

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:

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: *"Life in a Basket"*

Scripture: Exodus 1:8- 2:10



She weighed 2 pounds - so tiny that she could swim in the palm of my hand. *One hand!* Talk about "fragile". The last time I saw her she was 7 or 8 years old - small for her age, but not lacking in energy or joy. That was over 20 years ago. Every now and then I wonder how she is doing - she is a grown woman now.

From fragile beginnings amazing things emerge. How small and tender are some ideas? How tentative are some of the most amazing plans! It's true in nature, in business and economics, in human relationships. It is also true in the Bible. Today we embark on a journey through the book of Exodus. Starting today - and all the way to October 19 - the *Exodus* story will be our story. Israel would emerge from slavery; they would learn the "name" of their God; they would formulate a law that would have a profound impact on Western Civilization - and it would all begin with a baby in a basket, perilously floating down the Nile. One of the most powerful stories in all of religious or secular literature begins like this - reeds woven together, subjected to the currents of the river, carrying a child who should have been dead.

How many of us should "be here"? How many of us have survived tumultuous times by a thread of faith or good fortune? How certain are you about your future? In whose hands does it rest? That's what we are talking about today.

-Pastor Mark Demers

Exodus - From Basket to Tabernacle . . .

God had made a promise to Abraham - *I will make you a great nation* - and as the book of Exodus begins we discover that this promise has been fulfilled - at least if *numbers* mean anything. The 12 sons of Jacob - grandsons of Abraham and Sarah - are named in the first verses of Exodus, and then we are told:

The Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. (Exodus 1:7.) The Exodus is Israel's story - *this* is the story of their beginnings, both as a people, and as the "people of God".

They were "fruitful", but they were not yet strong. The story of their emerging identity begins with a baby in a basket, a child most vulnerable subjected to the vicissitudes of the currents of a swirling river. This is how it happens in the Bible - over and over again. Simple, humble beginnings provide the canvas upon which the mighty works of God will be painted in the lives of men and women.

Are you part of a small group that studies the Bible? The "Exodus Story" is *your* story. We will explore it over the next several months. But Sunday mornings aren't enough. The Bible deserves more than that! Why not look at the opportunities available through our church and avail yourselves of one of them - to gather, read, discuss. Such a simple instrument - a *book* - kind of like the basket baby Moses was placed in! A tool that can be laid on a coffee table and never opened; a story that can be put on the shelf and never discovered! But the Bible contains the tale that reveals how life becomes "holy ground", how the human spirit can be touched by the Holy Spirit, and how the simplest of things can become the building blocks for sacred tabernacles.

We'll get into Exodus on Saturday and Sunday; why don't you get into the rest of the story the other five days of the week?

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 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.

Hunger SOS~Food for Thought Supper

Homemade Soup & Bread Supper
Wednesday, August 27, 2008
5:30 pm, Erdman Hall

To benefit: Water for Life/Church World Service

Suggested donation: \$10 person or \$25 Family

Celebration of Ministry!

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

This Week at ACC

- Sunday –August 24**
 9:00 AM Traditional Service
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room
 9:45 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship with Service "Fair"
 10:30 AM Worship Service
 Nursery Provided

- Monday– August 25**
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Com. Meeting

- Tuesday– August 26**
 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
 7:00 PM 20's/30's Group at Parsonage, 66 Acorn St.

- Wed. –August 27**
 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 28**
 7:00 AM The North Country Needs Jesus Prayer Group

- Friday—August 29**
 7:15 PM Home Group, 523-3096

- Saturday– August 30**
 5:00 PM Worship Service

Birthdays

- This week:**
 08/24 Bob Jones
 08/25 Matthew Skeels
 08/26 David Balestrini
 08/28 Larry Moore
 08/29 Kiana Fell, Nora Fitzsimmons

- Next Week:**
 09/02 Wyatt Friedlander
 09/04 Kelsey Bickford
 09/06 Frank Lescinsky
 09/06 Linda Preston Jones



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

- August 24**
 Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Psalm 124
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20



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

Did Native Americans own slaves?

We know that the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole tribes held African American slaves during the years leading up to the American Civil War. These tribes were allies of the Confederacy during the war. Prior to contact with the Europeans, slavery as an economic means to an end was a foreign concept to most Native peoples.

There is also evidence that slavery did exist among the indigenous peoples – especially among the wealth-conscious tribes of the North Pacific Coast. There, slaves acquired a value that caused them to be bought, sold or given away. As the Native peoples came to see the economic value slaves had to the European Settlers, more tribes engaged in the intensified slave trade.

(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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For your spiritual health...

Weekend to Remember

Mark your calendar now to attend a fabulous marriage retreat. December 7-9, Friday night through Sunday noon. Saratoga Hilton. Stay tuned for more details...

Women’s Bible Studies

“Live a praying Life” by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. Fridays, 4:30pm Starting September 5
Call Patti Skeels for location: 523-9263

“Stepping Up” by Beth Moore. Join us in a journey that explores the pilgrimage theme found in Psalms 120-134. Through this study, you’ll interact with the Scriptures in totally new ways through the seven video sessions and six weeks of personal study.

When: Thursdays, 12:45pm-2:30pm for 7 weeks beginning Sept. 11
Where: The home of Claire Thayer, in Lake Placid, 523-3559