



Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

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From Our Pastor!

In Search of the Perfect Christian How-to Book

It is enticing to think that one great technique, one pivotal event, a single epiphanous revelation will set life right and nothing will ever again be a problem. With such a revelation, our churches will fill to overflowing. Children will stop acting like we used to act. Money will flow into ministry. Sermons will inspire and folks will stay awake and alert for the entire service. But alas it just ain't so.

After reading way too many books about "how to do church", I'm discouraged with Christian book sellers and authors. No holy cure-all has come to light. Almost every book I've read for the last couple of decades has wrung out a single idea like a wet mop. More often than not, that idea could be explored in a few thousand words.

We read whole books that present a single action contained within semi-nary term-paper-sized, eight to ten double-spaced pages or approximately five times the size of this article.

Books have to be long to support the retail price. Who would pay for a few pages? Therefore, authors and publishers use finely-honed techniques to fatten a tome.

Margins can be artfully reduced. Tasteful illustrations contribute to memory prompts or just beautiful distractions. Smaller overall page size increases book width. Produce one decent idea, puffed up with large type, illustrations, numerous real or imagined stories to pound home the main point, and you also can publish a 175-225 page book that sells for way too much. Such is the current business of Christian authorship and book selling.

But there may be a single pearl of great price hidden away in the redundant pages of a book. Therefore, we continue to buy and read them.

Sometimes this pursuit of contemporary success can be an unnecessary distraction. I need to remember that the source material for instruction on preparing, sowing, and harvesting into the Kingdom of God and living an abundant joyful life is the Bible. When my friends or I write anything

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On the Cover!

Johnny Driscoll & Devon Buckley

related to Christianity, the Bible should be our go to.

The great thing about Scripture is that it is not a single fluffed up idea, but a comprehensive guide for Christ's Body on Earth. From those sacred pages, we can find all we need to work out a successful and productive life and ministry that is pleasing to God.

Read as many current books as you please, but don't forget to spend time in the Scriptures. This is the source of instruction from God to us. The Bible is the best seller throughout history for a reason. As you read, pray for the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you are reading. If you are challenged by the truth of scripture, ask yourself why that is.

The Bible is really a library of 66 books in one volume, with countless "how to" directions that you will understand more with every read. It is the perfect instruction manual for life and life abundantly.



Welcome HOME

a place where you belong

Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10 am
Sunday Adult Education Class @ 8:45am
Youth Church @ 10:30am
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Communion, Conversation and Prayer 5-6pm
Wednesdays, Live Music & Conversation @ 7pm
Sweet Hour of Prayer, Saturday, 8am
Women's Bible Study, Fridays @ 1pm

Spiritual Development Update from Sheila Enstine

Important Dates: We are in the season of Pentecost, the longest in the Church year. Some traditions call this Ordinary Time, from the Latin ordinal, which means counted. We are counting the days until the end of this season on Christ the King Sunday in November. The liturgical color is green to symbolize growth, so let's grow with...

Adult Small Groups:

- **The Sunday morning group** is studying the Book of Proverbs. Study guides are available for anyone interested in the class. The group meets from 8:45 – 9:45 am.
- **Wednesday Night Praise and Fellowship** gathers at 7 pm with the praise team and after worship, we share how Christ has moved in our lives and pray together.
- **The Women's Bible Study** will meet for fellowship, lunch and study on July 22nd and August 26th, both at 1PM. We will begin reading "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. Phillip Keller. See Suzanne Walker if you're interested in joining this group.

Nursery and Youth Church: The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five, if needed. Youth Church is on summer break through August.

Safe Sanctuary Renewal:

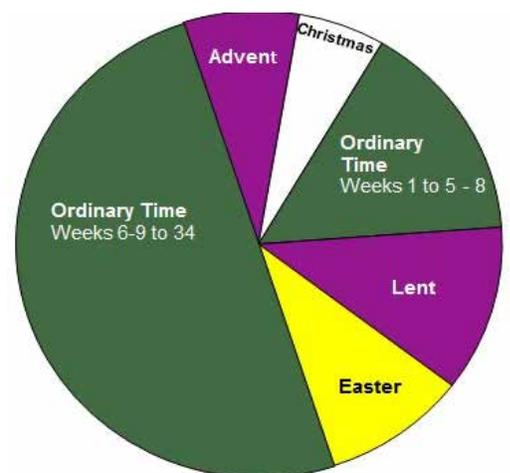
Our annual Safe Sanctuary Covenant renewal and workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 PM in the All Saints' Room. Anyone who volunteers with children or youth needs to attend the meeting. If you are interested in children's ministry or you're just curious about our program, you're welcome to attend the meeting. The workshop portion of the meeting will focus on children's learning styles and how to discipline to the nature of the child. We will also discuss a Youth Ministry Restart at the meeting.

Prayer Opportunities:

- Prayer Chain: Contact Judy Cuyle at gncat87@yahoo.com or call 279-5089.
- In-person: Saturday mornings at 8:00 am. Pastor Ed is available for prayer and conversation in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Congregational Care:

Thank you to Paula Nelson and Doug Nash for arranging for flower deliveries. The Prayer Shawl ministry needs a restart. If you would like to be on a visitation team to deliver the shawls or if you're aware of other needs of our friends and neighbors, please let Sheila know.



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

Danby Community Church
Administrative Council Meeting
July 11, 2022.

Present. Paula Nelson, Sheila Enstine, Ed Enstine, Katy Prince, Charlene Testut, Dave McDermitt. Pastor Ed opened with prayer at 7:08.

CLERK'S MINUTES. June meeting minutes. Motion to approve (Katy), second (Sheila). Carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Dave gave report. Dave will contact ExxonMobil to have them change our name in their system from Danby Federated Church to Danby Community Church. Motion (Sheila), second (Katy). Carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Paula gave report. Motion (Dave), second (Charlene). Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The outdoor worship was successful. Road noise wasn't a problem though we may want to use a tarp or canopy if we do it again to block very bright sunlight. Thank you to Sheila and the Praise & Worship team and those who organized and setup.

NEW BUSINESS: See ministry areas below and:

- ReUse Sale is Friday, July 29th, 3pm -7pm and Saturday, July 30th, 9am -1pm. Volunteers needed. Please sign-up on clipboard at church and/or contact Sharon Boda.
- Katy brought up the idea of monthly dish-to-pass with several tables; people will "draw" their tables when picking up their service wear.

REPORTS.

- **Hospitality.** Sundaes on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30. Ithaca Concert Band.

- **Spiritual Development**

Important Dates: Season of Pentecost, the longest in the Church year – lasts until Christ the King Sunday in November. Liturgical color is green to symbolize growth.

Special Prayer Meetings: Last month's question to council: What is the mood/attitude about focused prayer meetings? What is the sense of Council about small groups? Note: purpose is to encourage fellowship and new friendships.

Current Small Groups:

Sunday morning group 13-week series on Proverbs on started June 27th. Study guides are available for anyone interested in the class. The group meets from 8:45 – 9:45 am.

Wednesday Night Praise and Fellowship gathering back to at usual time (7pm).

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.



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After worship, we share prayer requests and pray together.

Women's Bible Study: To meet for fellowship and lunch three times during the summer. First time was Friday, June 24th, 2nd on July 22 – to begin study of “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” by W. Phillip Keller; last one August 26th?

Nursery and Youth Church: The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five, if needed. Youth Church on summer break; Will hold annual Safe Sanctuary renewal in August. Possible Sunday School/Youth Church restart in the Fall. Copies of the volunteer schedule including greeters & ushers are on wall above the water cooler and emailed to participants. **Thank you** Paula & Diana for volunteering for each communion Sun.

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Congregational Care: TY to Paula Nelson and Doug Nash for arranging for flowers for congregants.

Outreach:

- There will be a table at the Danby Summer Market this Friday, July 15th. Setup will be around 3:30. This is planned for the one in August and September as well. Ed and Sheila will take a card table and some give-a-ways, and a canopy from under the stage. We hope folks from the church will drop by to mingle and at the end to help the vendors pack up.
- There will also be table at the Food Pantry to distribute notices to the participants to keep them aware of what's going on at the church.
- Biker Sunday is being spear-headed by Krissy; message by Pastor Ed. Sun. August 21, 10am.

- Trustees:

- Tommy Prince and Tom Gray will fix plumbing leak in the back room used for our adult Bible study.
- Kitchen refrigerator was fixed by D'Alberto refrigeration. It has a small refrigerant leak and will need to be checked annually.
- Door replacement is pending. Dave and Dan will do the construction.
- Blood drives will stay at the fire station where it's air-conditioned.
- Slats in the belfry can be replaced from the inside; Katy will check with Tommy.
- Two requests to rent the kitchen were denied because they weren't church-related.

- Missions: No report.

- SPOC: 26 surveys returned so far. Please complete one if you haven't – see Katy or complete online. Suggestion was made to put scriptures for each service on projector screen at beginning of church so people know what's planned.

- SAP: No report.

Motion to adjourn (Dave), second (Sheila). Meeting ended at 8:33.

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Respectfully submitted,  
David McDermitt, church clerk

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

## Seven Reasons to Worship Outside (Plus a Bonus) Compiled from the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Outside Worship Service

*By Sheila Enstine*

1. Worshipping outside is God's idea. When God finished creating, he pronounced "It is very Good!" over the entire cosmos (Gen. 1:31). God created everything for his own enjoyment and rejoices when he is glorified by creation. Speaking of Christ as God incarnate, Colossians 1:16 says, "...all things have been created through Him and for Him."
2. Worshipping God outside helps us reconnect to the earth from which we came and to our purpose as Eden's caregivers (see Genesis 2:4-17).
3. When worshipping outside, we experience the transcendent beauty of nature, which helps us perceive the beauty of God.
4. When worshipping outside, we join with all creation – animate and inanimate – in glorifying our Creator. Psalm 148 is one of many Psalms that describe creation worshipping God by doing his bidding.
5. When we worship God further out, in wilderness, we may hear a clearer call to ministry. Check out the ancestors of our faith. They were outside when called.
6. Worshipping outside is good for our health – body, mind, and soul.
7. Worshipping outside follows the example of our Savior. Jesus made himself totally dependent on the Father by experiencing birth, baptism, testing, ministry, crucifixion, and death outside of the physical, social, and religious norms of his day. Mary encountered the risen Christ outside in the garden, and two other disciples encountered him on a lonely road outside of Emmaus.

### Bonus:

Worshipping outside leads us to fall more deeply in love with nature and, therefore, we fall more deeply in love with nature's God. When we fall more deeply in love with nature's God, we fall more deeply in love with those whom God loves, our fellow creatures and our fellow image-bearers. Go ye, therefore, outside and love.



**Sheila getting ready to give sermon**



**Praise Team setting up**



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## Welcome Home!!

**What's Happening in August?!?**

**Sundaes on Wednesday**

**August 3 @ 6:30pm**

**Ithaca Concert Band and Ice Cream Sundaes**

**Safe Sanctuary Renewal**

**Tuesday, August 16 @ 6:30pm**

**Biker Sunday w/ the Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministries**

**Sunday, August 21st @ 10am**

**Blessing of the Bikes, Food, Music and Bike Ride**