



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

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.

If you are a visitor...how did you find us?:

Website: _____
 Walked by: _____
 Someone told me: _____
 Newspaper: _____
 Telephone Directory: _____
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 Other: _____

(Place this card in either the offering plate or the basket in the rear of the Sanctuary)



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WEEKLY

Sermon Title: "The Break-In"

Scriptures: Mark 7:24-30

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To be robbed - to have your space violated - it is a most unsettling feeling. The thought of someone rummaging around, handling your things, examining what is yours, not theirs.

During my tenure as pastor of the Adirondack Community Church I have lost out of my office a chalice given to me at ordination and an incenser. In our previous pastoral appointment four bicycles were taken out of our garage - two of which belonged to our children - bikes they purchased with hard-earned cash from the paper route. It's no fun being robbed, being "broken into".

What about when people "break in" without doing violence to us ... I'm thinking, for example, of people who "break in" to our circle of friends; or those who "break in" and take our jobs - perhaps because they are willing to do it for less money, or they are more talented than we are. What does that feel like?

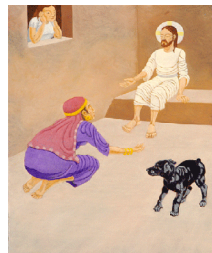
For religious leaders of Jesus' day, he was often looked upon as someone who was breaking in to their sphere of influence; and they often asked him what right he had to do so! By what authority do you do these things? (Mark 11:28.) People tried to pass him off as mentally unstable (Mark 3:21), and as demon-possessed (Mark 3:22). What right does Jesus have to re-interpret the Scriptures? To teach new things? To call religious leaders "hypocrites"?

Do you afford Jesus the right to step into your own religious practices and stir them up? Are we willing to allow the same Spirit that guided the life of Christ to guide our lives as well?

In the reading today from Mark, Jesus is a Jewish presence in a Gentile city, and in the collision that follows something new - and wonderful - happens. What happened there needs to happen here ...

and everywhere! -Rev. Mark Demers

You Are Welcome Here!



Support
The Forum
 Saturday Evening
 Ministry

Saturdays
 6:00 PM
 Erdman Hall

Free Coffee &
 Great Place for
 Conversation

"Sharing God's Love In All We Do"

Remembering September 11, 2001



One of Those Days This week we will remember one of those days in which we can tell you exactly where we were and what we were doing when first we heard the news. September 11 arrives once again - as it does every year. And along with remembering what we were doing, it is a day that gives us pause as we reflect on

what we have done since then ... and where it all will end.

Acts of terrorism are now part of every day's news. In London, Rome, Athens, Moscow - to say nothing of Baghdad or Kabul, or numerous cities in the Middle East. For some of us it may seem as if it all began in New York, or Washington DC, or a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It may seem as if the death of those 2,993 people – including the hijackers – was the beginning of the killing and the dying. With every soldier's body that is returned home, and every soldier whose life is forever changed by their experiences since that fateful day in 2001 – and for the countless thousands of civilians caught in the cross fires of the *War on Terror* – there are no easy answers. Are we on a roller coaster whose course can not be altered? Are there no options open to us except more of the same? Are hopes for peace, reconciliation, a just airing of grievances, a common mourning for lost loved ones – are these all pipe dreams of idealistic folks who just don't know any better?

One of these days ... as followers of Jesus, we have to believe that *one of these days* it will be different. We have to believe we are *called* to make things different – as costly as it will be.

I invite you to pause on September 11 for a several moments – at some time during the course of the day – and reflect on where we've been, and where God is calling us to go.

Rev. Mark Demers

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. 8 | Boy Scouts resume meeting, 6:30 pm, Erdman Hall |
| Sept. 9 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 5 PM |
| Sept. 10 | High Peaks Ringers resume rehearsals, 5:30-7:30pm
"Esther" Bible Study begins in S.L., 891-5231 |
| Sept. 12 | Prayer Team Breakfast, 8:30am at Ingrid Johnson's house in Saranac Lake |
| Sept. 14 | Church Council Meeting, 7 PM |
| Sept. 16 | Membership/Nominations Team Meeting, 7:15am |
| Sept. 17 | "Esther" Bible Study begins in Jay, 523-3753 for carpooling |
| Sept. 19 | Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 8:30-2:30
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)
Helping Hands Thrift Shop reopens for Fall Season, 10-2 |
| 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 |
| Oct. 11 | Teen Challenge Choir at 10:30 AM Service/Potluck |

Remember Education in your prayers this week.

Acts 2:42

Teaching is an indispensable function and a continuous process within the Community of Faith. Teaching is as close to the heartbeat of a congregation as are fellowship, ministry and prayer. How are you involved?

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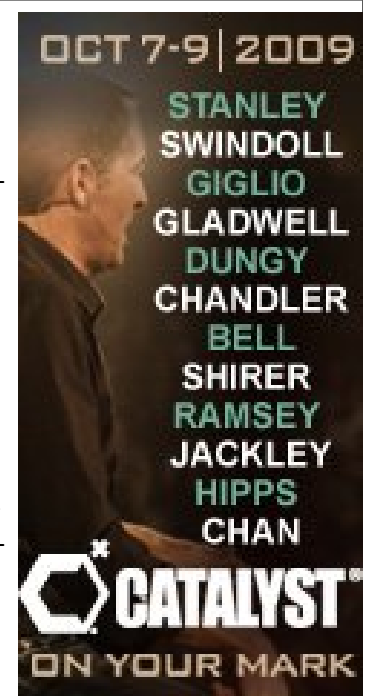
We are excited about what Jesus is doing in our Church! We have had a blessing of many new brothers and sisters in Christ. We could not have accomplished this without the massive amount of dedicated volunteers. We have had an outstanding outpouring of new, young leaders throughout the Church.

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!

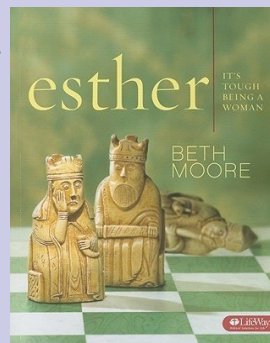
If you feel called to financially support this great opportunity for our young leaders to continue their volunteer ministry to our Church, please contact the Church office, Mark, or myself.

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.

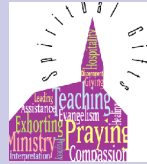


Great opportunity to study the bible with women from all over the North Country. Brought to you by L.A.M.B.S.



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 6

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service With Communion
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Todd Room,
- 9:45 AM –10:30 AM Fellowship Time
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service With Communion (Nursery Provided)
- Big City Studio for Kids

Monday– September 7



Church Office Closed
6:00 PM Covenant Band Rehearsal

Tuesday– September 8

- 6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Erdman Hall
- 5:30PM–8:00 PM Schizim Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, Erd. Hall
- 7:00 PM Knitting Group, 523-3548

Wednesday–September 9

- 2:30 PM Help needed to escort residents to chapel service at Uihlein. Call 523-9835
- 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting, Conf. Rm.
- 5:00 PM –7pm Collision Group for 6-8th Graders
- 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday–September 10

- 5:00 PM The Shack (Youth Rm) open until 10:00 PM
- 5:30 PM High Peaks Ringers Rehearsal

Friday– September 11

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

Saturday– September 12

- 8:30 AM Prayer Team Breakfast at Rev. Johnson's house in S.L.
- 6:00 PM The Forum

Birthdays

- This week:
- 09/06 Frank Lescinsky, Linda Preston Jones
 - 09/07 Ann Grady, Austin Scholl
 - 09/08 Joy Conway
 - 09/12 Peter Meister
- Next Week:
- 09/13 Joni Lundin, Alyssa Hoffman
 - 09/14 Mary Clark
 - 09/16 Jenna Eldred
 - 09/17 Patrick Valentine, Georgie Knox



All children are invited to church on Sundays at 10:30am. For Big City Studio

Lectionary Scripture Readings:

September 6
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125 or Psalm 124
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 13
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

