



**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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**WEEKLY**

**Sermon Title: "Mark's Centerpiece"**  
**Scriptures:** Isaiah 50:4-9a, Mark 8:27-38

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There are a lot of ethical teachings in the Christian Testament. There are a lot of good lines, memorable sayings - even if you don't agree with them. Things like: Don't worry about tomorrow; each day has enough trouble of its own. And Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their is the kingdom of heaven. What about: Love your enemies. Maybe the most memorable lines - and the most oft repeated from the Christian Testament are the ones that begin: Our Father in heaven ... Even people who never go to church seem to be able to quote that one.

You Are Welcome Here!



But when it's all been said and done, the Christian Testament is not about the words that were recorded. It is about the **Word** who has come. Mark's gospel, the earliest of the four so far as we know, puts Jesus squarely at the center of his story. Not only is Jesus the central character; the question: Who do you say I am? is the centerpiece of the text itself. It comes to us -- and at us - in the very middle of Mark's account.

Support  
**The Forum**  
 Saturday Evening  
 Ministry

Saturdays  
 6:00 PM  
 Erdman Hall

Free Coffee &  
 Great Place for  
 Conversation

Everything that precedes this chapter leads up to it; and everything that follows is commentary on it. We are ultimately left not with the question of whether we believe Mark's story or not, but rather - the central questions is this: Who do you say Jesus is? St. Mark will bear witness to his faith in the gospel; it's for us to bear witness to ours in response to the question. Amazing, isn't it, that in the final analysis the core of the Christian message is not about ethics or ideas or morality or what we have to do. It really all boils down to who we believe Jesus to be.  
 - Rev. Mark Demers

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

## Custodian's Comments

Summer is drawing to a close. Finally, the flowers bordering the walk are in full bloom as they should be at this time of year, providing we don't get a killing frost. We hope that one or two more mowings of the lawn will be all we have to do this season. We can expect the next big job, which will be the raking of the leaves, which should occur by the end of October (if we don't have a snowfall that covers them before they're raked).

We finally have a new replacement steam boiler installed. The only thing left to put it into operation is some minor parts that are on order. The Hyde's Fuel company invoice (\$8838.93) was submitted to the insurance company, minus our \$1,000 deductible.

However, when Hyde's wanted to repair the leak in the condensate pump which returns the condensate water to the steam boiler, they found that the pump was so corroded inside on the shaft that we needed a new pump. This will cost us approximately \$900.00, which the insurance company considers to be "normal wear and tear" on equipment.



Hyde's Fuel has been very good to us throughout this whole ordeal by donating the labor and providing us with new equipment at cost. This includes the new pump on the condensate tank. The other bid that was submitted was two and a half times what Hyde's charged us.

Since we installed the NCC Systems low temperature alert and connected our fire alarm into that system, we have had frequent false alarms at all hours and numerous replacement of faulty parts, which is not the fault of NCC, in my opinion, but it sure added up to hundreds of dollars of invoices received. Maybe installing the low temperature alert was unnecessary. Instead, we could have set the thermometers higher, but at that point, fuel oil was so expensive, we were trying to conserve. Where the pipe was it was destined to break due to the fact that it was completely against the outside wall with no insulation whatsoever. Brian fixed it in that area since he had to replace the entire ceiling, but we do not know what things look like in the rest of the walls in Erdman Hall.

This job has its ups and downs, since we never know what to expect to happen in this building.

—Dale & Sybil Bath

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:



**WELCOME**  
*Everyone!*

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...

**"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"**



## UpComing Meetings/Events

Mark your calendars!

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| Sept. 14 | Church Council Meeting, 7 PM  |
| Sept. 16 | Membership/Nominations Team Meeting, 7:15am, HoJo's.  |
| Sept. 17 | "Esther" Bible Study begins in Jay, 523-3753 for carpooling   |
| Sept. 19 | Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 8:00-2:30<br>Open Mic & Poetry Reading, 7 PM, Erdman Hall                               |
| Sept. 21 | Ecumenical Charity Program Meeting, 7 PM, Todd Room   |
| Sept. 23 | See You At The Pole, 7 AM (Adults meet at Town Hall)<br>Helping Hands Thrift Shop reopens for Fall Season, 10am-2 |
| Sept. 24 | Prayer Group, 7pm, Todd Room  |
| Sept. 27 | Troy Conference Missions Speaker at 10:30am Service   |
| Sept. 30 | SOS~Food for Thought Supper, Erdman Hall, 5:30 pm   |
| Oct. 3   | Free Workshop to learn FACEBOOK, 1-3pm, Conf. Room  |
| Oct. 6   | Church Conference, High Peaks Resort, 7-9 PM  |
| Oct. 11  | Teen Challenge Choir at 10:30 AM Service/Potluck  |



### What promises of God do you struggle to believe?

- That He cares for you more than the sparrows (Matt. 6:26) and will turn all things to your good (Rom. 8:28)?
- That He will not abandon you (Heb. 13:5)?
- That He will one day come again in glory to claim His own (1 Thess. 4:13-18)?

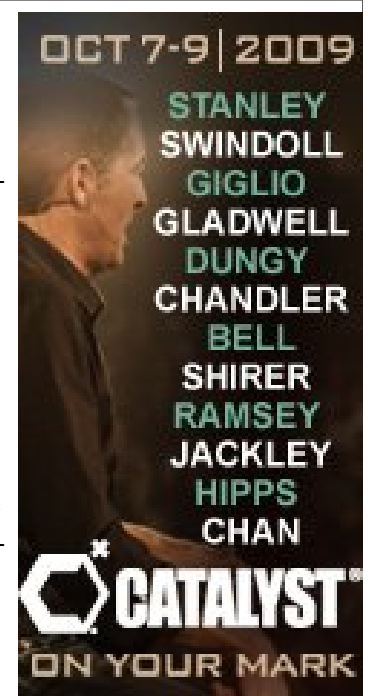
Take a hard, honest look at your own heart today to see where you might not be trusting in God's word of promise. Ask Him for forgiveness and for the grace to start living with trust in His faithfulness.

-Taken from "Today in the Word"

## CATALYST

We are excited about what Jesus is doing in our Church! We have had a blessing of many new brothers and sisters in Christ. We could not have accomplished this without the massive amount of dedicated volunteers. We have had an outstanding outpouring of new, young leaders throughout the Church.

We are planning a trip to a leadership conference in Atlanta in October. We feel as this is the next step in continuing the development of not only our leaders but those they lead!

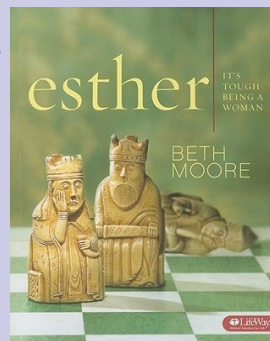


If you feel called to financially support this great opportunity for our young leaders to continue their volunteer ministry to our Church, please contact the Church office, Mark, or myself.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of this ministry!

In Christ,  
Art Summers

New Bible Study "Esther" by Beth Moore being offered on Thursdays at two locations beginning in September. Afternoon session in Saranac Lake and evening session in Jay. Carpooling from Lake Placid being arranged by Claire in the church office, 523-3753. See bulletin board for details.

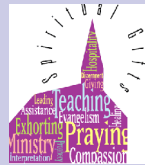


Great opportunity to study the bible with women from all over the North Country. Brought to you by L.A.M.B.S.



See You At The Pole, Wednesday morning, Sept. 23, 7 AM to pray for our schools, community and nation. Adults meet at the Town Hall flagpole and students meet at your school's flagpole. Join with others in prayer around the world at the same time!

Spiritual Gifts Workshop ...Every wonder what Spiritual Gift(s) The Lord has given YOU? Come find out on Saturday, September 19, 8:30am-2:30 pm. Call Mickey Lansing at 523-2081 or 524-0059 to reserve your space. Free and very informative.



**WHAT: TEEN CHALLENGE GOSPEL CHOIR of VERMONT**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009**

**WHERE: 10:30 SERVICE**



**WITH FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUPPER FOLLOWING**

**Come and experience the transformation of brokenness through addictions to the deliverance found in Jesus Christ!**

Weekly Calendar

**Sunday –September 13**

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service  
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room,  
 9:45 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship Time  
 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
 (Nursery Provided)  
 Big City Studio for Kids  
 Noon–Stewardship Team Info. Meeting

**Monday–September 14**

6:00 PM Covenant Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday– September 15**

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall  
 6:00PM–7:30 PM Schizim Youth Group  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Erd. Hall  
 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548

**Wednesday–September 16**

7:15 AM Membership/Nominations Team  
 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835  
 5:30 PM –7pm Collision Group for 6-9th Graders  
 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

**Thursday–September 17**

2:00 PM The Shack (Youth Rm) open for studying until 5:00 PM  
 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting, Conf. Room

**Friday– September 18**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 3:00 PM Wedding  
 4:30 PM Ladies Bible Study Group, 523-9263

**Saturday– September 19**

8:00 AM-2:30 PM Spiritual Gifts Workshop  
 6:00 PM The Forum  
 7:00 PM Open Mic & Poetry Reading

**Birthdays**

This week:  
 09/13 Joni Lundin, Alyssa Hoffman  
 09/14 Mary Clark  
 09/16 Jenna Eldred  
 09/17 Patrick Valentine, Georgie Knox

Next Week:  
 09/20 Jane Bryant  
 09/22 Cody Valenze  
 09/26 Donna Eggleton, Chris Wood



All children are invited to church on Sundays at 10:30am. For **Big City Studio & Critterland** (Nursery provided for infants and toddlers.)

**Lectionary Scripture Readings:**

**September 13**

Proverbs 1:20-33  
 Psalm 19  
 James 3:1-12  
 Mark 8:27-38

**September 20**

Proverbs 31:10-31  
 Psalm 1  
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37

