



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: _____
 ITouris Kiosk _____
 Other: _____

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



Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

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WEEKLY

Sermon: "The Shape of Things To Come"

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

It was all the rage, these lions that could be linked together to create a giant robot that could defeat any enemy and save the world. There were four of them, and I can still hear my oldest son as a child speaking the name of this creature with a mixture of awe and power - Voltron, with the emphasis on VVVVoooollllll - tron. When something would threaten society's safety, behold, the lions, already powerful in their own right, would band together to become this amazing unit, easily snapping together after twisting their individual shapes, molding them into one mysterious, powerful protector.



The lions morphed - they were called "transformers", both because of what happened to them individually, and because of how their collective presence transformed the world around them.

We use the language of "transfiguration" to speak of what Peter, James and John experienced on the mountain - but the actual Greek word is one that is very familiar to many - morphe - Jesus "morphed" right before their eyes, and they could hardly believe what they were seeing. Moses, Elijah, Jesus - three "heavy-weights" banding together, creating a light so bright it was blinding. Was it intended to be a show? Or an invitation? Was this the true "glory" of Jesus? Or was there something even better still to come!

Rev. Mark Demers

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

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Special points of interest:

- Home Group at Skeel's house tonight, 6:45pm call 523-9263 for directions.
- Bring food items for the "Stone Soup"
- Special Offering on Feb. 22 for Mozambique & Brazil Missions.

From the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Hal Schmidt

Greetings from the Trustees.

We would like to welcome Eileen Valentine and Jason Leon to the Trustees and look forward to working with them over the next few years.



As you know we had a flood in the Education wing a while back due to a couple of pipes freezing. The damage is nearly repaired and our insurance company is in process of sending us the funds for that and the replacement of the audio equipment that was damaged in the Youth room. The Trustees recently authorized the installment of low temperature sensors so that we can be fore warned when the temperature drops to a dangerous level. This will be tied into our alarm system that alerts us when we have an issue.

We hope everyone has had a chance to see the new kitchen and work done in Erdman Hall over the past month or so. What a transformation! We are really fortunate to have Brian Marshall and family to do this work for the Church. What an amazing difference. By the time of this writing the bathrooms in the Education wing should be nearing completion and really concludes the major work that we had slated for upgrade and repair in the Church.

It really is remarkable about all the changes that have taken place within the Church and parsonage within the past year. We as Trustees feel very fortunate to be part of this and hope that each and every one of our members feels like we all are taking very good care of God's house. 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...



Strategic Planning

- **Our Second Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 8:30 - 11:30 AM in Erdman Hall. A Continental Breakfast will be served.** Our agenda item for this meeting: Where are we going? We will begin the process of discernment with regard to where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us. Some of the questions we will ask ourselves: What can we build on from the previous SP?
- What are the new directions we sense ourselves called to over the next 3 to 4 years?
- What are the needs in the North Country we believe the Adirondack Community Church is called to address?
- What are some of the adjectives you would want to be able to use to describe the Adirondack Community Church 5 years from now?
- What are the greatest obstacles we face in reaching the goals we feel called to set?
- Can we articulate some "SMART" goals before the morning is over?
- Do we need another meeting to complete our work?

It is important that you let our church office know of your intention to attend this meeting. Please call Claire (523-3753) or email her (info@adkcomchurch.org) to let her know you will be present.

This can be an exciting process! We hope you will join our Church Council in prayerfully listening to the Holy Spirit as we hold ourselves accountable in the present and discern the vision for the future. May God bless you! Steve and Mark

Special Offering, February 22, 2009 Troy-Mozambique & Troy Brazil Ministries Teams

We in the Troy Conference have a shared ministry in Mozambique and Brazil. When we contribute to this special offering, we are sure that our gifts bring blessing into the churches and homes of many people. Funds from this offering are evenly divided between the two ministries.

The **Mozambique** part of these offerings has provided support for the retired pastors and spouses and pastors' widows/widowers fund, the construction of a Diagnostic Center at the Chicouque Rural Hospital, emergency help for a medical crisis, support for the development of the VIM coordinator position in Mozambique, critical support for personnel and administrative expenses and in 2009, critical support to address an electricity/water crisis in Cambine, a United Methodist mission station.

For **Northeast Brazil**, our offerings support Volunteers in Mission projects and contribute toward new buildings for churches, community centers, and health clinics. In addition these offerings have been used to respond to natural emergencies (e.g. mudslides in Recife); for medical supplies in Mundau, Vitoria de Conquista, and Santa Cruz; support for students taking classes to prepare for qualifying exams for further educational/training programs; support for the lace-makers guild; and educational supplies for schools.

Thanks for participating in these exciting and wonderful ministries to our beloved sisters and brothers in Brazil and Mozambique!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday—February 22

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 - 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room, 5th-8th Graders Bible Study
 - 9:45 AM—10:30 AM Fellowship
 - 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Nursery Provided) Children's Church & Critterland
 - 1:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
 - 6:45 PM Home Group, 523-9263
- Monday—February 23**
- 7:00 PM Ecu. Charity Program Meeting, Todd R.

Tuesday—February 24

- 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—February 25 Ash We4nesday

- 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
- 5:30 PM SOS— Food for Thought Supper
- 6:30PM—9:00 PM High School Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday—February 26

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Youth Room Open
- 2:15 PM Experiencing God Bible Study, Conf. Rm
- 5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM North Country Needs Jesus Prayer Group

Friday—February 27

- 8:30 AM Trustee Meeting
- 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Youth Room Open
- 4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study Group at Lansings
- 6:00 PM Ecu. Charity Program Vol. Potluck

Saturday—February 28

- 8:30 AM Strategic Planning, Erd. Hall
- 5:00 PM Worship Service
- 7:00 PM "Man Show", Youth Room

Birthdays

This week:

- 02/22 Alice Wood, Renee Colby
- 02/23 Elaina Smith
- 02/24 Dorice Torrance, Anabell Corwin
- 02/26 Nini Hadjis, Dalton Jacques
- 02/28 Richard Skeels, Chris Balestrini

Next Week:

- 03/01 Jonah Konezny
- 03/02 Brock Reid, Jaren Wolf
- 03/04 Brody Whitney
- 03/05 Judith Clausing-Lundin
- 03/07 Teresa Santana, Joshua Wemette, Makeda Thompson



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Check it out for:

- Calendar items
- Meeting times
- the **Weekly** news-letter



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

Open every day, 8am-8pm.

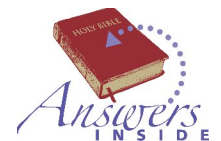
Lectionary Scripture Readings:

February 22

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- Psalms 50:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Mark 9:2-9

March 1

- Genesis 9:8-17
- Psalms 25:1-10
- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15



"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

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

Why are most Indian ceremonies and dances off-limits to non-native audiences?

Perhaps the best way to answer the question is to remind ourselves of some of the practices of the Christian Church, both in ancient times as well as today. We know that people who wanted to become Christians in the early days of the church would experience an extended time of instruction. They may not have been permitted to experience the life of the Christian Community, being held at bay for a season in order to test the sincerity of their motives – *Do they believe in Jesus, or are they spies for the Romans?* There is evidence of people being permitted to attend the first part of the worship liturgy, but having to leave before the “mysteries” were celebrated (Holy Communion). Today, some churches allow persons to attend worship, but not to participate in Holy Communion unless they are adherents or members of the congregation.

The rituals and ceremonies that native peoples celebrate are not historical reenactments; they are their living liturgies, filled with specific meaning as to their understanding of creation, human relationships, the seasons, etc. Unless one shares the same belief, participation would be a mockery. The presence of casual observers might not only be disrespectful toward the liturgy; it may be understood as being dangerous, negatively affecting the outcome of the ritual. Native Communities set their own rules with regard to welcoming visitors and observers. Just as we would expect persons to respect our traditions of prayer, worship and liturgy, so must we offer the same thoughtfulness to others.

(This information is contained in the book **Do All Indians Live in Tips?**, and taken from an article written by Edwin Schupman [Muscogee].)



Announcements

Congratulations to Janet and Matthew Clark on the birth of their 10th Grandchild! Emma Elizabeth Clark was born on Jan. 18 to Zachary & Jacqueline Clark. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz and Janet said, “She is beautiful!”

Sympathy to the family of Barbara Lee who passed away on Feb. 10. A memorial service was held for her at The Greenwood on Feb. 18. Burial will be in the Spring.

Jim Coe will be making "Stone Soup" for our February 25

Hunger SOS ~ Food for Thought Dinner. On February 22, the Sunday before the dinner, the two big soup pots will be placed at the back of the church. We are asking the congregation to bring ingredients and put them in the pot and then Jim will create the magic brew. "Soup from a stone! Fancy that."

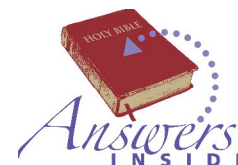


Fill the Back Packs with food for needy local children will be the theme for Wednesday's supper. Please come!

Extra Helpings Food Buying Program orders due March 9. See bulletin board for details. Save Money Now!



This church is offering a "Through the Bible in a Year" reading schedule whether you can attend the Friday, 4:30 pm women's group or not. Just ask for a copy. Please join your church family in this Spiritual Discipline.



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