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²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*



Danby Community Church

Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God



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Serving GOD & Community

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Sunday - 10am
Music Service, Wed. - 7pm

Prayer Hour:

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Pilgrims in the Danby Highlands

By Sheila Enstine



"The Conservative in CCCC is not a political or economic term," Rev. Nick Granitsas began his talk on the history of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference at their recent annual meeting in Pittsburgh. "We use this word because of our desire to *conserve* the Christian faith," he explained.

A professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Rev. Granitsas recounted church history from the 1534 Act of Supremacy in England (giving Henry VIII leadership of the church) and the efforts of the Puritans to reform or "purify" the Church of England. Another group, the Separatists, felt that the Church was beyond reform and advocated for a new "separate" Church with a congregational form of government. The Separatists were severely persecuted and relocated to Holland. In 1620 they boarded the Mayflower and founded the Plymouth Plantation. The Separatists were the original Pilgrims.

In 1629 the Puritans arrived in New England and organized the Massachusetts Bay Colony. These two groups united in 1648 with the Cambridge Platform as their statement of faith.

Today, churches that emphasize local government under the headship of Christ and reject the authority of presbyters, bishops, or assemblies of representatives are considered Congregational. This includes independent churches as well as those affiliated with an association like the CCCC. "The Four Cs" organized in 1948 in answer to German Higher Criticism's secular, non-supernatural view of Scripture, which had swept through New England in the mid to late 1800s.

I learned a few more remarkable things from Mel Foster, the pastor at the Candor Congregational Church who also attended the conference. The Candor church was founded in 1808 as the Second Congregational Church of Spencer. "So I wondered, where the First Congregational Church of Spencer was," Mel told me. "I researched it and found out it was you guys!" The Danby church and the Candor church were within the Town of Spencer at the time.

It seems that as some churches and denominations try to accommodate the secular culture of the 21 century, the believers worshipping in the Danby Highlands are poised again to contend "earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). We are, after all, the spiritual descendants of the Pilgrims.



How the Fruit of the Spirit Comes to Us

A first clue to how this fruit is produced in us is in the fact that it is called the fruit "of the Spirit".

This reminds us that the character qualities of Jesus are not something that are produced by us, but only produced in us. They are produced by the Holy Spirit who Himself lives in us.

A second clue is in the fact that it is called the "fruit" of the Spirit - not "fruits" as if in the plural, but "fruit", the singular. The fruit of the Spirit in us is not "nine different fruits", but one singular "fruit" manifested in nine distinct qualities.

This reminds us that the Holy Spirit produces His fruit in us as a whole. We cannot pick and choose the qualities we would want to produce.

A third clue is to remember the nature of fruit itself. Fruit doesn't grow overnight, but grows over time though a process that is under the sovereign control of God.

*From a sermon delivered Sunday, June 2, 2002
at Bethany Bible Church, Portland, OR.*

<http://www.bethanybible.org/archive/2002/060202.htm>

Paul's Letter to The Galatians

"Against such there is no law"

This bitter letter reflects tensions between Paul and the Christian community he founded in Galatia, a Roman province in Turkey.

In his absence, other Christian teachers were encouraging the Galatians to be circumcised and observe Jewish law.

Paul responds vehemently, warning against circumcision, and asserting that Christians need not follow Jewish dietary laws.

He explains that one cannot "earn" the fruit of the Holy Spirit by observing Jewish law. As Christians, the Holy Spirit dwells within us already.

The Manifestations of Spiritual Transformation in Our Lives

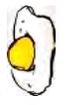
"The fruit of the Spirit" (the nine graces) is often divided into three groups.

- a. Those graces which turn one's thoughts toward God: Love, Joy, and Peace.
- b. Those that direct our attention to our fellow man: Forbearance, Kindness, and Goodness.
- c. Those which refer more directly to oneself: Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

By our own efforts, these things could never be produced in us, but through the Holy Spirit, Jesus' own character can come alive in us!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	31 9 Strength Grp.	Aug 1 5p Hour of Prayer	2 6:30p Sundaes on Wed. 7p AA Meeting 	3 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Hour of Prayer	4	5 8 Hour of Prayer
6 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	7 9 Strength Grp. 7p Trustees Meeting	8 5p Hour of Prayer	9 6p Sundaes on Wed. 7p AA Meeting 	10 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	11	12 8 Hour of Prayer
13 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	14 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	15 5p Hour of Prayer	16 6:30p Sundaes on Wed. 7p AA Meeting 	17 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry 5p Hour of Prayer 	18	19 8 Hour of Prayer
20 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	21 9 Strength Grp. 7p Wm's Fellowship	22 5p Hour of Prayer	23 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	24 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	25	26 8 Hour of Prayer
27 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch 	28 9 Strength Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 7p SPOC Meeting 	29 5p Hour of Prayer	30 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	31 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	Sep 1	2 8 Hour of Prayer



Sundaes on Wednesdays

Live Music, Free Ice Cream - 6:30pm
Hotdogs & Hamburgers for sale!



- Aug. 2 -- Ithaca Concert Band
- Aug. 9 -- Steve Southworth & the Rockabilly Rays (music starts at 6pm)
- Aug. 16 - Finger Lakes Pipe Band

"Sundaes on Wednesdays" returns!



Danby Community Church Receives 2017 Best of Ithaca Award

ITHACA June 6, 2017 -- Danby Community Church has been selected for the 2017 Best of Ithaca Award in the Places of Worship category by the Ithaca Award Program.

Each year, the Ithaca Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional success in their local community and business category.

Sweet Hours of Prayer



Tues. & Thurs. 5-6pm
Sat. 8am

Join us for prayer or Holy Conversation with the Pastor and Elders.

Birthdays

- 8-01 Rebecca Lux
- 8-05 Michael Buell
- 8-05 Eileen Wilbur
- 8-06 Judy Horton
- 8-07 Dale Horton
- 8-07 Cindee Ball
- 8-10 Lincoln Buell
- 8-11 Garry Huddle
- 8-16 Arianna Lovett
- 8-18 Angela Everhart
- 8-18 Roy Lux
- 8-19 Ryan Cobb
- 8-19 Linda Sczepanski
- 8-20 Pat Swartout
- 8-21 Michael Griffin
- 8-22 Linda Wilson
- 8-23 Paula Nelson
- 8-23 Pam Sackett
- 8-25 Matthew Blaker
- 8-27 Margaret Love

Our Phone Ministry

If you would like to visit by phone weekly, or know someone who would appreciate a call, contact Lyn Aiosa at 564-3560 or valleyviewphoto@juno.com.



Anniversaries

- 8-07 Robert & Sidney Doan
- 8-20 Garry & Gay Huddle
- 8-21 Thurman & Heather Soyring
- 8-22 Ted & Connie Merritt

Trustees Report

Finally I think that we have turned the corner into Spring. The winter months have not been idle for us here at Danby. The carpet in the Sanctuary has been professionally cleaned by ABC. This almost completes the "improvements" that have been going on. The windows in the Choir Loft Stairs still need to be painted and some of the items up in the balcony need to be removed.

Thank you to Michelle Dunning and Lorena Miller for the wonderful decorations for Easter.

A TexMex Dinner was held in May. At this writing the project report has not been completed but people were saying that it was a success. *Submitted by Charlene Testut.*



Mural painted by our talented Sunday Schoolers.

Our sympathies go to the family of Francis Chase (3-16-1932 to 6-19-2017).

To the family of Debbie Alve whose mother, Jean Estrol, recently passed away.

And to the family of Gail Mazourek upon the death of her sister, Jean Pike.