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Danby Church News



Franciabigio, 1482- 1525, Florence, Italy

Jesus said to her, "Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" . *John 20:17*

Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up
the Kingdom of God*



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Serving GOD & Community

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Uniformity or Unity?

By Sheila Enstine

When our youngest son joined the Army, Ed and I received a photograph of his basic training class. I like to think that I can pick out my kids in any crowd, but it took some effort to find our son in the picture. The recruits wore the same uniform, had the same shaved heads, the same rifles slung across their chests, and the same military stance.

The photograph is an example of uniformity – when a group of people look alike, talk alike, and walk alike. Uniformity, however, is not the same thing as unity.

We often think if church members have different opinions on how to conduct worship, for example, or how to define membership or how to evangelize – if we aren't uniform in practice – we are therefore not in unity. But the unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17:20-23 was the unity of a common purpose. That purpose is the advancement of the Gospel throughout the world.

There have always been disagreements in Christ's Church (see Galatians 2:11-14 and I Cor. 10:1-17 & 11:17-34). Unity is found when we are willing to address our differences with respect and civility while keeping our purpose central.

We find help with this in Ephesians 4:1-3, where Paul urges the church "to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...*eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*" Then he offers practical steps for maintaining unity.

Paul says to put away falsehood and speak the truth; be angry but do not sin; use our mouths to build up and give grace; put away bitterness, slander and malice; and be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving, "as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:25-32).

As the culture around us continues its downward, amoral spiral, our faith community will have to decide how to respond to the resultant social chaos. Different opinions on how to do this are inevitable. But rather than allow our differences to sidetrack us, let's remember to maintain our common purpose found in Jesus' Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

*"Welcome to Spring" Brunch
April 27, 10am
United Methodist Church in
Newfield
RSVP Mary at 216-5767*



*Good Friday Service –
April 19, 7pm
Easter - April 21, 2019*

"Touch Me Not"

During the medieval period there was a genre of paintings called "Touch Me Not". They all showed the risen Jesus stepping back from Mary Magdalene. The paintings usually depict Jesus with a gardening tool (discussion of this is for May's Newsletter).

Why did Jesus previously tell Mary Magdalene not to cling to Him (John 20:17), but later permitted certain women to hold His feet and worship Him (Matthew 28:9) and instructed Thomas eight days later to touch His hands and side (John 20:27).

Following His resurrection, Jesus tells the women (including Mary Magdalene) to inform the apostles about His resurrection. Mary Magdalene was not to cling to Jesus, but to "go" and inform the others of the good news.

"Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father in Heaven", could be interpreted more as "Don't worry, I'm not going to be leaving for Heaven just yet. You don't have to cling to me like that."

Perhaps Jesus is telling Mary that it's time to end their personal relationship and enter a new phase – that of spreading the news and discipleship. Other arguments on the "Touch me not" story are discussions about Jewish religious practices.



Fra Angelico, 1395 – 1455, Italian





Danby Community Church APRIL 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Strength Grp. 11:00a Tai Chi 7:00p Trustees Mtg.	2 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study	3 11:00a Tai Chi 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p Music Service	4 9:00a Strength Grp. 12:00p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary	5 1:00p Wm's Bible Study	6 8:00a Hour of Prayer	
7 8:45a Adult Sun. School 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	9 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study	10 11:00a Tai Chi 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p Music Service	11 9:00a Strength Grp. 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary	12 1:00p Wm's Bible Study 5:00p Chicken & Biscuits	13 8:00a Hour of Prayer	
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21 10:00a EASTER Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	23 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study	24 11:00a Tai Chi 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p Music Service	25 9:00a Strength Grp. 3:00p Food Pantry 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary	26 1:00p Wm's Bible Study	27 8:00a Hour of Prayer	
28 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Brunch	30 5:00p Pastors Hr. @ Sanctuary 7:00p Pastor's Bible Study					



Last Dinner!

Chicken & Biscuits

April 12, 5pm



With potatoes, green beans, corn, squash and beets, desserts and drinks for a donation!

Soup, Games & Fellowship

Monday, April 15, 12:45pm

Everyone invited!



Jews for Jesus

Wed, April 17, 6:45pm

Easter Week

by Charles Kingsley

See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the spring;
Shaugh and woodlands ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted;
Use the reason not your own.
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring-
Work of fingers, chant of voices,
Like the birds who build and sing.



A Resurrection Butterfly?

The Mourning Cloak, a 3-inch butterfly, appears around Easter. The pupae hibernate over the winter under the bark of trees. They have an extremely long lifetime of 12 months.

Besides camouflage, mourning cloaks use an attack tactic; they mob together and fly menacingly towards the threat—most often birds or other butterflies.

If a butterfly can survive cold, hard winters and emerge unscathed, how much more so can we, with God's love, survive cold, hard times?

Good Friday

April 19, 7pm



Easter

April 21, 10am



St. Joseph's Indian School

Missions: St. Joseph's Indian School is an American Indian residential school, located in Chamberlain, South Dakota, United States. It was founded in 1927 by a Roman Catholic priest from Germany. The school is owned and operated by the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The school is in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Dale & Judy Horton are collecting all sizes of children's clothing to send to the school. We already have a good supply going this month, but there's always next month!

The Hortons also wish to start a shoebox ministry to the school and are asking for 200 shoe boxes.

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 7pm

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 8:45am

"Introduction to the Gospels"

Concluding April 14.

Women's Bible Study

Fridays at 1pm

Food Pantry Change

from April 18 to April 25



Food Truck cancelled in May because of Memorial Day

Ladies' Tea - May 11, 3-5pm

