



# Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

**August 2023**





## From Our Pastor!

### Back from Beautiful St. Cloud, Minnesota and All is Well

Yes indeed, flying is a hassle now-a-days. Both coming and going to St. Cloud, my flights were delayed by weather and a shortage of pilots. Hours of waiting on a plane were a bit uncomfortable, but it gave me opportunities to talk to some people who were dealing with difficult situations in their lives.

I can't turn off being a pastor, nor do I wish too. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17 says "pray without ceasing."

The 4C Annual Gathering was a wonderful experience. The planners decided that we would have a celebration that would be a godly and fun-filled gathering of friends. It was the most enjoyable church conference I've ever attended.

I am reminded that we need time together to encourage and strengthen one another in a world that seeks to divide people into smaller and smaller special interest groups. At the 4C Gathering we came together united in Christ as the most important element in our lives. It was wonderful. Check out Hebrews 10: 23-25.

### Returning to Our Historic Roots

On Tuesday morning July 11, 2023, all in attendance at the 4C Conference voted to accept Danby Community Church into membership. We are no longer independent; while as Congregational we remain autonomous. When our congregation first met back in 1807 we were affiliated as Congregational, so in fact we are returning to our roots.

In the end it will always be about our devotion to God as we follow the Lord's command to live holy and unique lives, representing Christ's Church on earth. However, we must be accountable to insure we walk properly through the time we are given in this world.

The Apostle Paul was very aware of how easy it is to drift from a pure faith and encourages us in Jude 1:3 "...contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

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**On the Cover!**  
**Old Rockers**  
**aka**  
**Pastor Ed and Steve Hubble**

## August Thoughts and Memories

There's something about August that has always held my attention. Unlike July that was hot from beginning to end, August was always different.

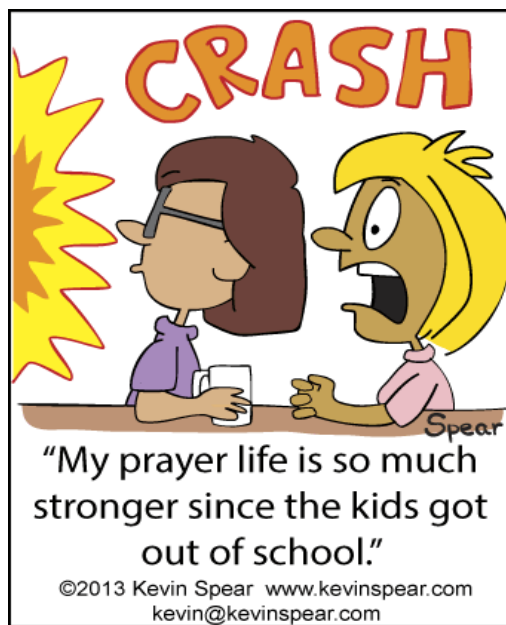
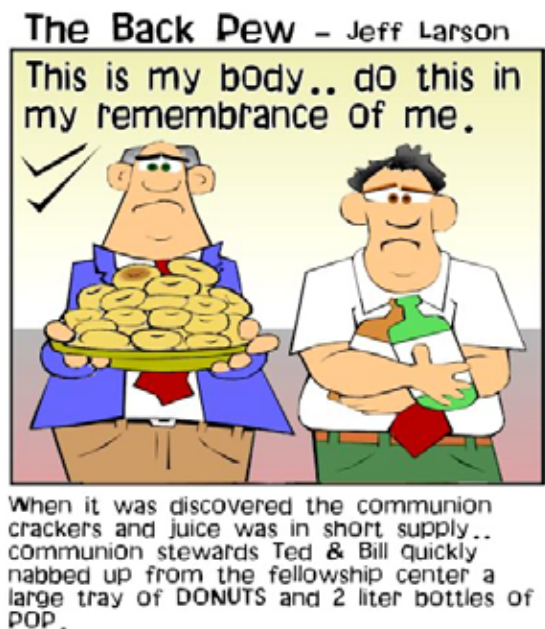
As a kid I knew the beginning of August on Long Island would prolong the benefits of blazing summer heat. Daily trips to cool off in Wildwood Lake and evening visits to various ice cream stands hold vivid sway in my childhood memories. By month's end cooling nights formed morning dew that pointed to the end of "swimming season." No swimming after August 31, getting wet all over outside was not allowed, ever!

The return to school lurked only days ahead. In the fields surrounding our house, the beginning of the potato harvest repainted thousands of acres from lush green vines to tan, exposed dirt. August was and remains a remarkable month of both subtle and stark transitions.

Times have certainly brought change to my childhood home on eastern Long Island. The potato fields are gone, replaced by houses, horse farms, and vineyards. But no matter where you live in the northeast, August remains mid-summer hot at the start, cooling towards month's end. You can almost feel the year starting to age as the day-light hours shorten.

It's too simplistic to say that yearly seasons are like life. That idea has been presented too many times already. And besides, we're human, way too unpredictable to be governed by a pattern or ordered by a calendar. I totally agree with the sentiment that getting older is unavoidable—growing up is optional. I choose to delight in constant discovery over a listless status quo. Never-the-less there is a degree of comfort in the order of both passing seasons and life.

I do find it bittersweet to think that there were so many wonderful summers in my past and so few in my future. We all have the choice to celebrate or bemoan our lot, in the best or the worst of times. I for one will celebrate and praise God for every opportunity I am granted to fully experience life.



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](http://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.



**Danby Community Church**  
**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**July 10, 2023.**

**Present:** Paula Nelson, Sheila Enstine, Charlene Testut, Gloria Miller, and David McDermitt.

The Council meeting opened with prayer by Sheila at 7:04pm.

**CLERK'S MINUTES:** Meeting minutes from June - motion to approve (Gloria), second (Charlene), Carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Dave gave report. St. Pauly's made their first direct deposit rather than mailing a check. Motion to approve report (Sheila), second (Charlene), Carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Paula gave her report. Motion to approve report (Dave), second (Gloria), Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The church's 4C's membership will be official by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** See individual reports

**HOSPITALITY:**

- Sundaes on Wednesday. There will be 3: 1 in July and 2 in August. Music will be by the Ithaca Concert band, the Ageless Jazz band, and one to be determined.
- Coffee and Donut on Monday is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:** The church is currently in the season of 'Ordinary Time' which runs from Trinity Sunday (6/04) to Christ the King Sunday (11/26) . The liturgical color is green.

- Sunday Bible study is starting the book of Ezekiel.
- Thursday night Bible study continues in the book of Matthew.
- Friday women's group is meeting monthly during the summer for lunch at noon at different host homes. They are reading 'Lessons from a Sheep Dog' by Phillip Keller. See Suzanne Walker if interested in joining.
- Wednesday night worship and praise team rehearsal continues.
- Prayer is available on Saturday mornings at 8:00.
- Katy Prince continues to lead the email prayer chain.
- Nursery is available as needed and children's church for ages 6-10 after the first set of praise music.
- Thank you to Doug Nash and Paula Nelson for church flowers.

*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](mailto:jsg4@cornell.edu) and your question (and answer) may appear in the next Danby Church News*

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**FOOD PANTRY:**

- served 78 households last month
- not restricted to Danby residents (by federal law.)

**TRUSTEES:**

- exterminator came for rodent control (in addition to Ruth, the cat.)
- will work out parking for Sundaes on Wednesday since lawn parking has been restricted.

**MISSIONS:**

- Our contributions to Renovation House and Second Wind Cottages continue to be paid.
- Our different missions including the St. Pauly shed, should be mentioned during church service, perhaps highlighted once a month, to remind the congregation.

**SPOC:** no report.

**SAP:** no report.

Motion to adjourn (Gloria). Meeting was adjourned by Paula at 7:52.  
Sheila closed our time together with prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,  
David McDermitt, Council clerk

Welcome HOME  
a place where you belong

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

## **Spiritual Development Update** *from Sheila Enstine*

### **Important Dates for August 2023:**

We are in the season of Ordinary Time, a season of spiritual growth, extending from Trinity Sunday through Christ the King Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> this year. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

### **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** meets at 1:00 PM in the All Saints Room. During the summer months, the group is meeting monthly for a dish-to-pass lunch and discussion of Phillip Keller's *Lessons from a Sheep Dog: A True Story of Transforming Love*. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. This is a dedicated time to pray for others and for ourselves without the distractions often encountered at home or on the road.
- **Prayer Chain:** Contact Katy Prince at [katyprince96@gmail.com](mailto:katyprince96@gmail.com).
- **Renewed Emphasis on Prayer:** As Christians, we know the most effectual remedy for the problems and stresses of our world is prayer. In the coming months we will renew our emphasis on praying for the world. Watch for a prayer calendar and prayer guides that will be distributed during August.

**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.

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

## **Building a Culture of Believing Prayer and Intercession**

*By Sheila Enstine*

The first item in the Seven Guiding Values of the Four Cs denomination is “A Culture of Believing Prayer and Intercession”.

I’m grateful that’s the first of the seven values because the next six, including healthy pastors and healthy disciple-making churches, depends on prayer.

I’m also grateful that ours is a praying church. As we head into late summer and early fall, I’d like to increase our emphasis on intercessory prayer and do so in an organized fashion.

We often feel overwhelmed with all the people and situations that need prayer, around the world as well as in our own households and neighborhoods. One way to create a sense of order in the chaos is to designate each day of the week to pray for specific groups of people or needs.

For example, Mondays could be set aside as a day to pray for business and industry. We can ask for Christ’s influence in hiring, banking practices, product development, and the use of resources. A moral revival in these areas opens the door for integrity in business transactions, which in turn can lead to economic justice and prosperity.

Another day could target mass media and on another day the prayer focus could be the Church – our local church as well as the unity and growth of the world-wide Church. Jesus’ command that we pray for workers in the harvest would be part of this emphasis as well as praying for persecuted believers around the world.

During the next few weeks, pray about what to pray for. Remember that listening for our Lord’s direction is as important, if not more important, than telling him what we need.

Let me know if you have inspirations for special prayer focuses. I’ll try to incorporate your ideas into a prayer calendar that will be available digitally and in print sometime in August.



**Sundaes on Wednesdays, August 2: Ithaca Concert Band**



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**Welcome Home!!**

**What's Happening?!? This Summer??**

FREE COFFEE AND DONUT



**Mondays, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21**

**8:00 am - 10:00 am**

Take out or Dine In

Join Us for *Community Coffee Chat*

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**Sundaes on Wednesdays**

**6:30 pm - 8pm**

**August 2 - Ageless Jazz Band  
and**

**August 9 - Bob and Dee**