

### 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 *Prayer Works*



**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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Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: July 12 & 13 2008

# WEEKLY

Adirondack Community Church



**Sermon Title:** "Blessings Sold; Blessings Stolen"

**Scripture:** Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1-29

Rebekah showed up on the scene in last week's readings as a remarkably submissive woman. She had the gift of joyful service, generosity, and faith in the process that led up to her marriage to Isaac. Have you ever known a woman to change once she becomes a mother? For those who are married, we might recognize it in our wives if we choose to have children. We might notice it in relatives, neighbors. When she became a mother, Rebekah manifested qualities not seen in her before. As we get to know another side of her today, a question looms: *What are we willing to risk to experience the blessing of God?*

The story we read today shows us two brothers - Rebekah's sons - two very different people - one who values "blessing" in a way that is casual at best, cavalier at worst; and another who will risk *everything* in order to obtain it. As the boys posture for the blessing, their mother is right there in the middle of it!

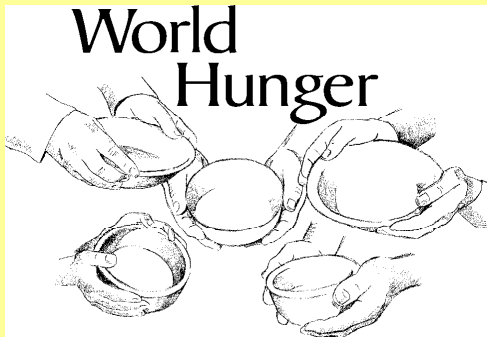
-Pastor Mark Demers

### Feeding Refugees

The plight of 11 million refugees, 22 million internally displaced people, and as many as 60 million migrants across the globe poses an immense human challenge to host nations and their churches. How have the United Methodist Church Members responded? The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) reaches out to refugees around the globe in need of food, health care and shelter and a means to earn a survival living. The July **Hunger SOS ~ Food for thought program on Wed., July 30** will look at one particular response to displacement in South Africa, a country that has been a refuge for Africans fleeing conflict and other forms of political persecution. In recent months, the poor and hungry of South Africa have violently reacted to African foreigners, displacing thousands to camps and churches willing to shelter them in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria.

Come and learn about how we can help feed thousands of displaced persons, most of whom are Zimbabweans who sought refuge and security in the 3 largest cities of South Africa. Come and learn how Christians around the globe can connect together to meet human need and be in mission to feed the hungry. Come and learn that along with food, our gift to **UMCOR** will accompany the provision of clothing, health care, skills training to enable the displaced to begin earning an income in their new setting and special attention to the needs of women, children and orphans.

-Carol Van Gorp



“Sharing God’s Love In All We Do”

### 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:

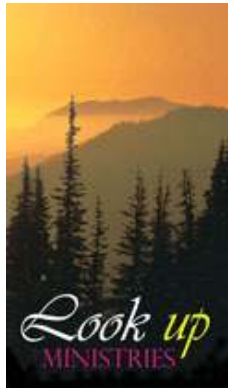
I'd like to learn more about:

- 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...



**Christian Family Rally!**

**What:** Music, Crafts & Refreshments...all for FREE

**Why:** An excellent fellowship opportunity to share testimonies in word and song about what the Lord is doing throughout our region. Come celebrate!

**Who:** Men, Women & Children from all over the North Country, from many towns and many denominations. Let's all come together in unity and praise God.

**When:** Friday, July 18, 2008, 5:00-7:00 PM

**Where:** Front Lawn of the Adirondack Community Church

We welcome **Art Summers** as our new Pastor for Children, Youth, and Young Adults!

He and his wife Erin and baby, Emma are working hard on moving here from Kansas. They hope to be here before Vacation Bible School opens in August.



**August Extra Helpings Program**

Menu on the Bulletin Board in Narthex

Place orders by Wednesday, August 9, pick up on August 27. Remember that for every order placed the local Food Pantry gets 50 cents.

Call Carol Pinney at 523-1791, X 2.

**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 –July 13**

- 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 with Nursery Provided

**Tuesday– July 15**

- 6:45 AM Men’s Breakfast, Erdman Hall
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
- 7:00 PM LAMBS at L.P. Library
- 7:00 PM 20’s/30’s Group at Parsonage, 66 Acorn St.

**Wed. –July 16**

- 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
- 4:30 PM “Flab U Less” Girls Group in Todd Room
- 6:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday—July 17**

Pastor Mark’s 13th Annv.here.

**Friday—July 18**

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Look Up Rally

**Saturday– July 19**

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday—July 20 is Ironman USA In Lake Placid.

Church services will be held as scheduled. Please approach church from up-town or take the Trolley.

**Birthdays**

**This week:**

- 07/16 Beatrice Schachenmayr
- 07/19 Marion Daby
- 07/19 Krissa Miller

**Next Week:**

- 07/20 Sarah Warner, Linda Jones, Kim Daby
- 07/21 Sybil Bath
- 07/22 Thomas Grady
- 07/23 Haile Thompson, Adrienne Oliveras
- 07/26 Ellen Beideck



**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:**

**July 13**

- Genesis 25:19-34
- Psalms 119:105-112
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**July 20**

- Genesis 28:10-19a
- Psalms 139:1-12,23-24
- Romans 8:12-25
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

### Swastikas – What do they mean?



**Swastikas** are associated with the brutality of the Nazis and the horrors of the Holocaust. In ancient times (and still in Buddhist and Hindu cultures) this symbol represented life, sun, power, strength, good fortune. The swastika is one of the most ancient forms of the cross, and though there is much speculation as to its origin, no one is sure where it came from. The word *swastika* is derived from the Sanskrit – *sv* = "good"; *asti* = "to be", or "it is". The symbol was first discovered in North America on stone, shell and metal ornaments at archeological sites in Tennessee, Georgia and Ohio. It is often found on Navaho weavings and Pueblo pottery. It was also used as decorative imagery on ceremonial objects and garments of the Kickapoo, Sac, Potawatomi and Iowa people. For the Mohawks, the swastika, or its reversed version, called a *sauvistika*, symbolizes the North Star. Since WWII, the symbol has disappeared from most Native art.

(This is taken from an article by Mary Ahenakew, a member of the Cherokee Nation.)

## Vacation Bible School...



**Everyone is invited to a Special Workshop on Thursday, July 24 Church will be open from 4-8pm. Pizza provided! Come for a few minutes anytime during the workshop to help us prepare for VBS. "Many hands make light work."**

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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## 20's/30's Somethings...

**FOOD - Yup, FOOD:** Tuesday evenings some people in their 20's and 30's have been getting together to talk about God, money, the Bible, *A New Earth*, Jesus, the cross, miracles, Saturday Night Live re-runs, sliding into base even though you know you are going to be out by a mile. Every now and then someone says: "You know, I've never told this to anyone . . ." That really gets our attention. **This coming Tuesday we are meeting at 6:30** (It's OK to come late if you have to) - we'll grill some burgers and dogs - somebody is bringing vegetables. There will be a minimum amount of soda - some, but not a lot. Lemonade, water, juice. For dessert we're having ketchup. If you are in your 20's, 30's, or you are Nip, we hope you'll join us! 66 Acorn Street.

We'll keep the Light on for ya'!

