



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

Blank lines for prayer requests.

Praise Reports:

Blank lines for 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.

Blank lines for missing people.

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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May 3 2009

WEEKLY

Sermon: "Slow Fade"
Scripture: John 10:11-18

"An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason" C.S. Lewis

Do we really have free-will? Many naturalists would argue that we are subject to the laws of nature via the law of cause and effect. If we are predestined in life then how does free will fit in to this? What about the source of preconceived "bad choices?" Is there really a DEVIL? Or did we create him to mask our responsibility of choices made? What about God? Does he exist? If God does exist then why do people suffer and why did that baby die in Texas over the week from the swine flu?



We all have been faced with these questions concerning God. These are tough questions and sometimes we "punt", we say stuff like "The Bible says so!" or "I just have Faith!" or my two favorites; the "Devil made me do it!" and "It's God's will" Really? It's God's will that women are raped, abused, and left to raise their children alone? Is it God's will that we as a world are "addicted" to religious superiority? What about personally? Is it

God's will that 47% of Christian Men have a pornography problem? I am SURE that its God's will that you can't put down the bottle, joint, or obsession with money. Let's tag divorce on God's will list as well, why not? We are all guilty of these at times in our life. We think "Surely, it's not ME?"

"Everyone believes himself a priori to be perfectly free, even in his individual actions, and thinks that at every moment he can commence another manner of life. ... But a posteriori, through experience, he finds to his astonishment that he is not free, but subjected to necessity, that in spite of all his resolutions and reflections he does not change his conduct, and that from the beginning of his life to the end of it, he must carry out the very character which he himself condemns...." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Schopenhauer

This might hurt a little but the reason you are where you are at right now is because you made ALL choices before this moment and you will make all choices after this moment. Nobody forces you to do anything. We must stop blaming others for OUR choices and take responsibility for our "junk." This is a mountain to climb, but do yourself, your spouse, and your kids a favor-Stop fading and start claiming. Claim your actions, Claim your wife, Claim your family, and most importantly claim back the fruits of the Spirit. A new day is only a breath away. So let us ALL become aware of ourselves and stop pointing the finger at the conditions of living, some don't have that luxury. Praise God that YOU do!

-Art Summers

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

From Pastor Ingrid Johnson

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I am very grateful to the Lord how He helped us all through the past months. Not only was the winter long and cold but difficult for many. Very serious prayer requests came in Sunday by Sunday and throughout the weeks regarding physical, emotional and financial needs. And somehow, our gracious Lord provided, comforted and strengthened us. Spring is here, hallelujah!

Yes, HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE?



Upcoming events:

A four week **Bereavement Support Group** for the month of May. Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the church, Todd room

Who should come?

Anyone who has lost a loved one either recently or within the last few years.

Why?

Grief hurts and isolates. Grief affects our whole being. Grief will not go away by ignoring it. Grief interferes with our daily activities – it robs us of sleep, energy, and the ability to make plans, think clearly and use good judgment.

If you or anyone else you know relate to this, COME TO THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP!

What can you expect?

-Support, understanding and guidance

-Education about your grief process

-Tools to use when you are hurting

If you are interested call me before May 6, at 891-7428

We are also planning a luncheon on May 30, for the adults of our church.

Once more, praise be to God and Art Summers, we now have a strong youth and adult ministry. What a blessing!

It is our desire to now concentrate our efforts toward the adults to get us **all** mobilized for the cause of Christ.

Why? Because we the adults have a great reservoir of experience, expertise and gifts to offer to God.

How can we sit still and let the youth do it all? It is time for us to get up and join hands!

Secondly – Let us support one another, talk about issues, pray for each other and enjoy the fellowship. Question: How often?

EVERY ADULT IS STRONGLY URGED TO MAKE TIME TO COME!

We will have lunch with a discussion to follow.

Pastor Ingrid

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...

May Extra Helpings Menu: \$21

- 2 lb. Box Angus Beef Patties
- 3 lb. Bag IQF Boneless Chicken Breast
- 4 (6 oz.) Chicken Cordon Blue
- 1 lb. All Beef Hot Dogs
- 1 lb. Fresh Strawberries
- 5 lb. Bag Potatoes

Special #1: \$12.50

- 5 lb. Box Boneless Country Style Spare Ribs

Special # 2: \$18.00

- 10 lb. Bag Fresh Boneless / Skinless Chicken Breast

Meat Box: \$32.00

- 3 lbs. Boneless Spare Ribs
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steak
- 3 lbs. 80/20 Beef Patties (4/4 oz. per lb.)
- 3 lbs. Chicken Tenders (2/1.5lbs.)
- 2 lbs. Maple Flavored Breakfast Sausage Links



Prepaid Orders will be accepted through **Saturday, May 9, 2009:**

Sr. Center, North Elba Town Hall,
10:00 to 1:30,
Monday-Friday

Mail: Extra Helpings,
c/o ECP,
P.O. Box 1475,
Lake Placid, NY
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Food Pantry, St. Agnes Church, Fridays 9am-12 noon

Thrift Shop, George & Bliss Lane, Lake Placid, Wed-Sat 10-2 pm

For further information, please call Carol Pinney at 523-1791, x 2

To order and receive delivery in **Wilmington**, contact Don Morrison at 946-7192
Saranac Lake, contact Shirley Allen at 891-2717

DELIVERY
May 27, 2009
Lake Placid Baptist Church
9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Weekly Calendar

Sunday – May 3

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room, "Yeda" 5th-8th Graders Bible Study
- 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM Fellowship Time
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Nursery Provided) Children's Church & Critterland
- Noon Childen's/Youth volunteer Training
- 1:00 PM "Covenant" Rehearsal
- 6:45 PM Home Group at Skeels

Tuesday – May 5

- 6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall
- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Todd Room
- 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 – May 6

- 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
- 6:30PM – 9:00 PM High School Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Bereavement Group, Todd Room

Thursday – May 7

- National Day of Prayer**
- 9:45 AM Communion at The Greenwood with Pastor Ingrid Johnson
- 5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal

Friday – May 8

- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Youth Room Open
- 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Skating Club of LP Dinner, Erdman Hall
- 4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study Group, 523-9263
- 5:00 PM Withee/Geckler Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday – May 9

- 2:00 PM Withee/Geckler Wedding
- 5:00 PM Worship Service



Birthdays Happy Birthday!

- This week:
- 05/03 Cole Jacques
 - 05/04 Rose Boyce
 - 05/05 Janice Thomas, Tim Corwin
 - 05/06 Jennifer Reid, Danielle Balestrini
- Next Week:
- 05/10 Mark Demers, Julianna Matos
 - 05/12 Barbara Lamb
 - 05/13 Maureen Skeels, Ian McMullen, Blake Hart
 - 05/14 Ingrid Johnson, Patti Skeels
 - 05/15 Eleanor Lamoy
 - 05/16 Arianna Williams

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Church Library

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

Visit our Library New Youth Library in the Youth Room

Open every day, 8am-8pm.

Lectionary Scripture Readings:

May 3

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalms 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

May 10

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalms 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8



This is the 52nd article on Native Americans published in the Weekly & completes our year long focus on this people group. We thank the Mission Team & Pastor Mark Demers for providing this information.

Native Americans – Our Neighbors; Our Friends ...

Some would find it hard to believe the extent to which the United States went to deny and deprive the Native People of basic human rights – and this in a country founded on these same rights. One of the most troubling areas in which this “denial” of rights occurred was in the expression of their religious and spiritual beliefs. And at the heart of the struggle is this simple reality: Native American and EuroAmerican world views are different not only in content, but in essence. An example: Native Americans would not make a distinction between “settled land” and “wilderness”.* And when we think about it, the distinction is dangerous. Does one category of land deserve more reverence and respect than the other? The tensions between the world views is contemporary – Deloria’s article (see below) is about Supreme Court Decisions as recent as 1988 and 1990. Words spoken by Sagoyewatha, a Seneca Leader – to a Boston missionary two centuries ago are still true today: *Brother, our seats*



*were once large, and yours were very small; you have now become a great people, and we have scarcely left a place to spread our blankets; you have got our country, but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion upon us ... Brother! We do not wish to destroy your religion, or take it from you. We only want to enjoy our own.***

This is the last - the 52nd – article in our *Weekly* on Native American tradition, culture, practice and stereotypes. Most of the articles have been taken from **Do All Indians Live in Tipis?** – a publication of the *National Museum of the American Indian*. We hope you have read, studied, learned – and grown in your appreciation for the history, traditions and struggles of the Native People who are our neighbors.

(*See article in *The State of Native America – Genocide, Colonization, and Resistance* – The article by Vine Deloria, Jr – *Trouble in High Places*. **From *The Native American Sweat Lodge*, by Joseph Bruchac; Page 25-28.)

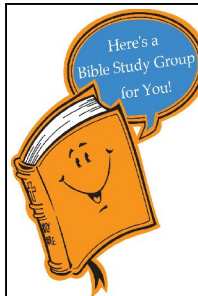


Announcements



Pastor Mark Demers will be away until May 19. He and Jan are visiting family in Switzerland then Pastor Mark is going to make his annual trek bringing his parents from Florida to Vermont.

May 2 & 3: Art Summers
 May 9 & 10: Ingrid Johnson
 May 16 & 17: Peter Johnson



What's old is NEW again! We are starting up a New 10am-11am **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** based on how we did it 12 years ago. No homework, no workbooks, no cost...come & go as your schedule permits. Here is how it will work: We open in prayer, read Radio Bible Club topical booklets for a few minutes, stopping and starting as questions are discussed, then close at the end of the hour. Elevator available to the Todd Room. Our first meeting will be held on **May 5** and the first booklet we will read is “Why Did Christ Have To Die?” If you have little ones that need nursery care, please let the church office know, 523-3753. If this time works for you, please come out and support this new group.



National Day of Prayer

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Thursday, May 7, 2009

Please take time for a special time of Prayer.

Visit: www.ndprtf.org

New Bereavement Group:

Rev. Ingrid Johnson will hold 4 Group Sessions
 Wednesdays, **May 6, 13, 20, & 27**
 7 PM Todd Room

For more info: 523-3753, ext. 4 or chaping1@aol.com



The Missions Team is inviting you to a “Share Market” where you can bring your unused/unwanted items and give them to others for FREE. At the same time, you may find something you need or want!

May 16, 2009 10:30am–2 pm.
 Erdman Hall, Contact anyone on the Missions Team

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