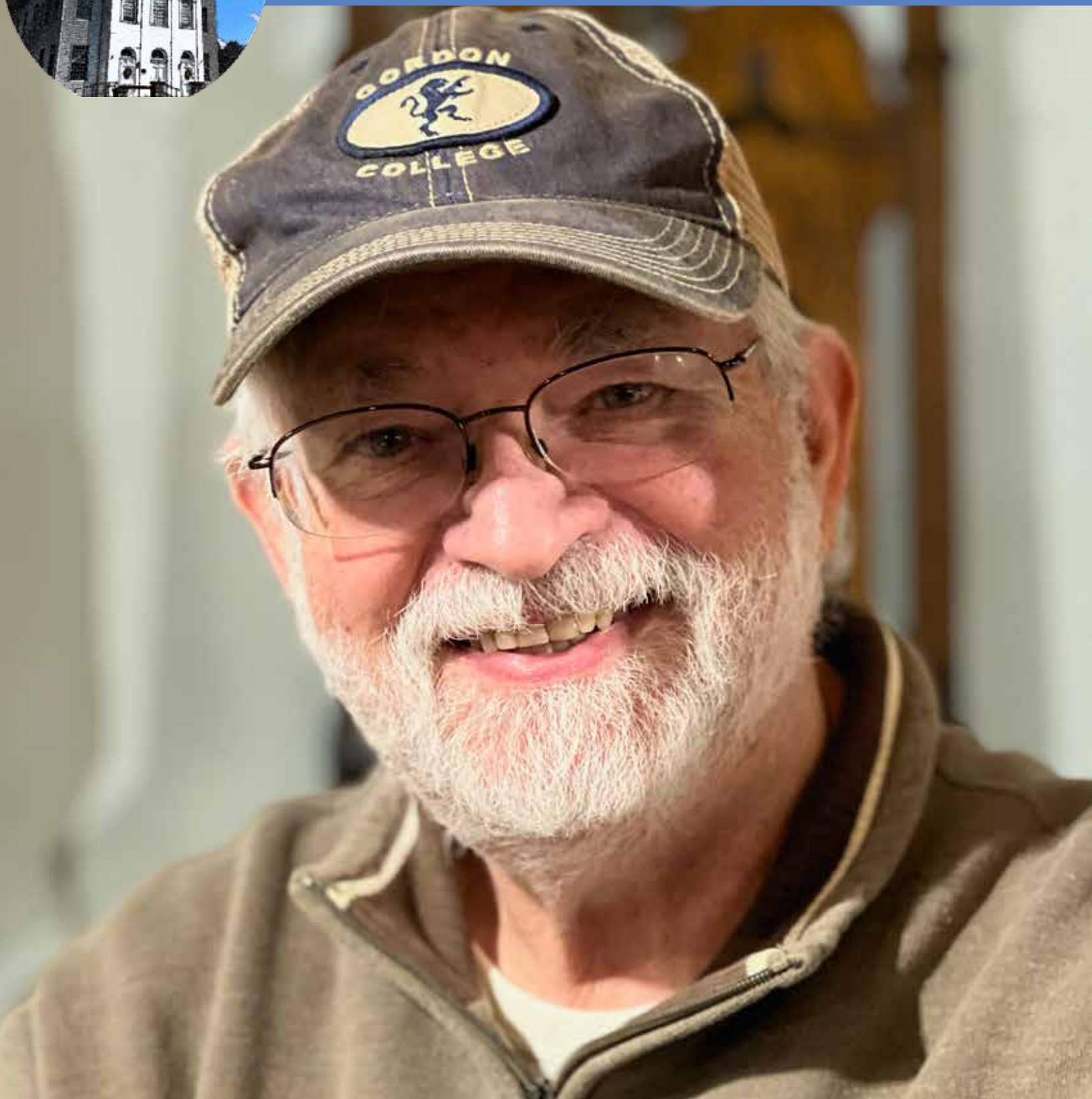




Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

October 2023



Pastor Appreciation Month



From Our Pastor!

October is shaping up to be a busy month.

If all goes well, I'll be taking part in my 55th high school reunion. Actually it is our 56th but we're getting older and apparently a little slower. At least there are enough of us left to get together and remember how great we once were, in our own minds. Since I've missed the last 35 reunions, this will be interesting. I hope I recognize someone in the crowd. Thank God for name tags!

A little later in the month, I'll be attending a conference of young pastors and church planters in Boston. My role is to interact as a member of the 4C Church Development Team. It should be interesting to mix with the enthusiasm of youth. Praise God for raising up another generation of faithful pastors.

As a church body we are always entering into a new season of life together. We mourn the passing of loved ones who go on before us into glory. Judy Horton's contagious smile will be missed by all. Steve and Lorna are moving to Florida. Many of us think that is the same as going onto glory. We wish them the very best in this new phase of life.

Frank and Barb have made the annual snowbird migration; we will keep watch for their return in the spring. Other folks can no longer be with us for various reasons, but we miss and pray for them all.

A healthy church community constantly changes as people come and go. To grow we must provide disciplining and strive to become a fellowship that the Lord can trust to care for His children. The more prayer, fellowship, and devotion to Scripture the more we are equipped to serve the Kingdom of God.

We are looking to discover our spiritual gifts after the Natural Church Development Survey listed that item as our minimum growth factor. We have the gifts, but we don't understand what they are or how they function. Once we go through individual assessments, we will explore how to improve our service within the body of believers. We all have different roles to play and unique functions as part of the body of Christ. The

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On the Cover!

Pastor Ed

better we understand our gifts and graces, the easier it is to find our most satisfying roles in the church.

What are your spiritual gifts? Yes, you do have them and the church needs them! Later in October we will be offering a spiritual gifts assessment. It will take time to discover and deploy our gifting. Tuesday at 6:30-8:00 p.m. is the most likely day and time to gather. An option may be Saturday afternoon from 1:30-3:00 p.m. for people who can't or don't want to drive after dark. Please let me know if you are interested.



Danby Community Church Dish-To-Pass Round Table Discussion Event You're invited!

Join us on October 29, 2023 for

- **Church at 10:00 am**
- **Dish-to-pass Lunch at 11:30am**
- **Round Table Discussions at 12:00 pm**
 - * **6 Topics**
 - **Sports**
 - **An Unremarkable Testimony**
 - **Christmas To Do List 1 - Believe**
 - **Christmas To Do List 2 - Obey**
 - **Christmas To Do List 3 - Tell**
 - **Christmas To Do List 4 - Experience**

Administrative Council Meeting September 11, 2023

PRESENT: Charlene Testut, Sheila Enstine, Ed Enstine, Katy Prince, Gloria Miller

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Ed.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Gloria, seconded by Katy.

Financial Secretary's Report: Accepted by Katy, seconded by Charlene.

Treasurer's Report: Not available.

Old Business: The Danby Community Church is officially part of the 4 Cs.

Hospitality/Fellowship: Judy's reception was held September 9. On Sunday September 17 we will have a special coffee hour for Steve's last day before he moves to Florida. The 4Cs reception is scheduled for September 24.

Spiritual Development: We are in Ordinary Time. Sunday morning group will be finishing up the book of Daniel, then will study the book of Mark. Thursday fellowship continues as does the Friday Women's Bible Study; on September 22 will use a book by Sheila Walsh, Connecting with God in the Midst of Struggle. There was a discussion on men's Bible Study. Safe Sanctuary will be in October with a focus on mental health and vulnerable adults.

Food Pantry: Our records need to be updated since now everything is electronic. There was a meeting of all food pantry's in New York State. Many are not doing well financially; however, ours is doing well.

Trustees: Will be developing a list of maintenance issues that need to be done and will include input from the congregation. Based on what the needs are, a capitol campaign may be necessary.

Missions: No report.

SPOC: Katy will be preaching for Ed on October 8. They are currently working on the Constitution a far as changing the term membership to partnership. The congregation will need to vote on the changes. Katy mentioned another round table, possibly on October 29.

SAP: Meetings will start up soon. Ed stated a Spiritual gifting assessment will be done in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with prayer by Ed.

Respectfully, Gloria Miller

Do you have a question you would like to ask Pastor Ed? It can be about God, Jesus, the Bible, faith, the church, religion. Send your questions to Janet Gray at jsg4@cornell.edu and your question (and answer) may appear in the next Danby Church News

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Spiritual Development Update

from Sheila Enstine

Important Dates for October 2023:

On October 31st, the Christian Church observes the Vigil of All Saints in preparation for All Saints Day on November 1st. This is a time for all Christians to remember and appreciate the witness of the faithful men and women who came before us.

Adult Small Groups:

- **The Sunday morning group** will complete their study of Ezekiel and Daniel and begin a new 13-week study on the Gospel of Mark. We use study guides published by David C Cook. The class meets on Sundays at 8:45 am. Let Sheila Enstine know if you're interested.
- **The Wednesday night Praise and Fellowship** gathers at 7 pm with the praise team. After worship, we have a time of koinonia (sharing our faith) and prayer.
- **The Thursday evening Bible Study** begins at 7 pm. Pastor Ed is leading a study on the Gospel of Matthew.
- **The Friday afternoon Women's Bible Study** meets at 1:00 PM in the All Saints Room. We are reading and discussing *In the Middle of the Mess* by Sheila Walsh. See Suzanne Walker for more information.

Nursery: The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five.

Children's Church: After the first set of worship music on Sundays, children ages 6 through 10 (about 5th grade) are welcome to attend Children's Church. We need a few more leaders for Children's Church. If you sense Christ's call to help teach children to follow Christ, please contact Sheila Enstine for more information.

The annual Safe Sanctuary Covenant Renewal Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM, in the All Saints Room. Anyone who works with children or youth in programs sponsored by DCC needs to attend the meeting.

Prayer Opportunities:

- **In-person Prayer:** We offer an in-person prayer time in the Sanctuary on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am.
- **Prayer Chain:** Contact Katy Prince at katyprince96@gmail.com.
- **Church Prayer Calendar:** Thank you to everyone who is participating in our October Church-wide Prayer Calendar. Hard copies of the calendar are available at the church. Let Sheila Enstine know if you didn't have a chance to sign up to participate.

Congregational Care: Thank you to everyone who has seen a need and responded in love. Thank you to Paula Nelson and Doug Nash for faithfully arranging for flower deliveries.

Danby Community Church

FREE invites you to

Movie Night

Friday, October 27
Movie 7:00pm

Free Popcorn and Movie Snacks

Jesus Revolution

www.danbychurch.org



Welcome HOME

a place where you belong

- Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10 am
- Sunday Youth Church @ 10:30am
- Sunday Adult Education Class @ 8:45am
- Wednesdays, Live Music & Conversation @ 7pm
- Sweet Hour of Prayer, Saturday, 8am
- Women's Bible Study, Fridays @ 1pm

Did you know we are now on Facebook? You can access us from your Facebook page (just search for Danby Community Church) or press the Facebook link on our church website: WWW.DANBYCHURCH.ORG. You don't need to have a Facebook account to see our Facebook page, but you will need a Facebook account if you would want to "like" our page or post a comment.



This month's issue of the Danby Church News is on the web at <https://www.danbychurch.org/news.html>!

FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.



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Welcome Home!!

What's Happening?!? in October??

Free Coffee and Donuts

Monday, October 16

8am - 10:30am

COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Jesus Revolution

October 27 @ 7pm

Dish-To-Pass Round Table Discussion (see inside for details)

Sunday, October 29 after church