

### 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

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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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Someone told me: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: June 21 & 22 2008



Adirondack Community Church

**Sermon Title: " Who Increases? Who Decides"**

**Scripture: Genesis 21:1-3. 8-21**

There are some stories in the Bible that leave us wondering about the love or justice of God. For example, the story of the great flood in which every living person and animal was destroyed save Noah and his family . . . Some have asked: What about the children? Surely they must have been innocent!

Today we encounter another such story - that of Hagar and her son, Ishmael, being cast out of their home and sent into the wilderness. While the story ultimately turns out OK for them, it is still unsettling to picture them in the desert, running out of water, and the boy and mother crying. Is there any reason why God waits for them to be so distraught before coming to their aid? And what about the justice of Sarah's actions, with her husband going along?

It's a tough story . . . but then, the Bible is filled with "tough" stories. They are tough because they are real, and today we are going to take a closer look at this one!

-Pastor Mark Demers



What Condition . . .

One of the most gut-wrenching photos I have ever seen is of a mother in Africa having to decide which of her children she was going to leave behind while she walked miles for food and water that would keep her - and the two she could carry - alive. As we listen to the story today of Hagar, Ishmael, Sarah, Isaac and Abraham, we might realize the scene from Africa is a replay of an ancient dilemma.

Thirteen years ago the first of the *Left Behind* series hit the bookstores. Regardless of one's personal opinion regarding the theological presuppositions of the stories, the series succeeded in causing many to ponder: *What condition am I in?*

When Jesus sent out the disciples he sent them to *the lost sheep of Israel* (Matthew 10:6). Jesus did an assessment of the condition of people, and came to the conclusion that many were "lost". In Greek, that word is actually a composite of two words - *apo* - which means separate from; and *olethros*, which means to destroy. The implication is clear: to be separate from God and from Community will result in our destruction! That is what the Bible means by "lost".

What condition are you in? Jesus came because God loves the world - that includes pretty much everyone! Are you a "desert island" kind of person? Are you trying to make it apart from God, apart from community? You do not have to be alone! Let Pastor Ingrid visit you; let our Healing Team pray for you; participate in one of the many studies or fellowship groups; volunteer in a ministry area. If you are not sure how to get started, call our church office and speak with Claire or myself.

Whatever your condition, you don't have to be separate from God *or* from your church family. The African mother pondering which children to take and which to leave - that is not what God has in mind! Jesus came for you; this church is here for you as well!



God bless you.

Mark

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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...

**Jesus said, "You Feed Them!"  
Mark 6:37**



**Homemade Soup & Bread Supper  
Adirondack Community Church,  
Lake Placid  
June 25, 2008**

**5:30 pm, Erdman Hall**

**To benefit: Jambo Jipya School in Kenya  
Suggested donation: \$10 person or  
\$25 Family**

**July Extra Helpings Program**

Menu on the Bulletin Board in Narthex

Place orders by Wednesday, July 9, pick up on July 23.

Remember that for every order placed the local Food Pantry gets 50 cents.

Call Carol Pinney at 523-1791, X 2.

**Flab U Less Girls/** A weight loss program for young women ages 16 and up.



Wednesdays @ 4:30pm in the Todd Room.

FREE.

Contact: Nancy Corwin, 524-0841 or Kim Gray, 524-0205

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

**This Week at ACC**

**Sunday –June 22**

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

10:30 AM Sunday School

**Monday-June 23**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

**Tuesday– June 24**

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. –June 25**

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

5:30 PM Hunger SOS Supper

7:30 PM Baccalaureate Service

**Thursday—June 26**

5:00 PM Bellotti/Napoleon Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 PM The North Country Needs Jesus Prayer Group

**Friday—June 27**

4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study, Call 523-9263

5:00 PM Bellotti/Napoleon Wedding

7:15 PM Home group

**Saturday– June 28**

5:00 PM Worship Service



**Birthdays**

**This week:**

06/23 Susan Tehon, Jessica Lieberth

06/26 Liz Allen, Drew Maiorca

06/27 Nancy Corwin, Rachel VanHuizen  
Emily Barney

**Next Week:**

06/30 Mickey Lansing

07/01 Spencer Hoffman

07/02 Connie Preston,  
Bob Brown, Marne Timon

07/03 Dalene Chick

07/05 Ed Gardner

**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:**

**June 22**

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

**June 27**

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Non-perishable Food Donations may be dropped off to the Food Pantry anytime. Perishable items, 9-Noon on Fridays. St. Agnes Church Basement.



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

**How many Indians lived here when Columbus arrived?**

We can't know the answer to that question for certain. The earliest estimate of the number of indigenous people was made in 1910 by James Mooney – he believed there were 1.15 million people living north of Mexico in America in 1491. Most scholars now believe this number to be far too low.

One of the reasons for the low estimate may have to do with the fact that many of the European settlers found few native people when they arrived. In 1966 Henry F. Dobyns pieced together the devastating effect disease had on the indigenous peoples. Small-pox wiped out more than half the Inka empire. As natives were infected, they carried disease with them to villages never visited by whites. Dobyns estimates that 95% of the native population were wiped out in the first 130 years after initial contact with white settlers.

Some scholars put the number of native peoples in North America at 18 million when Columbus arrived. Others estimate the native population of the Western Hemisphere to be somewhere between 75 and 90 million.

Here is what we *do* know: at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the native population in the United States was about 250,000. Today it is about 4.1 million. The presence of European settlers on lands where no one had previously settled may be less because there had never been people there, and more because the native people had been decimated by disease.

(Information for this article is taken from the research of Stephanie Betancourt – a Seneca.)



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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**Baccalaureate Service**

Lake Placid High School

Class of 2008

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Adirondack Community Church

7:30 PM

