



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

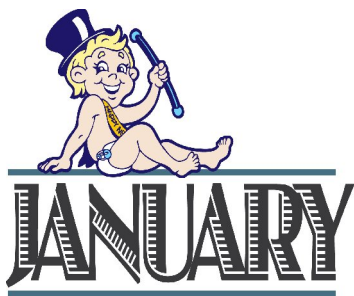
Praise Reports:

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)



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WEEKLY

Sermon: Stewardship of God's Creation: Our Universe; Our World

Scripture: Genesis 1:24-28; Luke 8:22-25

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Church Conference on Jan. 31
Keela Dates in Kenya until Jan. 21

This is the first of seven messages on Stewardship. (See the note on Page 2.) As our Stewardship Team reads through the book by Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler - Faith & Money - a recurring theme has to do with the relationship between the blessings we receive and the generosity we demonstrate. It is so easy to take things for granted - especially the most basic things like the air we breathe and the ground we stand on.

We begin our consideration of Stewardship with creation itself. Prior to Christian Faith, before there was human emotion - love, or sin - there was God creating. And creation is not only "good"; it reflects the very nature of God (Romans 1:20). One of the things we have to understand - this is not our world; it is God's. We don't own it; we are stewards of it. When God calls creation "good", God makes it holy ... This is holy ground! Our defining sacraments of baptism and eucharist use water, wine, wheat - things that are simple, basic, elemental.

To pollute the waters and compromise the air is to violate the Garden of which we are Stewards. It is to forget our role in creation. In violating creation we run the very real risk of setting ourselves up as idols.

We begin the challenging work of stating a Theology of Stewardship by considering first the beauty and holiness of all that is around us, and asking ourselves: What are we doing with the world God has given us?

-Rev. Mark Demers

Sermon Series

Stewardship – Gathering In; Letting Go...

Beginning today and for the following six Sundays, Pastor Mark will share messages on Stewardship:



1. Stewardship of God's Creation (Our Universe / World); [1/17]
2. Stewardship of Matter (Making "Stuff" Holy – The Sacraments); [1/24]
3. Stewardship of Time (Bringing Wisdom to the Rhythms of Work and Leisure); [1/31]
4. Stewardship of Our Communities (Our Civic Opportunities & Responsibilities); [2/7]
5. Stewardship of Our Relationships (St. Valentine's Day) [2/14]
6. Stewardship of Our Resources; (This is the Money One!) [2/21]
7. Stewardship of Our Faith; (First Sunday of Lent) [2/28]

When we think of Stewardship in the church we usually think first of money, and no one wants to hear about money in church. In their book *Faith and Money*, Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler say the following: The rules seem to be that the church should find a way to raise the budget without talking, teaching, preaching, writing, calling, or visiting about money.

In fact, Stewardship begins not with a plea for money, but with a worthy vision, a noble goal, a God-honoring dream with regard to what our world, our communities, our families, our church can become. This is all about what we are willing to receive, and how what is entrusted to us inspires us to be good stewards, generous toward God and each other. If it's only about money, then we'll miss the point; if it's truly about Stewardship, then we'll give until it feels good!

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:

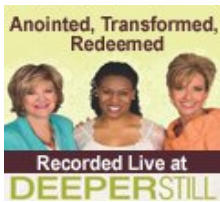
- Committed my life to Christ.
- Renewed my commitment to Christ.

I made a decision to...

Announcements



Please stop by the back corner of the Sanctuary or information table in Erdman Hall some Sunday for your digital Picture to be taken. We now have a photo directory which can be updated often. Call the church office if you would like a copy.



Plan NOW to attend this 6 week Bible Study for Women!

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David

Three acclaimed Bible teachers explore their lives and the life of David. You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them. These authors' messages are divided into three segments, two lessons each.

Each segment focuses on a different stage of David's life:

- As a young man, (by Priscilla Shiver)
- As a middle-aged man (by Beth Moore)
- As a man facing the final third of his life (by Kay Arthur)

Beginning February 9, 2010 –ending March 16, 2010

To be held on **Tuesdays** in the Conference Room of the Adirondack Community Church

Group 1 @ 2:00-3:45 pm

Group 2 @ 7:00-8:45 pm

Call the church office to register!



American Red Cross Blood Mobile

Monday, January 18, 2009, 1 PM to 6 PM
Crowne Plaza, 1 Olympic Drive,
Lake Placid, Banquet Room

Call 1 800 GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday –January 17..Pledge Sunday

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room
10:00 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Nursery Provided)
10:30 AM Children's Church
Noon-1 PM Children's Ministry Team Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Group Bible Study or 9th-12th grade Girls's Group
6:00 PM Love Feast (Dinner)
6:45 PM Home Group at Claire & Phil's 523-3559
7:00 PM The Forum (Worship Service)
Monday-January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Church Office Closed
7:00 PM Ecu. Charity Program Meeting, Todd R

Tuesday– January 19

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall
6:00 PM CORE, High School Youth Group
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
7:00 PM 20's/30's Group, parsonage
8:00 PM PHI, High School Philosophy Group with Dan Saulpaugh and Jason Scull

Wednesday–January 20

2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
7:00 PM Emergence Team Meeting
Thursday–January 21
Keela Dates returns from Kenya
8:45 AM Clergy Meeting, LPBC
3:00 PM 12 Stones Meeting, Youth Room
5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal

Friday– January 22

9:00 AM Staff Meeting



January 31 at Noon with a Potluck Luncheon

Birthdays



This week:

01/17 Jahnee Huber, Dorothy Schiller
01/19 Scott Wolcott
01/20 Alan Beideck, Kimberly Gray
01/22 Jillian Barile, Kim Rath, Taylor Reid
01/23 Will Larzelere

Next Week:

01/24 Warren & Samantha Clark, Joshua Taylor, John Lansing
01/26 Carol Hoffman
01/27 Steve Eldred, Sean Mendez,
01/28 Christopher Hathaway, Emma Clark



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Don Duso who passed away last Sunday. His service was held on Thursday, Jan. 14. He will be missed.

Scripture Readings:

January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Cor. 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 24

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Cor. 12:12-13a
Luke 4:14-21

Read the Bible every day!



"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

Human Relations Day - January 17, 2010 Sunday, January 17 is Human Relations Day, one of the six church-wide special Sundays in The United Methodist Church. The offering on this Special Sunday strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico and encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please find envelopes in this bulletin.



Our Christmas Eve offering totaled: \$2,234.

- Half will go to the Children/Youth Ministry here at ACC
- Half will go to Jambo Jipya School in Kenya, Africa.

Many thanks to those who gave!



Please return a pledge card on

January 17, 2010!

Haiti Relief through our United Methodist Denomination
 United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti. The strong ties between the Methodist Church of Haiti and The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helped in facilitating the opening of the UMCOR Haiti field office in 2005. 100 percent of Advance gifts made will go to support relief and development efforts due to emergencies in Haiti. Please make out your check to ACC & memo it for **Advance: 418325**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 24-30



January 2010



MEMBERSHIP



Matters

Membership Matters! We are always in the process of auditing and updating our Church Membership Records. There are many names without contact information. See Claire, the Church Secretary, or call the church office at 523-3753. We need your help to get our records in order. New Members will be celebrated at the Jan. 31 Annual Church Conference. Speak to Pastor Mark or Claire and Sign up now!

Nursery will be open every Sunday during the 10:30am Service for children birth-5 years of age!

Core, the new High School Youth Group will be on Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm with Kaysie Brych & Lee Kyler as leaders.

Phi, High School Philosophy Group, will meet on Tuesdays, 8pm in The Shack Youth Room with Dan Saulpaugh & Jason Scull.

Big City Studio, children's church will reopen on Jan. 17, 10:30 am. Meet in the Sanctuary first.

Sunday evening, Jan. 17

5:00-6:00 High School Youth Group has a choice of attending a group Bible Study or...

For the girls, attending a Girls Group with Kaysie Brych

6:00-7:00 Love Feast

(Traditional John Wesley Meal for EVERYBODY)

7:00 -8:15 The Forum (Worship Service)

Collision-Middle School, 6th-8th Graders, meets every 4th Sunday of the month, 7-8:15pm. Food, Games, Music & Fun. Jan. 24 is the next meeting with leaders Jen Scull, Lee Kyler & Kaysie Brych.