

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:

Comments:

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"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

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WEEKLY

Adirondack Community Church



Sermon Title: **"MIRMO"** (special thanks to Courtney Crawford for this sermon title.)

Scripture: **Genesis 45:1-15**

"Take inventory." Long before this was "Step Four" in the *Twelve Step Program*, it was a spiritual discipline. ***I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*** We read that line in Psalm 51; apparently the Psalmist had "taken inventory".

Remember the soldier who came to Jesus asking for healing for his servant? When Jesus offered to come to his home, he said: ***Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof . . .*** Evidently the soldier had "taken inventory".

One of the center pieces of the spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, is what is called the *Examen*. Remembering you are in the presence of God, honestly consider your actions and your motives. "See your need for God . . . Express your sorrow for sin . . ." In other words, *take inventory*.

It's one thing to look back at the "good old days"; it's quite another to cast your glance backward for the purpose of evaluating one's own behavior and acknowledging one's own faults. It's much more fun to look back and examine other people's faults. And it's a short step from doing that to holding grudges.

Holding grudges is the spiritual equivalent of mud season. It's easy to get stuck there. If any biblical character in the Hebrew Bible had cause to hold a grudge, it was Joseph. We read last week how his brothers mistreated him; how his master's wife attempted to seduce him. We will "examine" how Joseph dealt with the past, and the impact it had on his future.

-Pastor Mark Demers

No rest for us this Summer!

The summer is more than half over and as much as that means a couple months of rest , relaxation and fun for the kids and many adults, there has been no resting at the Adirondack Community Church.

June started the first Hunger Meals with a presentation from Keela about Jambo Jipya and over \$4500.00 was raised that evening for this outreach mission while the July topic was Refugees through the sharing of information from Carol Van Gorp, over \$1600.00 was raised that evening. The August supper will be held on the 27th and the topic is water. How great it is to share in these programs presented by the Mission Committee and raise Mission monies above and beyond our tithes and offerings. Maybe our monthly goal should have been \$1500.00?

The Fellowship Coffee hours between the services are going strong and just when we think we have the right amount of coffee made, we run out. Hallelujah, we will make more. Many people have pitched in on these efforts to set up each week, and we are looking for weekly team leaders so that we can share this duty. It is such a great opportunity for us to get to know each other and to welcome our many visitors that we should let this drop. There is a sign-up sheet for leaders and for food so we hope you will participate.

The IT Team with the help of Brian Marshall has done a great job of suspending the projectors so that the worship music words can be projected on the walls, making the front of the sanctuary so much more inviting. We have been talking about how we do this for over 4 years. Great job team!

The Nominations team is working on a special event to be held August 24th between services where we will showcase the opportunities for service and for participation within the church structure. Information boards are being designed so that new members and regular churchgoers can explore ways that they can become more active in other avenues of fellowship, prayer groups and programs. We hope you will come discover!

It was a truly exciting last week to welcome Art, Erin and Emma Summers as they arrived in Lake Placid. Art jumps right into work as the Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday and Claire is very joyous to have him here to pick the ball up and run with it. Claire has done a fantastic job of keeping things going for VBS during Art's hire and arrival. This is always a very special time in the life of the church and what a joy it is to see so many kids and adults working together to help spread the word of Jesus Christ.

It has been a busy summer and we are charged to continue to make great things happen throughout the fall and winter.

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 17** Dedication of VBS workers at 10:30am Service
 - 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 Coffeeshour
Sunday School Teachers Meeting at 11:45am.
 - August 26** Call Church office to order "Stepping Up" workbook
 - August 27** *Hunger SOS~ Food for Thought Supper, 5:30pm*
 - August 28** *The North Country Needs Jesus Prayer Group, 7pm*
 - Sept. 4** Church Council Meeting, 7 PM
 - Oct. 13** New England Nights with Beth Moore, Vermont
 - Dec. 5-7** Weekend to Remember, Saratoga Hilton
- Our **Helping Hands Thrift Shop** located at the Lake Placid Marina is having an *"Everything Free Sale"*...Aug. 20-30. Wed.—Sat., 10am—2 pm,. Bring your own bags to stuff for free. 523-8151.



On Saturday, August 16, 2008, the following people were baptized in Mirror Lake:

- Emily Barney
- Elena Beidick
- Grant Gardner
- Jason Leon
- Mike Tuggey
- Rachel VanHuizen

Celebration of Ministry!

"Fellowship with Service Fair"
August 24, 9:50am-10:30am.
Sanctuary
Don't miss it.

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

This Week at ACC

- Sunday –August 17**
- 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 18

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday– August 19

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
- 7:00 PM 20's/30's Group at Parsonage, 66 Acorn St.

Wed. –August 20

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 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 21

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

Friday—August 22

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 PM VBS Parent's Night

Saturday– August 23

- 5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday—August 24...

Celebration of Ministry!

Plan on attending the "Fellowship with Service Fair" during coffeeshour in the Sanctuary. Learn about the various ministry opportunities here at ACC.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting following the 10:30am Service.

Birthdays

This week:

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



Next Week:

- 08/24 Bob Jones
- 08/25 Matthew Skeels
- 08/26 David Balestrini
- 08/28 Larry Moore
- 08/29 Kiana Fell, Nora 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 17

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

August 24

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalms 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

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



Why didn't Indian Tribes band together to fight off Europeans?

There are two major reasons why Native tribes did not band together.

The first is disease. Bubonic plague, smallpox, measles, cholera, and influenza spread among the Native peoples in ways both rapid and devastating.

Population estimates of the Native population of the Americas reach as high as 70 million prior to the arrival of Europeans. Though the population of Europe is believed to have been much smaller, and though the ships that came carried very few passengers relative to the Native populations, the tribes could neither anticipate nor fend off the various diseases. From 1492 until the beginning of the 1600's it is believed that more than 90% of the Native population died – " . . . *the greatest mortality in history* . . ." writes Ronald Wright.

The second reason the Natives did not band together has to do with metal weapons – weapons never before seen in the Americas. Hundreds of different tribes were spread out across the Americas, speaking as many different languages. The Europeans often solicited warriors of one tribe to assist them in a fight against members of another tribe that were enemies. In 1810-1811, Tecumseh (Shawnee) traveled from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico in an attempt to unite Native peoples in a common fight against the Europeans; but very few chiefs were willing to give up their power to negotiate directly with European and American governments.

(This information is taken from an article by Liz Hill – a member of the Red Band of Ojibwe – contained in the book: *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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SonWorld Adventure Park Vacation Bible School



We Praise God for raising up the workers for VBS! Please remember these folks and all the others who will be volunteering this week:

Peggy Plank	Steve Doxzon	Jennifer Newhart	Patti Skeels
Sharon Perkins	Arron Barney	Andrew Meister	Art Summers
Mark Demers	Nip Rogers	Jason Leon	Keela Dates
Merry Barney	Cheryl Megliore	Bambi Pedu	Bev Reid
Karen Hare	Brian Hare	Brooke Reid	Emma Downey
Bob Miller	Sybil Bath	Alexis Megliore	Laura Eldred
Jordan Favro	Sharon Perkins	Ellen Beideck	Elena Beideck

YOU??? _____

If you can give any time at all, please show up and see Patti Skeels at the registration table.

9AM to Noon, August 18-22