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# Danby Church News



Kilauea Lighthouse - Hawaiian Cliffs Sunset Seascape  
by Karen Whitworth, [karenwhitworth.com](http://karenwhitworth.com)

*Even to your old age and gray hairs*

*I am he, I am he who will sustain you.*

*I have made you and I will carry you;*

*I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

Isaiah 46:4

## Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up  
the Kingdom of God*



DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
*Serving GOD & Community*

1859 Danby Rd.  
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### Worship Services:

Sunday – 10am  
Music Service, Wed. 7pm  
Prayer Hour, Saturday 8am

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## A Letter from Honduras

*We support Border Buddies, a Christian mission to Honduras.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mike and I want to express our gratitude to you for being part of Border Buddies Ministries and helping us to fulfill our mission statement; “demonstrate the love of Jesus, which provides hope, instill purpose and develops self-worth to all that embrace his word.” It is our hope and prayer that with the help of each sponsor, together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the results will be “decreasing crime and increasing Christianity in Honduras”.

Border Buddies’ One Child School Sponsorship Program is proud to announce that your sponsor child, Nathaly Pineda Gomez has moved on to 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year. (More info about Nathaly are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board).

Thank you for helping us with this mission. It is our prayer that God Blesses your lives richly, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap, for you have given with love.

Yours in Christ love,  
Michael and Glenda Miller

## America’s Changing Religious Landscape

From the Pew Research Center



The Pew Research Center has conducted a large study to document how the religious profile of the U.S. has changed since the first study was conducted in 2007. With more than 35,000 interviews each, both the 2007 and 2014 studies have margins of error of less than one percentage point.

In 2007, there were 227 million adults in the United States, and a little more than 78% of them – or roughly 178 million – identified as Christians. Between 2007 and 2014, the overall size of the U.S. adult population grew by about 18 million people, to nearly 245 million. But the share of adults who identify as Christians fell to just under 71%, or approximately 173 million Americans, a net decline of about 5 million.

While the mainline Protestant share of the population is significantly smaller today than it was in 2007, the evangelical Protestant share of the population has remained comparatively stable (ticking downward slightly from 26.3% to 25.4% of the population). As a result, evangelicals now constitute a clear majority (55%) of all U.S. Protestants. In 2007, roughly half of Protestants (51%) identified with evangelical churches.

## Koinonia: Our Ministry of Fellowship

By Sheila Enstine

The word *fellowship* comes from the Greek word *koinonia* (koi-nō-nē'-ä), which occurs 20 times in the New Testament. An example is in Acts 2:42: “and they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, and in *fellowship*, and in breaking of bread.”

However, in Romans 15:26 *koinonia* has a different nuance: “For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain *contribution* (*koinonia*) for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.”

In Philemon 1:6 we find “I pray that the *sharing* (*koinonia*) of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.” While *koinonia* appears here as “*sharing*” in the NRSV, it is rendered “*communication*” in the KJV.

From these few verses we learn that Christian *koinonia* or fellowship includes sharing material resources “for the poor saints” and sharing spiritual resources through “communication of your faith.”

I rejoice at the inspiring acts of *koinonia* I’ve seen in our church: creation and distribution of prayer shawls; phone visits to shut-ins; intercessory prayer; generosity toward neighbors locally and throughout the world; childcare during worship, leading and assisting in Children’s Church; participation in group Bible studies; and coming along side people in crisis.

I rejoice also that Dale and Judy Horton are our new Missions Coordinators. They’ve brought a fresh view of missions and renewed passion to our church, especially in our new outreach to the St. Joseph’s Indian School in South Dakota.

Their passion is inspiring me to take a new look at our Spiritual Development Ministry. Taking a new look involves a wide scope – evaluating where we’re going as well as where we’ve been. Some of those who have implemented our *koinonia* ministries are facing crises of their own. They now need us to come along side of them.

Please pray about stepping into the ministry of fellowship. There are as many ways to do this as there are people with unique gifts and talents. Perhaps you are thinking, *someone should (fill in the blank)*. Maybe that someone is you! If you’d like to share in any of the ministries I mentioned or if the Holy Spirit has brought something new to mind, please let me know. I look forward to our *koinonia* (fellowship/contribution/sharing) together as we build one another up to love and good works.

*They (the righteous) shall still  
bring forth fruit in old age;  
they shall be healthy and  
flourishing;*

*Psalm 92:14*



# Danby Community Church JUNE 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	3 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi 7p Trustees Mtg.	4 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary 7p Pastor's Sermon Study	5 11a Tai Chi 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	6 9a Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	7 1p Wm's Bible Study	8 8a Hour of Prayer 9a Danby Rural Cemetery Mtg.
9 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	10 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi 7p Admin Council	11 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary 7p Pastor's Sermon Study	12 11a Tai Chi 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	13 9a Strength Grp. 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	14 1p Wm's Bible Study	15 8a Hour of Prayer
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23 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	24 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi 12p Food Truck 7p SAP	25 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary 7p Pastor's Sermon Study	26 11a Tai Chi 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	27 9a Strength Grp. 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	28 1p Wm's Bible Study	29 8a Hour of Prayer
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**Women's Bible Study**

**Fridays at 1pm**



**Pastor's Sermon Study**

**Tuesday nights at 7pm**

**Life as a Group**

Articles about groups of seniors interacting are not common on the web. All I find is how good it is for you to get social. Well, we know that. Often, we brush its importance aside. Rotten weather, too much to do, "I'm not old", don't feel good, you know the song.

Seniors that get together often will finish a sentence for you if your mind stutters a little; they know which doctors are good if you're looking for one, which medications do what, how to fix, cook, and do things, what's happening in the news or weather if you missed it. If you don't know something, someone will. They know what you can and can't do and adapt to it. It's like being part of an organism. They help each other by filling in the gaps of aging, normal or not. They remember those people that are gone.

So, don't get social because it's good for you (it is), but rather get social because it's a good setting. We laugh a lot and don't have to apologize for the shortcomings of being older. We understand what a desk blotter is and remember (together) the evolution of things and events. This setting makes life easier and richer. It's totally worth it. Life as a group is sweet, just like honey.

**Youth Church - Coming in July**

Beginning in July 2019 we will host two groups for kid's church. Ages 6 - 10 will attend Children's Church and ages 11 - 13 will attend Youth Church. The two groups will meet on the same Sundays, every other week.

We will announce the exact start date as July approaches. As in the past, the young people will leave the Sanctuary after the Lord's Prayer. People aged 14 and above will remain in the Sanctuary. The nursery is open every Sunday for infants through age five.

**Meet our New Administrative Aide!**



Mrs. Lynn Kingston-Harris has taken the job. She had previously worked as an office manager at the Immaculate Conception Parish for 12 years.

She and her husband live in Caroline. They are active yard sale hunters and have their own permanent booths at a large flea market in Binghamton on weekends. Welcome, Lynn!



Friday's Bible Study Group



**Father's Day – June 16**

After staring at the telephone on the table, dreading calling home to tell the news of his pending divorce, Burt Reynolds says he finally picked up the phone, dialed his parents' number with shaking hands, and, thank God, got his mother on the phone.

"Mom, Judy and I are getting a divorce. No, it's final. Mom, tell him I'm sorry. Tell him I've failed again, and that I'm sorry."

Then," he says, I heard this other voice on the phone. "Why don't you come on home, son," my father said, "and let me tell you about all the times I've failed in my life?" *from an interview with Barbara Walters*



Next Month: Blood Drive – July 19  
Sundaes on Wednesday – July 31

