



Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

September 2023





From Our Pastor!

August ended with the passing of Judy Horton. She is with the Lord while we remain and miss her loving friendship. Judy will forever be remembered for her irrepressible joy and most assuredly for “Judy Jokes.” We groaned; she laughed in delight. Her life is a model of godly perseverance and optimism.

Things about Judy I will remember: She would carry on with a smile even when you knew she felt like crying. Whether scared, mad or tired she would always somehow pull herself together and say, “I’m not going to give up, I’m a fighter, we’ll get through it.”



Judy Horton

Her remarkable ability to sing and live in harmony with so many different people was awesome. Her love for the Native American peoples and drive to show God’s love to their children never ceased. She always let the Praise Team know that the last song we sang was her favorite, and I came to believe that was the truth.

Judy, you have modeled of a life well spent that has and will continue to bless people for years to come. I’ll see you later my friend. In the meantime I envision you laughing and singing with the Lord. Thank you.

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Sunday September 24, 2023 is going to be a very special occasion in the long history of Danby Community Church. The Rev. Tim DuBeau, Regional minister for the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (4C), will be with us to welcome Danby Community Church into the 4C. Also, Rev. Mel Foster and the congregation of the Candor Congregational Church, our 4C neighbor to the south, will join us. We will be honoring our role in the Kingdom of God as a Congrega-

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On the Cover!

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tional and a connected part of the Conservative Christian Church Conference.

September 24 will a wonderful time of celebration and communion with THREE pastors! Fear not, time limits will be strictly enforced. Lunch and time of fellowship will follow the service. Take this opportunity to make new friends from down the road a piece.

Please plan to be part of this very special celebration.

JUDY'S JOKE CORNER



Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
Because Noah was always standing on the deck.

Why aren't turkeys allowed in church?
Because they have fowl mouths!

My family asked me not to tell any Thanksgiving jokes this year.
Do they expect me to quit cold turkey?

A man once sent Christmas cards with nothing but 25 letters of the alphabet on them.
When friends told him they didn't understand he just said, "Look! No "L"!!"

What do they call pastors in Germany?
German shepherds!

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
Sampson.....he brought the house down!

Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?
A. No, they had an apple!

What kind of lighting did Noah use for the ark?
Floodlights!!

There was no Administrative Council meeting for August.

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.



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

Building a Culture of Believing Prayer and Intercession: Part Two

By Sheila Enstine

During August many of you signed up to participate in our new Church Prayer Calendar. Thank you!

The topics we are praying for during September are Our Pastor, Our Church, People in Need, Victims of Natural Disasters, Schools and Colleges, Government, and World Affairs. The completed list was delivered either by hand or electronically to those with email. Hard copies are available at the Church.

Those who felt called to focus on the same topics are a kind of prayer team. Team members are encouraged to contact and support one another. This will help to further develop our culture of prayer, which is essential for a healthy church.

For October, several of the topics will change. Also, Bible verses have been added to each topic as inspiration for your prayers. You will find the preliminary list elsewhere in this newsletter. Please feel free to suggest a prayer focus that has attracted your passion.

Going forward, remember that as an intercessor, you are in partnership with Christ for the redemption of the world. You have access to the greatest power in the universe!

As Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father" (John 14:12-13).

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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DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH
PRAYER CALENDAR

PRAYER FOCUS	WEEK OF 10/1-7/23	WEEK OF 10/8-14/23	WEEK OF 10/15-21/23	WEEK OF 10/22-28/23
Our Pastor & all Shepherds (I Tim. 3:1-13)				
The World-wide Church (John 17:20-23)				
Missing Children/ Human Trafficking (Luke 4:18-19)				
Creation Care (Jer.2:7; Rev.11:18)				
Addicts (Heb. 4:15-16)				
The Poor & Homeless (Is. 58:7)				
People Grieving Losses (Ps 34:18; Mat 5:4)				

Some models for prayer:
The ACTS format-- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.
The PRAY format -- Praise, Rest (to listen), Ask, Yield

FREE COFFEE & DONUTS



Mondays, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, & 12/18

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Take out or Dine In

Join Us for Community Coffee Chat



**Welcoming Danby Community Church into the
4C (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference)**

Sunday, September 24 at the 10am service

Special Guests: The Rev. Tim DuBeau, Regional minister for the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (4C) and Rev. Mel Foster and the congregation of the Candor Congregational Church, our 4C neighbor to the south.

Luncheon after the service

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

Spiritual Development Update

from Sheila Enstine

Important Dates for September 2023:

During September, many Christian denominations observe a set of three days called Ember Days. On Ember Days, we regard, remember, and sanctify the four seasons, in this case the beginning of the harvest season. This tradition goes back to the early centuries of Christianity, long before the American holiday of Thanksgiving was established. In 2023 the September Ember days are Wednesday the 20th, Friday the 22nd, and Saturday the 23rd. Although our church doesn't formally recognize these days, individuals can enhance personal prayer and worship time with fasting, special offerings, and thanksgiving for our Lord's provision.

Adult Small Groups:

- **The Sunday morning group** is studying the prophetic books of Ezekiel and Daniel. 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** will resume meeting at 1:00 PM in the All Saints Room. We will complete our discussion of Phillip Keller's Lessons from a Sheep Dog and talk about our next study. 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. Someone has said, "If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." If you sense Christ's call to help teach children to follow Christ, please contact Sheila Enstine for more information.

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 September 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.



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Welcome Home!!

What's Happening?!? in September??

Free Coffee and Donuts

Monday, September 18

8am - 10:30am

COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT

Special Service

Sunday, September 24 @10am

Welcoming Danby Community Church into the 4C

Luncheon after the service