

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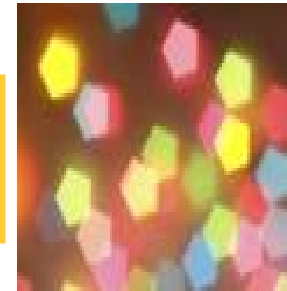
(Place this card in either the offering plate or the basket in the rear of the Sanctuary)



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"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

Date: August 9 & 10 2008



Adirondack Community Church

Sermon Title: **"An Expensive Coat"**

Scripture: **Genesis 37:1-28**

One time I was driving to a near-by city to buy a gift for my wife. It was about 22 miles from our home. On the way I picked up a hitch-hiker. He was making his way to a distant city, and I offered to bring him as far as I was going. He hopped in the car, and we were off. We got to talking, and as I listened I felt compelled to bring him to a town where he could catch a bus to his destination. In order to do that, I had to drive an extra 90 miles (one way). And I also determined that I would buy his bus ticket and provide him with some spending money.

As we were traveling down the interstate, we passed another hitch-hiker . . . my passenger suggested we give the man a ride - he was wearing a clerical collar. So now, the pastor (me), the hitch-hiker, and the bishop (the guy in the clerical collar) were tooling down the road. By the time I was done with this, it cost me an entire afternoon, a tank of gas, and over \$200. That's not exactly what I had set out to do!

"Good deeds" can get you into all sorts of trouble. Has it ever happened to you? But then .... what about the times you have been someone else's "good deed" - and they spent more on you than you ever could have imagined!

Today, Genesis gives us the story of a visionary - a man who would do incredibly wonderful things - but he had no idea what his good deed would cost him!

-Pastor Mark Demers



**Disposable People . . .** From South America to Asia - and here in the US - slavery continues to be a reality. From meat packing plants in Iowa to the country of Mauritania, people are "thrown away" in the name of profit. (Mauritania is a nation in which slavery is "illegal", but as recently as 1999 was reported as having the "largest proportion of its population in slavery" of any nation worldwide.)

In his book *Disposable People*, Kevin Bales makes the observation that the global economy searches out the best deals, the least expensive means of producing goods. Money goes where the deals are; people are not as fluid. Debts owed to land lords and inherited from previous generations make it impossible for some people to free themselves from bondage. Bales quotes William Greider who states that capitalist democracies have "abandoned the values they putatively espoused" for decades in the struggle against communism - individual liberties, freedom to gather and speak one's mind - these give way to commercial opportunism.

Next Saturday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. We will go lakeside - "down to the river to pray" - "to the river bringing sins we cannot bear". Young people and adults will respond to the question: *Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?* They will be asked: *Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

They will respond: **YES!** And with Jesus as Savior, Lord and Leader in their lives they will set out to change the world! Jesus could not be disposed of. And he made a point of it to include those who were forgotten and cast off by the political and religious elite of his day. You matter to God; and so does your neighbor. Jesus is a pack rat when it comes to human beings - he wants to save them all.

Come "down to the river" - Lakeside - next Saturday at 5 - join us for the celebration. Rejoice with us as people commit themselves to following Christ and to the ministry of Christ's church. Let's claim Jesus' project as our own - *no one is disposable. God so loved the world . . .* Let's do the same! God bless you.

Rev. Mark Demers

**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 11** Art Summers begins work here at ACC!
- August 16** *Baptism Service* in Mirror Lake, 5 PM  
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

Come, help us welcome our new Pastor of Children, Youth and Young Adults,

**Mr. Art Summers!**

Art and his wife Erin and baby, Emma have arrived in Lake Placid.



An official "Welcoming" will be held on September 7 (the first day of the new Sunday School year) with a picnic on the Church grounds about Noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## 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.

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### This Week at ACC

#### Sunday –August 10

- 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  
Nursery Provided

#### Monday– August 11

#### Tuesday– August 12

- 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 13

- 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 14

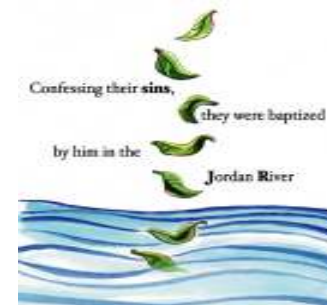
- 7:15 AM Membership/Nominations
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 4 PM—7 PM VBS Meeting

#### Friday—August 15

- 7:15 PM Home Group, 523-3096

#### Saturday– August 16

- 5:00 PM Worship & Lakeside Baptism Service  
Potluck Picnic Following



### Birthdays

#### This 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

#### Next Week:

- 08/17 Melissa Rath, Jacob Mayberry
- 08/19 Zachary Berger
- 08/21 Micah Demers
- 08/23 Courtney Crawford, Elsie Fitzsimmons

### 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 10

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

#### August 17

- Genesis 45:1-15
- Psalm 133
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28



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



### Smallpox and the Native Peoples ....

"There is no clear evidence that the US government ever used the smallpox virus to conduct a systematic, intentional extermination of Native peoples." So writes Liz Hill. But she goes on to chronicle several recorded situations in which the disease was used as a weapon during warfare. We know of one circumstance in which soldiers gave blankets and a handkerchief from a smallpox hospital to two Native chiefs. Captain Simeon Ecuylar recorded this 1763 event in his journal, adding, "I hope it will have the desired effect."

Smallpox arrived as early as 1507 on the island of Hispaniola. In the mid 1520's two hundred thousand Andean Indians died from disease. In a 1633 smallpox epidemic more than ten thousand Huron people of Ontario died. Some tribes were almost entirely decimated – the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara tribes along the Missouri River in present-day North Dakota.

In 1832 Indians in some of the territories were provided with vaccinations against the smallpox virus – but these may have caused more disease than they prevented. An unknown Mayan Native recorded this observation: "[Before the European intruders] *there was no sickness, no aching bones, no high fever, no burning chest, no abdominal pain, no consumption, no headache..... The foreigners made it otherwise when they arrived here.*"

(This is taken from an article written by Liz Hill, a member of the Red Lake Band of the Ojibwe, and published in **Do all Indians Live in Tipis?**)

“Sharing God’s Love In All We Do”

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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## SonWorld Adventure Park Vacation Bible School



Let's get the children signed up!

**(518) 523-3753**

**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!**