

### 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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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.

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**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)



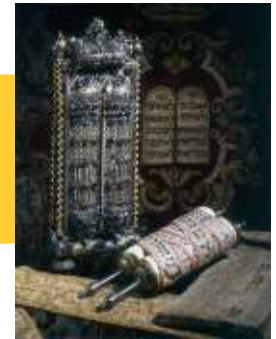
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"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

Date: October 4 & 5 2008

# WEEKLY

Adirondack Community Church



Sermon Title: **"A Fail-Safe, Low-Cost Bailout"**

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

What could possibly go wrong? *Everything.* Things go wrong. They break. They wear out. They let you down. And the more you come to depend on them, the more anxious we can become about their reliability. When things go wrong, whose responsibility is it to fix them? *Everyone's.* Creation is symbiotic - everything and everyone has an impact on everything and everyone else. There is no such thing as "isolation" in our world. *People break down.* When burdens become too heavy our spirit begins to sag under the weight of it all. Whether it's our families or our jobs, sometimes the responsibility and expectations are exhausting.

Sometimes we get to the point where we start looking for an exit, an escape - both the rationalization *and* the means to get out from underneath it all. Perhaps if we move . . . or resign . . . or change churches . . . or get a divorce . . . or win the lottery. Maybe it would get better if we prayed . . . received a miracle . . . became more "spiritual" . . . started going to church regularly. Another drink - *that's* what I need! A new prescription . . . a hobby . . . a vacation.

It's all going wrong, and it's everyone's fault but my own. Somebody has to bail me out! *Won't someone bail me out?*

- Pastor Mark Demers

Think how different life would be if we could see into the future. We could know what investments to make, how our favorite sports teams were going to do and what our kids were going to turn out to be. If you think about this for a minute it seems to me that if this were the case, we would become passengers sitting back and letting life happen.

When someone asked what we were doing tomorrow, we might respond by saying "Well, I'll shop tomorrow. I'll spend \$124.93 and buy 2 pair of pants and a blue shirt. I'll see George and he'll tell me about his kids....." How boring. Life's mysteries would not be mysteries at all. Isn't it great that we

have this uncertainty and that we have the ability to try and shape the future. I think this is a good thing in that God doesn't reveal all to us so we can be challenged, surprised and grateful.

We are just starting to think about how we can shape the future of our Church.

Each of the ministries are going to be looking at what we would like to be 5 or 10 years down the road and how we may to plan for the physical assets we have may need to change to service those future needs. This is not an easy process. It is hard to tell the future and so many things can change along the way. We will need to put plans in place that are focused enough to give direction yet flexible enough to be able to shift as the needs become clearer. Please be a participant as we begin this journey.



*Planning for the Future*

- 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...

**Special Offering:**

**World Communion Sunday**, the first Sunday in October, supports Crusade Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. "I can't be thankful enough," said an international student. "The Crusade Scholarship is exactly what the church needs to fulfill its global mission. It empowers people so they can empower others. I could not do without it." Please find envelopes in this "Weekly".



*A Special Charge Conference* will be held on October 9 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. It will be for one purpose, to elect a Permanent Endowment Fund Committee.

The regular monthly Church Council Meeting will follow.

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Day of Remembrance, Oct. 7, 11:30-12:30pm  
Essex County Government Center Courtyard, E'Town.

*"Mourning those who have died; Celebrating those who have survived; and Unifying those who support victims."*



**Coming to Vermont!**

One night of teaching with Beth Moore  
at Champlain Valley Exposition Center  
Essex Jct., Vermont  
**October 13, 2008**  
Doors Open at 6 PM  
Conference 7 PM—9:15 PM  
Pre-register Now!  
Online at

www.LifeWay.com/events or call 800.254.2022

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

**This Week at ACC**

**Sunday—October 5**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Service
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room, Parent's Group, Conf. Room, 5th-8th Graders, Youth Room
- 9:45 AM—10:30 AM Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Nursery Provided)
- 10:30 AM Children Sunday School
- Noon—Nursery Workers Meeting

**Tuesday—October 7**

- 6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erd. Hall
- 6:15 PM SPRC Meeting
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts/Erd. Hall
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548
- 7:00 PM 20's/30's Group

**Wednesday—October 8**

- 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
- 4:30 PM "FlabULess Girls", Todd Room
- 6:00 PM Youth Group "Collision" Dinner
- 7:00 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Com. Meeting

**Thursday—October 9**

- 5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Reh.
- 6:30 PM Charge Conf./Ch. Council

**Friday—October 10**

- 4:30 PM Ladies Bible study, 523-9263
- 7:15 PM Home Group, 523-3096

**Saturday—October 11**

- 5:00 PM Worship Service

**Birthdays**

**This week:**

- 10/08 Jennifer Scull
- 10/09 Millie Williams
- 10/11 Danielle VanNess

**Next Week:**

- 10/12 Taylor Barney
- 10/13 Destinee Summers
- 10/15 Janet Edwards, Ashleah Mayberry
- 10/16 Debbie Frizzell, Harriet Lawrence
- 10/18 C.J. Roberts, Ally Wallace



**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:**

**October 5**

- Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
- Psalms 19
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

**October 12**

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

*Read the Bible every day!*

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

### What is the “Indian Nickel”?

“In 1911 the sculptor James Earle Fraser was asked to design a replacement for the Liberty Head nickel. Fraser’s goal was



to create a coin that could not be confused with the currency of any other country, one that truly symbolized America.” So writes Mary Ahenakew. Fraser could think of no

motif more American than the American buffalo and Indian. The Indian nickel was issued on March 4, 1913. When the coin was retired in 1938 more than 1.2 billion Indian nickels had been in circulation. The Indian is actually a composite of three Plains Indians: Iron Tail (Sioux), Big Tree (Kiowa), and Two Moons (Cheyenne). Fraser had photographed the three men and did his drawing from their photos. The buffalo on the coin is the image of an animal housed at the Bronx Zoo – “. . . the contrariest animal in the zoo . . .” writes Fraser.

(This information is taken from an article by Mary Ahenakew, a member of the Cherokee People, and contained in the book: **Do All Indians Live in Tipis?** )



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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## Sunday Morning Happenings

- 9:00 AM **Traditional Worship Service** with Organ Music in Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Adult Bible Study**, Todd Room, “The Jesus I Never Knew”  
Video Series by Philip Yancy. Jan Demers, facilitator
- 9:00 AM **Parent’s Group**, “HomeBuilders”, learning to nurture character in their children, God’s way. Conference Room
- 9:00 AM **Bible Study**. “Yeda” Group for 5th-8th Graders, Youth Room
- 9:55 AM –10:30 AM **Fellowship time** in Sanctuary with refreshments
- 10:30 AM **Contemporary Worship Service**  
(Staffed Nursery Provided in Educational Wing)
- 10:30 AM *SonWorld, Passport to Adventure* **Children’s Sunday School**,  
For children, birth—4th Graders. Educational Wing.

Call the church office to arrange transportation, 523-3753