

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 *Prayer Works*



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray only
- Please pray & contact me

Praise Reports:

Comments:

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

- Website: _____
- Walked by: _____
- Someone told me: _____
- Newspaper: _____
- Telephone Directory: _____
- ITouris Kiosk _____
- Other: _____

(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"

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WEEKLY

Adirondack Community Church



Sermon Title: **"To The River"**

Scripture: **Genesis 32:22-32**

Time to "face the music". You have to "pay the piper". We are familiar with these terms of reckoning. They have an ominous ring to them - a kind of "you better, or else!", threatening quality.

If there is a Biblical equivalent for "facing the music", perhaps it would be "... *To the river* ..." Water has always represented chaos in the Bible. *The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters* ... Those are the opening words of the Book of Genesis. Floods were the instrument of destruction chosen by the Holy One when creation had gone bad. Later in their history, the people of Israel would have their victory celebration momentarily stymied when their backs were to the Red Sea and Pharaoh's armies were in their face. They would shrug and stumble again before entering the Promised Land when confronted by the River Jordan.

John the Baptist was down at the river - That's where one would go to get all the "dirt". That's where people were being forgiven and finding hope - that's where the Spirit of God was hovering.

We've been tracking Jacob - the conniver and deceiver, so self-preoccupied that he doesn't even realize it when he sleeps with the wrong woman. He lied to his father, impersonated his brother, stole blessings and birthrights, and "got out of Dodge". He went off and worked for 20 years to acquire wives and children and wealth - but fearful of his father-in-law, he fled - afraid to stay put, and afraid to go home. Where would one expect to find such a biblical character? *At the river* ... and that's exactly where Jacob is at. That's where we'll meet him today.

-Pastor Mark Demers



Greetings from the Trustees. The last time we communicated with the congregation through the bulletin we talked about looking at what our future needs will be for ministry and how our physical assets in terms of the building and its configuration can accommodate them. In the short term we are looking into how we can reconfigure our sound booth to provide for the ever-expanding use of technology to enhance our worship. Since we have learned that the best way to do this is to find external expertise that can make recommendations on how best to accomplish this, we are planning to look into who may be available to provide this service. We want to make sure that we don't negatively affect the new fellowship space that has become such a great success. More to come on this. A second area that is being explored is the revamping of the kitchen space in Erdman Hall. We are in the process of gathering information and getting input from folks assigned to drive this based on their experience. The Trustees have allotted funds for the purchase of new equipment and the build out. We expect to begin the work later this fall. The last piece is the long term planning. This is a bit more complex and needs the input of many ministry teams within the Church. We are committed to making sure that we become proactive in our approach to our needs as this is the most efficient and cost effective way to do this.

Until next time,
Hal

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...



UpComing Special Events

Mark your calendars!

- August 2 & 3** Communion at all services
- August 7** Communion at The Greenwood, 9:45 am.
- August 11** Art Summers begins work here at ACC!
- August 16** Baptism Service in Mirror Lake, call the church office if you would like to be baptized. Potluck picnic following.
- August 17** Dedication of VBS workers at 10:30am Service
- August 17** Welcome to the Summer's Family at Coffeehour
- August 18-22** SonWorld Adventure Park V.B.S.!, 9am – Noon
- August 22** Parent's Night at VBS, 6:30pm, Concert
- August 24** Fellowship with Service Fair during Coffeehour
- August 27** Hunger SOS~ Food for Thought Supper
- August 28** The North Country Needs Jesus Prayer Group, 7pm

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 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 –August 3

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

Monday– August 4

- Church Office Closed
- 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting

Tuesday– August 5

- 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. –August 6

- 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
- 4:30 PM “FlabULess Girls”, Todd Room

Thursday—August 7

- 9:45 AM Communion at The Greenwood
- 4pm-7pm VBS workshop

Friday—August 8

- 4:30 PM Women's Bible Study, 523-9263
- 6:00 PM Rizzo/Coir Wedding Reh.
- 7:15 PM Home Group, 523-3096

Saturday– August 9

- 8:00 AM Look Up Meeting, 523-3559
- 2:00 PM Rizzo/Coir Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship Service

Birthdays

This week:

- 08/03 Sue McClay
- 08/06 Kat Larzelere, Priscilla Garrand
- 08/07 Dale Bath, Karli Miller
- 08/08 Phyllis Olsen

Next Week:

- 08/11 Loretta Kelly
- 08/12 Cathy Martin
- 08/12 Mickey Morelli
- 08/14 Candice Borland
- 08/15 Bryan Reid, Amanda Abbott
- 08/16 Jim Coe



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:

August 3

- Genesis 32:22-31
- Psalms 17:1-7, 15
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

August 10

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12
- Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-23

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

Was Sacagawea all that important to the Lewis and Clark Expedition?



Sacagawea was a Shoshone woman living with the Mandan/Hidatsa people. She was about 16 years old and the mother of an infant when she accompanied Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on the journey ordered by President Thomas Jefferson. Lewis and Clark were looking for a Northwest passage via water to the Pacific Ocean. They also hoped to learn about the Native Peoples and natural resources of the western part of the continent.

Sacagawea's brother, Cameahwait, provided the expedition with food and horses. He accompanied them through the Lemhi Pass and was with them through a dangerous winter in the Rockies. Sacagawea was familiar with a number of landmarks, and her presence and that of her son indicated to other Native People that this was not a "war party".

The exact date of Sacagawea's birth is unknown, as is that of her death. Following the Lewis and Clark expedition (1804-1806), some oral traditions had Sacagawea returning home to her own people. Another tradition says she died of fever in 1812 at Fort Manuel (present day South Dakota). The first US coin to be issued this century would bear the image of Sacagawea and her infant son.

(Information for this article is taken from research done by Liz Hill, a member of the Red Lake Band of the Ojibwe, and published in *Do All Indians Live in Tipis?*)

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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Let's get the children signed up!

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August 18-22, 2008

Come one day or all!

9AM-Noon, 4-12 Year Olds

Parent's Night, Friday, August 22, 2008,
6:30 PM

It's Free and it's Fun!