



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

Praise Reports:

Look around your pew. Is someone missing? Do you wonder where they are and if they are ok? Please let us know so that we too may give them a call and let them know that they are missed.

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

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

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

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Sermon: "Our Need; God's Grace"

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

Most of us can relate to having had an experience - other than one that was drug or substance induced - that was so exhilarating it gave us a "high" we rode for days or weeks afterward. The combination of his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, followed closely by a distinctive manifestation of what they came to believe was the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, created for the early followers of Jesus an experience of excitement, joy, exuberance - they were "high" for some time! And in that jubilation, they apparently forgot about their differences. Greed took a back seat to generosity; worry gave way to hope. People trusted one another - to the point where they allowed others to decide what to do with their money.



I've had experiences that were so exciting I lived off their joy for days afterward. However, there is a line in the reading this morning from Acts - a text that tells us of this amazing generosity, trust and joy - that puts a different spin on it. Something else was at work that enabled such magnanimity. The scene we read about - where everyone had everything they needed and no one wanted for anything - is too good to be true! How long can something like that last? It all depends . . . how long are we willing to allow that "something else" to work?

-Rev. Mark Demers

Special points of interest:

- 6:45 PM Home Group at parsonage tonight.
- Battle of the Bands, page 5
- Next week is Native American Ministries Sunday

Pastor Mark is on Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to be his "friend" (Facebook) or "follow" him (Twitter), he'd love to hear from you!

Hal Schmidt, Chair of our Board of Trustees

Greetings once again from the Trustees.

Since our last communication, the repairs have been made in the Educational Wings (the middle and lower floors) of Erdman Hall for the damages that were incurred due to the frozen pipes. The insurance money has been received and we have put that toward replacing the musical equipment that we need and revamping the space to be more conducive to meeting and teaching rather than performing as it was before.



BOARD of TRUSTEES

Art's vision as he has shared with the Trustees is to make this a space that can serve as a gathering place for the youth that is safe and takes on a more "homey" atmosphere. He also believes that the space can and should be used by others who are looking for a quiet place to meet, read, pray or reflect. We mustn't lose sight of this space being the "Youth" space but that shouldn't preclude others from using it during down times. The newly renovated area will allow for this.

This interaction between our Youth Pastor and the Trustees is a great example of how the Trustees in their role of overseeing the physical assets of the Church can support new and ever changing ministries. We are grateful for Art's initiative and ideas and are really pleased to be part of supporting this growth.

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...

Pastor Art Summers, Director of Family Ministries

We at A.C.C. are very aware of the precious element of time in the life of families. We are very sensitive to the fact that time is precious and hard to come by in many of our situations. We are also here to help! The **Collision group** (3rd-8th grade) is moving forward with many ways to help. Let's be honest -kids seem to have a lot more energy than many of us and they are ready to use that energy in service to the Church family. Jen Scull has developed a curriculum that is centered on "living out" the message of Jesus. I have to say it is being received with great enthusiasm among the younger generation. The program will consist of, volunteering at Uihlein and Outdoor meditations in the form of hikes, canoeing, camping, etc., helping Church families in need (outdoor work, indoor work, "needs") and the final week will consist of a very in depth discussion of the gospel and radical games to apply the lesson. Jen stated that she did not expect to be in the Youth Room AT ALL THIS Summer! If you have any "needs" or know anyone who might benefit from our services, please corner Jen, Art, or one of the kids.



YOUTH GROUPS

The "**High School Group**" has been one of the most challenging groups in the program. This makes it very exciting. The hardest part has probably been the name. We have gone from Infinity to Schism. The group is very diverse which makes it very effective. We are beginning a study of Judaism after Spring Break. This group is also studying philosophy, current events, and meditation. The group is very active in the community and there is a lot of exciting things happening. The most recent is the extension work of "The Battle of the Bands" at the High School. This is being put on by some of the kids in Schism. They have landed sponsors including Ampersound, Northern Audio, and Pray Man Pray. They have also arranged for the Band "Holy Fire" to open up the competition! That most amazing component is they have successfully talked our band, "Covenant" to compete. This band consists of Brian Hare, Scotty Marshall, and Mike Tuggey. It is being held April 24th @ 6:30 at the high school. We are also hosting an after party at the Church and if you are able to make some snacks (or donate them) the youth would be very grateful.

Another event on the horizon is a trip to NYC July 31st-Aug. 2nd. The group will be headed to NYC to serve in a soup kitchen, be homeless for a night, attend an off Broadway show; attend a concert consisting of Red, Decyfer Down, and Pillar. The rest of the trip is in true Schism attitude "up to spontaneity." The group plans to raise funds for this trip with a Talent Show/Servant Auction in Late May. The final project in the near future is the kids are teaming up with Dale and Sybil Bath to help beautify the Church! Yes that's right you will have the opportunity to see Skateboarders and Dale working side by



Weekly Calendar

Sunday—April 19

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room, "Yeda" 5th-8th Graders Bible Study
9:45 AM—10:30 AM Fellowship Time
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Nursery Provided)
Children's Church & Critterland
1:00 PM "Covenant" Rehearsal
6:45 PM Home Group at Demers

Monday—April 20

7:00 PM Ecumenical Charity Program Meeting
7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday—April 21

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall
2:00-5:00 PM Youth Room Open
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
7:00 PM 20's/30's Group

Wednesday—April 22

2:00-4:00 PM Youth Room Open
2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
4:30 PM—6pm Collision Group for 4-8th Graders
6:30PM—9:00 PM High School Youth Group

Thursday—April 23

Church Secretary away until April 29
2:15 PM Experiencing God Bible Study, Conf. Rm
5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Com. Meeting

Friday—April 24

2:00 PM—5:00 PM Youth Room Open
4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study Group at Lansings
6:00 PM Battle of the Bands, LPHS with After party at ACC, Youth Room

Saturday—April 25

5:00 PM Worship Service

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Birthdays Happy Birthday!

This week:

04/20 Cathy Collins
04/22 Ramon Grady
04/23 RichTerry
04/24 Baylie Whitney
Next Week:
04/26 Kaitlyn Collins
04/27 Addie Friedlander
04/29 Virginia Warrington

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Check it out for:

- Calendar items
- Meeting times
- the **Weekly** news-letter
- Wedding information (Our Church page)



Church Library

Books, tapes, videos, etc. are available to borrow in the Todd Room.

Visit our  Library
New Youth Library in the Youth Room
Open every day, 8am-8pm.

Lectionary Scripture Readings:

April 19

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 26

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48



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

How many ways can you say "snow"?

It is a tragic page in the history of the relationship between Native People and the United States that efforts were made to deprive the Natives of their language. In the mid-nineteenth century boarding schools were established for Native Children. These schools were intent on making the children conform to Euro-American values. Joseph Bruchac has written a book called *Code Talker* – a novel about Navajo Marines during the Second World War. Forced to attend one of the boarding schools, and to “unlearn” their language, the time came when the Navajo Language became an intergral part of the US and Allied communications during the war. Language is a reflection of culture, and of how we see the world. The Native Peoples of Alaska and Northern Canada have what seems to be an unlimited number of words and terms for “snow”. The languages of the Yup’ik and Inupia peoples are “polysynthetic”, meaning that entire sentences can be constructed from one word. This is accomplished by the addition of prefixes and suffixes. So, both the *kind* of snow, as well as *how the snow is falling*, or how it is blowing – all these characteristics can be capture by the use of a single word. A partial list of the words used for different tuypes of snow as described in just one dialect of the Inuit people are as follows: *aniu* is good snow to make drinking water from. *Apiqqun* is the first snow in autumn. *Apun* is the fallen snow. *Aqilluqaq* is fresh, soft snow. *Mahak* is melting snow. *Minguliq* is falling powdered snow. *Natiruvik* refers to snow blowing along a sufrace. *Patuqun* is frost sparkling snow. The list goes on. The language of these northern peoples reflects the way in which their lives depend on their knowledge of what is going on with the weather and the land around them. We deprive *them* of their language to the detriment of us all.

(This information is contained in the book **Do All Indians Live in Tipis?**, taken from articles written by Liz Hill [Red Lake Band of Ojibwe], Nema Magovern [Osage], and Georgetta Stonefish Ryan [Delaware].)



Announcements



Pastor Art is asking for donations of food be brought to the Youth Room for an "After Battle of the Bands party" which will be held on **April 24** in the evening. The Battle of the Bands begins at 6pm at LPHS with several Christian Bands participating including our own band, "Covenant". Contact Art if you can donate snacks.

SOS~Food for Thought Supper

Simple soup & bread supper...

April 29 (Wednesday)

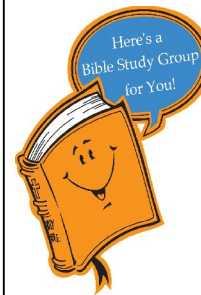
5:30 PM

Erdman Hall

This month's project raises funds for the UMCOR **Cheese** Distribution in Armenia.

Our Missions Committee Chairperson, Carol VanGorp will present the program.

\$10 per person or \$25 per family, suggested donation



What's old is NEW again! We are starting up a New 10am-11am **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** based on how we did it 12 years ago. No homework, no workbooks, no cost...come & go as your schedule permits. Here is how it will works: We open in prayer, read Radio Bible Club topical booklets for a few minutes, stopping and starting as questions are discussed, then close at the end of the hour. Elevator available to the Todd Room. Our first meeting will be held on **May 5** and the first booklet we will read is "Why Did Christ Have To Die?" If you have little ones that need nursery care, please let the church office know, 523-3753. If this time works for you, please come out and support this new group.

New Bereavement Group:

Rev. Ingrid Johnson will hold 4 Group Sessions

Wednesdays, **May 6, 13, 20, & 27**

7 PM Todd Room

For more info: 523-3753, ext. 4 or chaping1@aol.com