

### COMMUNICATION CARD

In the Book of Romans, St. Paul instructs us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." We have a team of people willing to pray for your request.



**Prayer Requests:**

Please pray only   
Please pray & contact me

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**Praise Reports:**

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**Comments:**

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**If you are a visitor...how did you find us?:**

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(Place this card in either the offering plate or the basket in the rear of the Sanctuary)



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"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

Date: July 19 & 20 2008

# WEEKLY

Adirondack Community Church



**Sermon Title:**

"No 'If's' to God's Faithfulness"

**Scripture:** Genesis 28:10-22

I remember them from English Class - the "conditional clauses" - the clause that determines whether the main action of the sentence will be fulfilled. "If the baby goes to sleep, I'll give you a call." My calling all depends on the baby falling asleep.

"Conditions" - we impose them all the time. We have been exploring the life of Jacob in the book of Genesis. The youngest of two sons, he purchased his older brother's birthright; then, in cahoots with his mother, he stole that same brother's blessing from his father. He was a conniver and a "cooker of schemes" - audacious, bold, and very savvy.

Today we read about a dream that Jacob had, and about promises God made to him in that dream. Maybe it was because he himself was such a conniver ... but Jacob couldn't accept the promises at their face value. Jacob predicates his faith in God on a number of conditions. What do you think . . . does God place divine trust in you, depending on a number of "conditions"?

-Pastor Mark Demers

We are now blessed with the good news that our new Youth Minister, Art Summers, and his family will be joining us in August in time for Vacation Bible School. We should now keep our prayers going out to the youth of our community to invite them to be an important part of our new plans. We know there are so many out there who would be welcomed with opened arms.

The annual report for 1944-45 stated the following: PURPOSE. "The Adirondack Community Church is designed as a 'House of Prayer for all People.' It is built for a children's church. The fixed program of Christian culture includes the development of youth through worship, religious instruction and wholesome social and expressional activity. It is an adventure in Christian Unity and Community Service. We welcome to our membership those who own Christ as the Master of their lives."

A report presented by Superintendent of Sunday School, George Thew stated that the total enrollment for Sunday School was TWO HUNDRED AND TEN. There were eighty-eight in the age group, "children's division", ages 4 to 11, fifty-eight in the "youth division", ages 12-23 and twenty-three in the "adult division". He stated, "There are twice as many in the adult division as there were last year. The reason being that parents are bringing their children to Church School rather than sending them. Thus we have had the great privilege of instructing both the parents and the children." This, of course, was because Sunday School was at a different time than Church services.

He also went on the finish his report with, "As we look forward to the coming year one of the greatest needs is for adequate facilities in which to teach our children." As you know, this was accomplished in the following years and not a need at the present time. Our need is to Fill Those Rooms.

—Respectfully submitted, Beverley P. Reid

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**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

*Want To Get Connected?*

This response card is an opportunity for you to communicate with us. We want to hear from you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

- This is my first visit
- I visit occasionally
- Regular Attendee

I'd like to talk to a staff member regarding:

I'd like to learn more about:

- The values that guide Adirondack Community Church
- Small Groups
- Children's Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Baptism
- Men's Ministries
- Senior Adult Ministries
- Membership
- Volunteering
- Youth Ministry Volunteer
- Missions
- Music Ministries

Today I:

- Committed my life to Christ.
- Renewed my commitment to Christ.

I made a decision to...



Lake Placid Communities that Care Blood Drive...in memory of Bobby Preston

High Peak Resort, 2384 Saranac Ave., LP  
Friday, July 25, Noon to 6 PM, 891-1323

**Hunger SOS~Food for Thought Supper**

Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 5:30 PM, \$1,000 Goal for feeding refugees.  
\*\*\*Please sign the chart in the rear of the Sanctuary if you are willing to bake bread for the supper.  
\*\*\*Metal soup or dinner spoons are also needed. If you have any to donate, please bring them with you by next Sunday.

We welcome **Art Summers** as our new Pastor for Children, Youth, and Young Adults!

He and his wife Erin and baby, Emma are working hard on moving here from Kansas. They hope to be here before Vacation Bible School opens in August.



**August Extra Helpings Program**

Menu on the Bulletin Board in Narthex

Place orders by Wednesday, August 9, pick up on August 27.  
Remember that for every order placed the local Food Pantry gets 50 cents.  
Call Carol Pinney at 523-1791, X 2.

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study Group... New Topic**  
***Kingdom of David Saga of the Israelites***

Nearly 3000 years ago, a tiny group of tribes in the land of Canaan gave birth to a nation and a religion—a religion—a religion that would dare to redefine humanities relationship with God. This program tells the epic story of the Israelites and the creation of the world’s first and most profoundly influential, monotheistic religion. The stories of the patriarch Abraham, the liberator Moses, and the poet-king David all come to life in the dramatic tale of loss and triumph that has shaped humanity’s basic moral struggle for over three millennia. Join us at 9am in the Todd Room.

“Sharing God’s Love In All We Do”

**This Week at ACC**

**Sunday –July 20**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Service
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room
- 9:45 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery Provided

**Tuesday– July 22**

- 6:45 AM Men’s Breakfast, Erdman Hall
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
- 7:00 PM 20’s/30’s Group at Parsonage, 66 Acorn St.

**Wed. –July 23**

- 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
- 4:30 PM “Flab U Less” Girls Group in Todd Room
- 6:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday—July 24**

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 4:00-8:00 PM VBS Workshop
- 7:00 PM NC Needs Jesus Prayer Group

**Friday—July 25**

- 5:30 PM Beaney/ Miller Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday– July 26**

- 2:00 PM Beaney/Miller Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship Service



*Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path”  
Psalm 119:105 NRSV*

**Birthdays**

**This week:**

- 07/20 Sarah Warner, Linda Jon Kim Daby
- 07/21 Sybil Bath
- 07/22 Thomas Grady
- 07/23 Haile Thompson, Adrienne Oliveras
- 07/26 Ellen Beideck

**Next Week:**

- 07/27 Tim Preston
- 07/28 Debi Dowie
- 07/29 Marilyn Schust, Austin Preston



**Communicate!**

Remember to take advantage of the Communication Card on the back of our Weekly to keep the church office updated on birthdays, anniversaries, email addresses, contact information and prayer requests. If you would like a Church Directory, please contact the church office.

**Nursery Care provided during the Sunday 10:30 AM Service. Ask anyone for directions.**

**Scripture Readings:**

**July 20**

- Genesis 28:10-19a
- Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 27**

- Genesis 29: 15-28
- Psalms 105:1-11, 45b
- Romans 8: 26-39
- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Q and A from the National Museum of the American Indian . . .

### Is it true that Indians sold Manhattan for twenty-four dollars worth of beads and trinkets?



Indians didn't "sell" land, any more than they would "sell" water, air, or sunshine. But recent information suggests that the Natives were not stupid when it came to transactions with the early settlers. While Europeans believed they had "purchased" the land, in fact the native peoples continued to use it, farm it, and the "purchase price" was often much more than the money amount suggested. Dutchman Brant van Slichtenhorst purchased lands from the Native people in the mid-1600's. He records not only having to host 50 Natives for a series of meetings leading up to the sale; he was expected to provide food and a steady supply of drink for them. The Indians actually had a "broker" who received a commission on some of the sales.

The "twenty-four dollar sale of Manhattan" is something of a myth. As Russell Shorto documents in his book *The Island at the Center of the World*, the North American Native peoples were "as skilled, as duplicitous, as capable of theological rumination and technological cunning, as smart and as pig-headed, and as curious and as cruel as the Europeans who met them." The Europeans ultimately had their way – perhaps in large measure because of the diseases they brought with them which decimated the native populations in the Americas. But the Native people who "sold" Manhattan to Peter Minuit in 1626 lived on the island in a kind of partnership with the Dutch to whom they "sold" it.

(Material for this article is taken from Russell Shorto's book, *The Island at the Center of the World*, and research done by Georgetta Stonefish Ryan, a member of the Delaware People.)

If you are new to Adirondack Community Church and would like to find out more about the opportunities here to live out your faith, please stop by the church office after services or any weekday morning! We are a people of action.

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## Vacation Bible School...

**Everyone is invited to a  
Special Workshop on  
Thursday, July 24  
Church will be open from 4-8pm.  
Pizza provided!  
Come for a few minutes anytime during the  
workshop to help us prepare for VBS.  
"Many hands make light work."**