



Dear Church Family,

Praise God for the 200th anniversary of the completion of our sanctuary, May 1st 1820!

I think we can all agree that the sanctuary is God's gift to us and that He has protected and sanctified our church as sacred space for these two centuries.

To commemorate and give thanks for this gift, we are holding a 200-day prayer vigil, which began on May 1st, 2020. The 200 days correspond to the years from 1820 to 2020. A list of the years and corresponding historical events follow. Important events specific to our church are in bold type

You can participate in this vigil in many ways and your level of involvement is between you and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Using the list, you could:

*pick a day of the week (I choose Fridays) to focus your prayers on the Danby Church as well as human needs represented by the events of history. For example, on Friday May 15th, the corresponding year is 1834 and in that year the Ithaca to Owego railroad through Caroline was completed. This inspires me to pray for travelers and workers in transportation and shipping.

*pick a date each month, such as May 10th, June 10th, etc. to pray for the Church and anything the corresponding year's event inspire. For example 1829 is listed next to May 10th. In that year Tompkins County's first brass band was assembled entirely with Danby musicians. This might lead you to pray for musicians, the gift of music, and for worship in our sanctuary.

*use each day as a trigger for praying for the needs of humanity. You'll notice that over the last 200 years, our church community and the world around it has withstood cataclysmic events, including famines, epidemics, pandemics, wars, financial panics, recessions, and depressions. As Ecclesiastes 1:9 says, "...there is nothing new under the sun."

Please join me in a 200-day vigil for our church, town, state, nation and the world, all in need of Christ's saving help

Let me know if you want to commit to days or dates and I'll fill in your names and send an updated sheet. The purpose of the sheet is to encourage your prayers and a sense of community. I'll keep in touch with everyone to hear how God is speaking to you during this vigil.

Sheila E.

Day	an(s) Committed to	Date	Year	What Happened That Year or Other Note for Prayers
1	Friday: Sheila E.;	May 1, 2020	1820	Our sanctuary is completed on this date, 1820, with Rev. Samuel Parker pastor
2	Saturday:	May 2, 2020	1821	William Taylor, AME bishop & missionary is born
3	Sunday:	May 3, 2020	1822	Danby (formerly part of Town of Spencer) transferred to Tompkins County, Feb. 22, 1822
4	Monday:	May 4, 2020	1823	"The Swartout Year" - all who joined the Danby Church were of that name
5	Tuesday:	May 5, 2020	1824	The American Sunday School Union is formed
6	Wednesday:	May 6, 2020	1825	New Jerusalem or Swedenborgian church dedicated at corner of Danby and Curtis Rds
7	Thursday:	May 7, 2020	1826	Rev. Parker leaves: Baptist church in Danby established in current town hall building
8	Friday: Sheila E.;	May 8, 2020	1827	Great Revival in our sanctuary - taking in 88 new members; Slavery is abolished in NYS
9	Saturday:	May 9, 2020	1828	Rev. Solomon Stevens becomes pastor of the Danby Congregational Church
10	Sunday:	May 10, 2020	1829	Tompkins county's first brass band is assembled entirely of Danby musicians
11	Monday:	May 11, 2020	1830	Charles G. Finney leads revival in Rochester inspiring revivals of the 2nd Great Awakening
12	Tuesday:	May 12, 2020	1831	Cyrus McCormick invents the reaper
13	Wednesday:	May 13, 2020	1832	European cholera epidemic breaks out in New York City and State
14	Thursday:	May 14, 2020	1833	Rev. John Sherer becomes pastor of the Danby Congregational Church
15	Friday: Sheila E.;	May 15, 2020	1834	Ithaca to Owego railroad line established going through Caroline
16	Saturday:	May 16, 2020	1835	Rev. William Clark becomes pastor of Danby Congregational; Rev. Parker visits Oregon as missionary
17	Sunday:	May 17, 2020	1836	South Danby Methodist Church built
18	Monday:	May 18, 2020	1837	Financial panic sparks seven-year national recession
19	Tuesday:	May 19, 2020	1838	Samuel Morse's telegraph is demonstrated for the first time
20	Wednesday:	May 20, 2020	1839	Revival of the winter 1838-39; 57 people confess Christ at Danby Congregational
21	Thursday:	May 21, 2020	1840	Rev. Clark leaves the ministry; Baptist church in West Danby is built
22	Friday: Sheila E.;	May 22, 2020	1841	Rev. Stephen Van Vorhis - "faithful minister of the word"-becomes pastor on January 1st
23	Saturday:	May 23, 2020	1842	John Greenough granted 1st US patent for sewing machine
24	Sunday:	May 24, 2020	1843	First wagon train departs from Independence, Missouri bound for Oregon
25	Monday:	May 25, 2020	1844	Samuel Morse demonstrates telegraph with "What hath God Wrought?"; James Polk elected President
26	Tuesday:	May 26, 2020	1845	Great New York City Fire of 1845 breaks out on July 19; Irish famine begins
27	Wednesday:	May 27, 2020	1846	U.S. - Mexican war begins
28	Thursday:	May 28, 2020	1847	Outbreak of typhus fever in New York City -- associated with the Irish diaspora
29	Friday: Sheila E.;	May 29, 2020	1848	Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention launches suffrage movement
30	Saturday:	May 30, 2020	1849	The California Gold Rush begins; Genesee College established with motto "Knowledge is better than gold."
31	Sunday:	May 31, 2020	1850	Millard Fillmore becomes President after Taylor dies; California admitted to Union as Free State
32	Monday:	June 1, 2020	1851	The New York Times is established
33	Tuesday:	June 2, 2020	1852	Harriet Beecher Stowe's series Uncle Tom's Cabin published as book, launching anti-slavery movement
34	Wednesday:	June 3, 2020	1853	Rev. VanVorhis leaves; Danby pulpit is empty for 2 years
35	Thursday:	June 4, 2020	1854	Charles Spurgeon called to pastorate of New Park Street Chapel at age 19
36	Friday: Sheila E.;	June 5, 2020	1855	Rev. William Henry Adams become Danby Congregational pastor
37	Saturday:	June 6, 2020	1856	Third outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Danby; Rev. Woodruff becomes pastor
38	Sunday:	June 7, 2020	1857	Harriet Tubman moves to Auburn, NY from Ontario, Canada
39	Monday:	June 8, 2020	1858	Rev. Ottman becomes pastor 8/8/1858; Runaway Slave Wm. Simms escapes to Ithaca
40	Tuesday:	June 9, 2020	1859	Darwin's Origin of the Species is published
41	Wednesday:	June 10, 2020	1860	Abraham Lincoln elected President
42	Thursday:	June 11, 2020	1861	Civil War begins, April 12th; Henry Carpenter becomes pastor of Danby Congregational
43	Friday: Sheila E.;	June 12, 2020	1862	Emanicipation Proclamation issued by Lincoln, effective Jan 1863; Rev. Warren Mayo becomes pastor
44	Saturday:	June 13, 2020	1863	The Battle of Gettysburg; Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address 11/19/1863
45	Sunday:	June 14, 2020	1864	A Confederate submarine, the Hunley, is the first submarine to torpedo an enemy vessel.
46	Monday:	June 15, 2020	1865	Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox, 4/9/1865, ending the civil war; Lincoln is assassinated
47	Tuesday:	June 16, 2020	1866	Rev. R. A. Wheelock bcomes Danby Congregational pastor
48	Wednesday:	June 17, 2020	1867	Danby Cong. Church ends 52-year tie to Cauga Presbytery & unites with Susquehanna Assoc
49	Thursday:	June 18, 2020	1868	Rev. Wheelock leaves; Rev. Carpenter returns
50	Friday: Sheila E.;	June 19, 2020	1869	First Methodist Episcopal Church Society of West Danby was organized in August

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51	Saturday:	June 20, 2020	1870	Methodist Episcopal Church founds Syracuse University
52	Sunday:	June 21, 2020	1871	Railroad line linking Ithaca to Athens, PA established going through West Danby
53	Monday:	June 22, 2020	1872	Rev. Wellar becomes pastor-especially loved by the aged & infirm
54	Tuesday:	June 23, 2020	1873	The Panic of 1873 triggers the "Long Depression," which lasts until 1878
55	Wednesday:	June 24, 2020	1874	New York legislature passes compulsory education law
56	Thursday:	June 25, 2020	1875	Rev. Samuel Johnson become pastor - serves 13 years
57	Friday: Sheila E.;	June 26, 2020	1876	Battle of Little Bighorn; First telephone call by Alexander Graham Bell - "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."
58	Saturday:	June 27, 2020	1877	Rutherford Hayes becomes President
59	Sunday:	June 28, 2020	1878	Phonograph is patented by Thomas Edison
60	Monday:	June 29, 2020	1879	Thomas Edison's first commercial viable light bulb
61	Tuesday:	June 30, 2020	1880	James Garfield elected President
62	Wednesday:	July 1, 2020	1881	The Danby Herald begins publication, May 1881
63	Thursday:	July 2, 2020	1882	Clara Barton founds American Red Cross; Depression of 1882-85
64	Friday: Sheila E.;	July 3, 2020	1883	Brooklyn Bridge opens
65	Saturday:	July 4, 2020	1884	Grover Cleveland elected President
66	Sunday:	July 5, 2020	1885	New York legislature forms Niagara Falls State Park
67	Monday:	July 6, 2020	1886	Statue of Liberty dedicated
68	Tuesday:	July 7, 2020	1887	Nikola Tesla begins experimenting with X-rays
69	Wednesday:	July 8, 2020	1888	Rev. Johnson leaves at end of year
70	Thursday:	July 9, 2020	1889	Rev. Solomon Weiss becomes pastor; Danby Young People's Society of Christian Endavor forms
71	Friday: Sheila E.;	July 10, 2020	1890	Rev. Weiss leaves 1/1890; John G. Smith, seminary student, is pastor for 6 months
72	Saturday:	July 11, 2020	1891	Candor Congregational pastor John Marsland serves as temporary pastor
73	Sunday:	July 12, 2020	1892	Rev. J Rosser Jones becomes pastor
74	Monday:	July 13, 2020	1893	NY Stock Exchange collapses, starting a four-year depression
75	Tuesday:	July 14, 2020	1894	Rev. B. Frank Toby becomes pastor at Danby in August 1894 and serves for over 40 years
76	Wednesday:	July 15, 2020	1895	Ithaca Water Company digs 40-acre Jennings Pond Reservoir
77	Thursday:	July 16, 2020	1896	William McKinley elected President
78	Friday: Sheila E.;	July 17, 2020	1897	The first Boston marathon is run with 15 runners
79	Saturday:	July 18, 2020	1898	Spanish-American War begins and ends; Philippine American War begins
80	Sunday:	July 19, 2020	1899	Gideon's International is founded to distribute Bibles.
81	Monday:	July 20, 2020	1900	Galveston hurricane
82	Tuesday:	July 21, 2020	1901	President McKinley assassinated in Buffalo; Teddy Roosevelt becomes President
83	Wednesday:	July 22, 2020	1902	First movie theatre opens in Los Angeles, California
84	Thursday:	July 23, 2020	1903	Wright brothers first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC; Mary Jones leads "Children's Crusade" to protest child labor
85	Friday: Sheila E.;	July 24, 2020	1904	New York subway opens
86	Saturday:	July 25, 2020	1905	Albert Einstein publishes his Theory of Relativity
87	Sunday:	July 26, 2020	1906	150 Confess Christ at Methodist & Danby Congregational services; Azuza Street revival in Cal.
88	Monday:	July 27, 2020	1907	Monongah, WV coal mine explosion kills 361 - worst US industrial accident
89	Tuesday:	July 28, 2020	1908	First meeting of the King's Daughters, March 4, 1908
90	Wednesday:	July 29, 2020	1909	NAACP founded by W.E.B. DuBois
91	Thursday:	July 30, 2020	1910	Boy Scouts of America is founded
92	Friday: Sheila E.;	July 31, 2020	1911	Earnest Rutherford discovers structure of an atom
93	Saturday:	August 1, 2020	1912	Titanic sinks killing more than 1,500; Mary Watros & Nora Dillinbeck of Ithaca Methodist begin mission to China
94	Sunday:	August 2, 2020	1913	13th Amendment creates national income tax
95	Monday:	August 3, 2020	1914	Assassination of Arch Duke Ferdinand sets off World War I
96	Tuesday:	August 4, 2020	1915	Alexander Graham Bell & Thomas A. Watson conduct first telephone conversation
97	Wednesday:	August 5, 2020	1916	Quarantine for infantile paralysis in Danby & South Danby - no Sunday school; one child passes away
98	Thursday:	August 6, 2020	1917	America enters WWI
99	Friday: Sheila E.;	August 7, 2020	1918	WWI ends; Spanish Flu Pandemic begins January 1918 and lasts through December 1920
100	Saturday:	August 8, 2020	1919	18th Amendment establishes Prohibition

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101	Sunday:	August 9, 2020	1920	19th Amendment gives women the right to vote; Warren Harding elected President
102	Monday:	August 10, 2020	1921	Outbreak of epidemic jaundice in New York State, winter of 1921-22
103	Tuesday:	August 11, 2020	1922	Creation of the Soviet Union
104	Wednesday:	August 12, 2020	1923	Rev. Lagand Chase organized the "Mizpah" Sunday School on South Hill
105	Thursday:	August 13, 2020	1924	Calvin Coolidge elected President
106	Friday: Sheila E.;	August 14, 2020	1925	The Scopes Monkey Trial comes to an end on July 21, 1925
107	Saturday:	August 15, 2020	1926	Henry Ford announces 40-hour work week
108	Sunday:	August 16, 2020	1927	Charles Lindbergh files the first solo, transatlantic flight from New York to Paris
109	Monday:	August 17, 2020	1928	Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin
110	Tuesday:	August 18, 2020	1929	Cornell Prof., Rev. Ralph Felton organizes the Toby Larger Parish, including the two churches in Danby
111	Wednesday:	August 19, 2020	1930	The Great Depression, started with the stock market crash of 1929, advances throughout the world
112	Thursday:	August 20, 2020	1931	Empire State Building opens; Danby Methodist Episcopal parsonage burns & is rebuilt
113	Friday: Sheila E.;	August 21, 2020	1932	FDR elected President
114	Saturday:	August 22, 2020	1933	FDR establishes the 'New Deal'
115	Sunday:	August 23, 2020	1934	The Dust Bowl begins, ruining or damaging 300 Million acres of cropland
116	Monday:	August 24, 2020	1935	Oswald Chambers' "My Utmost for His Highest" is published post-humously
117	Tuesday:	August 25, 2020	1936	Jesse Owens wins 4 gold medals at the summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany
118	Wednesday:	August 26, 2020	1937	Rev. Legrand Chase becomes pastor
119	Thursday:	August 27, 2020	1938	Danby Congregational Church withdraws from the Larger Parish
120	Friday: Sheila E.;	August 28, 2020	1939	New York World's Fair opens
121	Saturday:	August 29, 2020	1940	West Danby passenger train depot closes
122	Sunday:	August 30, 2020	1941	Pearl Harbor is attacked on Dec. 7th
123	Monday:	August 31, 2020	1942	Wycliffe Bible Translators is founded; Japanese American internment begins
124	Tuesday:	September 1, 2020	1943	Race riots break out in Detroit and New York City
125	Wednesday:	September 2, 2020	1944	FDR re-elected to 4th term as President
126	Thursday:	September 3, 2020	1945	FDR dies in office; Harry Truman becomes President; End of WWII; Detrich Bonhoeffer martyred
127	Friday: Sheila E.;	September 4, 2020	1946	Rev. Herrick Smith becomes pastor at Danby Federated Church
128	Saturday:	September 5, 2020	1947	New Hammond organ is installed and dedicated in December, 1947
129	Sunday:	September 6, 2020	1948	Berlin blockade begins; Cold War tensions increase
130	Monday:	September 7, 2020	1949	First Billy Graham Crusade, held in Los Angeles, CA.
131	Tuesday:	September 8, 2020	1950	Korean War begins
132	Wednesday:	September 9, 2020	1951	22nd Amendment is ratified limiting presidential term of office to 8 yrs (2 terms)
133	Thursday:	September 10, 2020	1952	released
134	Friday: Sheila E.;	September 11, 2020	1953	Billy Graham Crusade at Syracuse War Memorial
135	Saturday:	September 12, 2020	1954	Danby Federated Church forms - Danby Methodist and Congregational churches begin 3-year trial
136	Sunday:	September 13, 2020	1955	Rosa Parks and Montgomery bus boycott; Salk polio vaccine
137	Monday:	September 14, 2020	1956	Rev. George E. Clarkson called to the Danby Federated Church, assuming duties 1/27/57
138	Tuesday:	September 15, 2020	1957	The United Church of Christ is formed; Fellowship Hall is added to the Danby church
139	Wednesday:	September 16, 2020	1958	Breakthrough in the production of integrated circuits (microchips)
140	Thursday:	September 17, 2020	1959	The "Kitchen Debate" between VP Richard Nixon and Nikita Khrushchev at American National Exhibition in Moscow
141	Friday: Sheila E.;	September 18, 2020	1960	Danby Methodist Church sold & torn down; JFK elected President
142	Saturday:	September 19, 2020	1961	The communist government of East Berlin builds the Berlin Wall, separating East & West Berlin
143	Sunday:	September 20, 2020	1962	Engel vs. Vitale Supreme Court case ending official prayer in public schools
144	Monday:	September 21, 2020	1963	President Kennedy assassinated November 22; Betty Friedan's "The Feminist Mystique" sparks the Feminist Movement
145	Tuesday:	September 22, 2020	1964	Lyndon Johnson elected President; Civil Rights Act ends legalized racial segregation
146	Wednesday:	September 23, 2020	1965	Malcolm X is assassinated
147	Thursday:	September 24, 2020	1966	North American Blizzard of 1966 lasts 4-1/2 days - Oswego, NY receives a total of 103" of snow

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148	Friday: Sheila E.;	September 25, 2020	1967	Race riots in Detroit and Milwaukee; Joni Eareckson becomes quadriplegic - later establishes "Joni & Friends"
149	Saturday:	September 26, 2020	1968	The United Methodist denomination is formed; Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. are assassinated
150	Sunday:	September 27, 2020	1969	Armstrong and Aldrin walk on the moon; Woodstock (music) Festival; Sesame Street debuts on t.v.
151	Monday:	September 28, 2020	1970	The first Earth Day proclamation; cigarette television ads are banned
152	Tuesday:	September 29, 2020	1971	26th Amendment lowers voting age to 18-years old
153	Wednesday:	September 30, 2020	1972	Watergate investigative series begins in the Washington Post
154	Thursday:	October 1, 2020	1973	Rev. Erie J. Miller called to Danby Federated Church, June 1973
155	Friday: Sheila E.;	October 2, 2020	1974	Restoration of the Danby Federation Church sanctuary begins in July, 1974
156	Saturday:	October 3, 2020	1975	Restoration & Dedication of the Sanctuary, April 20, 1975
157	Sunday:	October 4, 2020	1976	Rev. Miller ordained and installed as pastor, May 1st, 1976; George Gallup declares this the "Year of the Evangelical"
158	Monday:	October 5, 2020	1977	Focus on the Family founded by James Dobson
159	Tuesday:	October 6, 2020	1978	New International Version Bible translation released
160	Wednesday:	October 7, 2020	1979	Mother Teresa wins Nobel Peace Prize
161	Thursday:	October 8, 2020	1980	Mount St. Helens erupts; Ronald Reagan elected President
162	Friday: Sheila E.;	October 9, 2020	1981	Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman justice of the US Supreme Court
163	Saturday:	October 10, 2020	1982	New King James translation of Bible released
164	Sunday:	October 11, 2020	1983	The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program is launched.
165	Monday:	October 12, 2020	1984	The crack cocaine epidemic begins
166	Tuesday:	October 13, 2020	1985	First Farm Aid concerts to raise awareness of financial crises for farmers
167	Wednesday:	October 14, 2020	1986	Space shuttle Challenger explodes at take off
168	Thursday:	October 15, 2020	1987	Televangelist Jim Bakker, head of PTL Ministries, resigns after admitting an affair
169	Friday: Sheila E.;	October 16, 2020	1988	George H.W. Bush elected President
170	Saturday:	October 17, 2020	1989	Billy Graham Crusade at Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY; Fall of the Berlin Wall, November 9th.
171	Sunday:	October 18, 2020	1990	Four men in Binghampton begin 17-year prayer for revival, culminating in the Franklin Graham Festival 2007
172	Monday:	October 19, 2020	1991	The Soviet Union dissolves, December 8th, 1991
173	Tuesday:	October 20, 2020	1992	Hurricane Andrew; Bill Clinton elected President
174	Wednesday:	October 21, 2020	1993	Blizzard of 1993 hits East Coast killing 300 people, dumps 40 feet of snow on upstate New York
175	Thursday:	October 22, 2020	1994	Rev. Charles Hakes becomes pastor of Danby Federated Church
176	Friday: Sheila E.;	October 23, 2020	1995	Oklahoma City Bombing: 168 are killed at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building
177	Saturday:	October 24, 2020	1996	Danby Federated Church sends first of seven annual teams to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky
178	Sunday:	October 25, 2020	1997	U.S. President Bill Clinton bans federal funding for any research on human cloning.
179	Monday:	October 26, 2020	1998	The North American Ice Storm of 1998 strikes New England, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick
180	Tuesday:	October 27, 2020	1999	Columbine high school massacre
181	Wednesday:	October 28, 2020	2000	George W. Bush elected President
182	Thursday:	October 29, 2020	2001	The attacks of September 11th.
183	Friday: Sheila E.;	October 30, 2020	2002	Rev. Wilfred Baez becomes pastor of Danby Federated Church
184	Saturday:	October 31, 2020	2003	Iraq disarmament crisis, leading to the Iraq war in April 2003
185	Sunday:	November 1, 2020	2004	The movie, "Passion of the Christ", is released; Facebook is launched
186	Monday:	November 2, 2020	2005	Michael Grinnals becomes pastor; DFC sponsors youth mission to Tapestries of Life in Mexico
187	Tuesday:	November 3, 2020	2006	Broome & Tioga flood; DFC members "muck out" Owego church; Education Wing & Kitchen Annex added to DFC
188	Wednesday:	November 4, 2020	2007	Franklin Graham NYPENN Festival-members of DFC serve as counselors
189	Thursday:	November 5, 2020	2008	Barack Obama elected President
190	Friday: Sheila E.;	November 6, 2020	2009	Ed Enstine becomes pastor of Danby Federated Church, May 2009
191	Saturday:	November 7, 2020	2010	Apple Computer unveils the iPad tablet
192	Sunday:	November 8, 2020	2011	Osama Bin Laden is killed
193	Monday:	November 9, 2020	2012	Hurricane Sandy

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194	Tuesday:	November 10, 2020	2013	Boston Marathon bombing
195	Wednesday:	November 11, 2020	2014	Dr. Craig Spencer tests positive for Ebola in New York City after working in Guinea
196	Thursday:	November 12, 2020	2015	Danby Federated Church votes to change name to Danby Community Church
197	Friday: Sheila E.;	November 13, 2020	2016	Donald J. Trump elected President
198	Saturday:	November 14, 2020	2017	Danby Community Church votes to end ties with United Methodist and United Church of Christ
199	Sunday:	November 15, 2020	2018	The ongoing wildfires in California are officially declared as the largest in the state's history
200	Monday:	November 16, 2020	2019	Corona Virus Pandemic begins in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, December 2019
201	Tuesday:	November 17, 2020	2020	Closing of non-essential businesses & gatherings of over 10; Church services continue via technology; we reopen on June 28