs but we are committed to doing them regardless. However, we do not want to deplete our "rainy day fund" more than we already have. You, your family, or your church pew friends, can help by adopting a pew for \$175. Please speak with a trustee for more information. Checks may be made out to First Baptist Church with "pew repair" notated in the memo line. Contributions of cash should be placed in an envelope notated the same. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able contribute to the needs of our church. Thank you for your consideration. One bench is completed and is in the court near the steps, check it out!**

Thank you

- This year, 219 children from 93 families were served at this year's Holiday Assistance Program. It takes 80+ people (most of them behind the scenes) to collect and shop, set up, organize (sort and process), assist, and tear down the operation. Recipients received vouchers to local retailers, winter clothing items, groceries, and gifts for their children. The assistance given is critical in our community. Thank you to all those who made this year's program a success and acted as the hands and feet of Christ.

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year