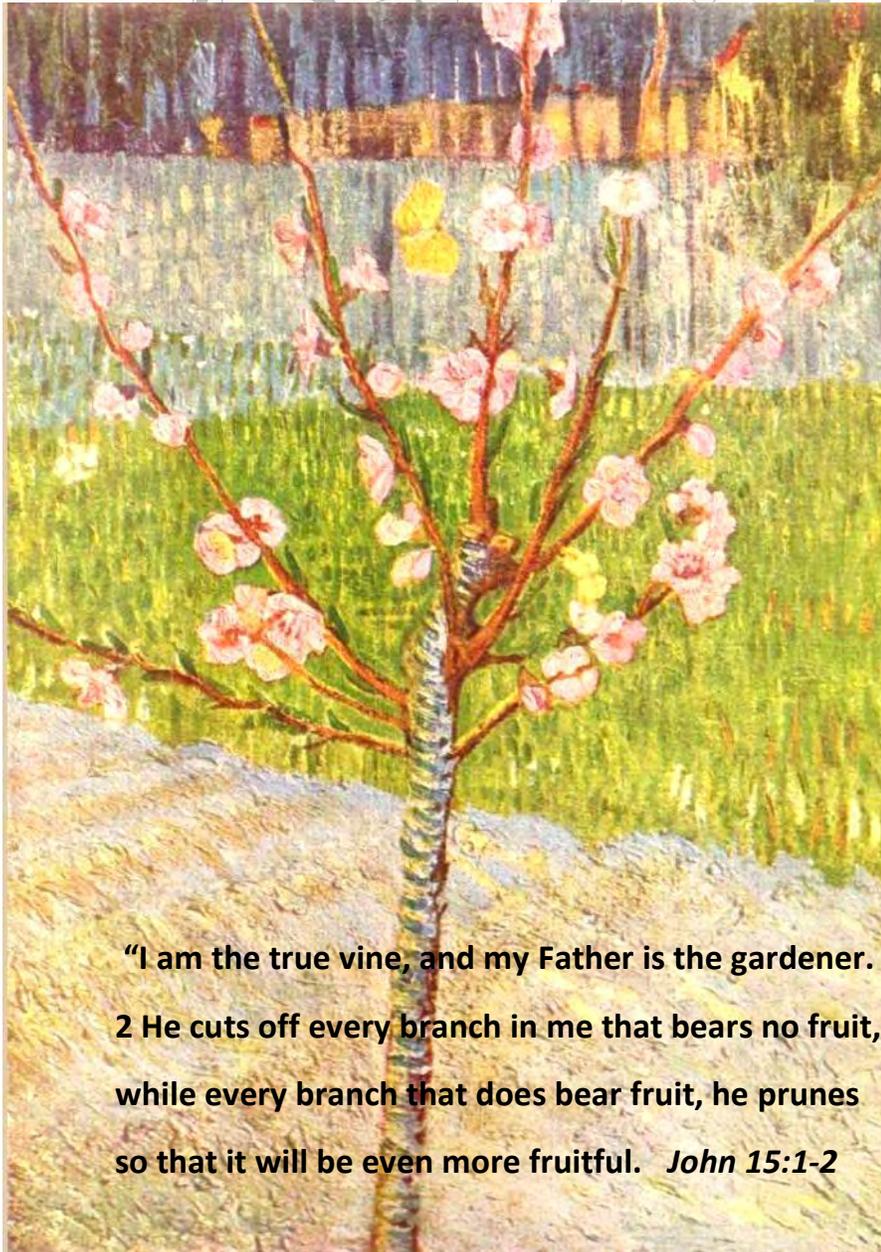


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# Danby Church News



**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.  
2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,  
while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes  
so that it will be even more fruitful. *John 15:1-2***

*Van Gogh, 1888*

## Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up  
the Kingdom of God*



DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
*Serving GOD & Community*

1859 Danby Rd.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

### Worship Services:

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

### Office Hours

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Rembrandt, 1638, Dutch

## Jesus as our Gardener

There are reasons why Mary Magdalene mistook Jesus for a gardener when he was first risen.

Jesus was in a garden when he was arrested and in a garden tomb when he rose.

Jesus prepares the way for us just as a gardener prepares the soil for planting. He enriches our souls - worship bears wonderful fruit.

Parables – there is no better message for an agrarian society.

God's kingdom will be on earth as it is in heaven. We need to be better gardeners!

## Christianity & Climate Change

from Megan Mayhew, The Guardian

According to Pew, 77% of Hispanic Catholics are likely to say human activity has contributed to the Earth's warming. Religiously unaffiliated (64%) and black Protestants (56%) are also likely to tie climate change to human activity. Pew points out that "fewer white mainline Protestants (41%) view climate change as primarily due to human activity ... white evangelical Protestants are *least* likely to hold this view." Southern Evangelical Christians support climate action the least among many categories.

Scott Coleman comments "if we could depoliticize environmental stewardship, imagine the progress we could make with elevating environmental stewardship in southern culture." It is clear that the primary barrier to climate action is its association with the liberal agenda.

Climate activist Anna Jane Joyner, whose father is the pastor of a megachurch in NC, writes that she grew up lumping "environmentalists in with hippies and liberals and all the other people who were probably going to hell".

Dr Lucas Johnston, a professor of religion and environment at Wake Forest University, explains that "there is a longstanding antipathy toward environmental sentiments in Christian, and especially evangelical circles, because they have, for centuries, been imagined as pernicious and dangerous, and possibly bordering on paganism."



Helping in the Garden by Cindy Nowotny  
<https://therustyease.com/>

## Lessons from the Garden

from Craig Bluemel, Bible Answer Stand

The garden is God's place where we fulfill His calling. Man was created in the beginning and placed in the garden. His first encounter with God took place there, and, unfortunately, sin began in the garden. God cursed the ground because of man's sin in the garden, but He also gave hope and a divine promise for restoration in the garden.

The garden's prominence did not begin and end in Eden. Years after man's first transgression of the holy commandment, Jesus the Christ knelt in the garden of Gethsemane, agonizing, over the will of his Father in heaven and declaring, "Father, nevertheless, not my will, but Thine."

The garden can be a place of hope, of decision, and as Jesus found out, a place of betrayal. The garden has both good and bad in it; in the garden is evil and righteousness. In the garden is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and also the tree of life.

What does the Lord teach us from His word, the scriptures, in each phase of gardening? You will see that each weed represents those areas in our lives that must not be allowed to "take root" and, for example, like bitterness, be allowed to grow unchecked.

We are called together with the Lord Jesus Christ to work diligently in the harvest field of souls each year, living and loving God's creation, and nurturing individual crops by listening to and obeying the word of God as we get our hands dirty.

<https://www.bibleanswerstand.org/garden.htm# Introduction>

# Danby Community Church MAY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11a 7p 7p Tai Chi AA Meeting Music Service	2 9a 12p 5p Strength Grp. Sr. Citizens Mtg. Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	3 1p Wm's Bible Study	4 8a Hour of Prayer
5 10a 11:30a Worship Service Coffee Hour	6 9a 11a 7p Strength Grp. Tai Chi Trustees Mtg.	7 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	8 11a 7p 7p Tai Chi AA Meeting Music Service	9 9a 5p Strength Grp. Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	10 1p Wm's Bible Study	11 8a 3p Hour of Prayer LADIES TEA 
12 10a 11:30a Worship Service Coffee Hour 	13 9a 11a 7p Strength Grp. Tai Chi Admin Council	14 5p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	15 11a 7p 7p Tai Chi AA Meeting Music Service	16 9a 3p 5p Strength Grp. Food Pantry Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary 	17 1p Wm's Bible Study	18 8a Hour of Prayer
19 10a 11:30a Worship Service Coffee Hour	20 9a 11a Strength Grp. Tai Chi	21 5p 7p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary Pastor's Bible Study	22 11a 7p 7p Tai Chi AA Meeting Music Service	23 9a 5p Strength Grp. Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	24 1p 1p BLOOD DRIVE Wm's Bible Study 	25 8a Hour of Prayer
26 10a 11:30a Worship Service Brunch 	27 9a 11a Strength Grp. Tai Chi 	28 5p 7p Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary Pastor's Bible Study	29 11a 7p 7p Tai Chi AA Meeting Music Service	30 9a 5p Strength Grp. Pastors Hr @ Sanctuary	1p Wm's Bible Study	

## Ladies' Tea

May 11, 3-5pm

*This year's theme is "Hello Dolly, Bless your Heart".*

*Join us for fellowship, fun, inspiration and great goodies! Our theme is "Hello Dolly!" Bring a doll and wear heart jewelry. For more info, contact Bonnie.*



Food Truck cancelled in May because of Memorial Day



## Recycling

Tompkins County Solid Waste Dept. came to talk to the Danby Seniors last month. Every year recycling rules may change depending on the contract with the processing companies.

They have a new website, <https://recycletompskins.org/> You can type in something to see if you can recycle it.

Just some tips:

- Anything dirty is just thrown away. Must be clean.
- Plastics: only 1, 2 & 5 in the triangle.
- Any pieces smaller than 2"x2" are rejected so leave lids on bottles.
- There is food scrap recycling behind the town hall Saturdays, 9-12pm. Besides veg. scraps, they accept paper napkins and towels, dairy, meat and bone scraps. Caddies, bags and transportation containers are available free of charge.

## Blood Drive

Friday, May 24, 1-6pm

*Everyone invited! Your donation will help travelers on Memorial Day.*



## Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 7pm

Recommencing Mid-May

## Women's Bible Study

Fridays at 1pm



Our church is looking for an Administrative Aide for 3 days a week, 4 hours each day.

**Church Office**

## A Letter from Renovation House

*We support a residential Christian substance abuse program in Spencer. Here's a letter from one of the men:*

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

**I was a lost cause.** Due to the use and abuse of alcohol, my sins were consuming my life. I was homeless, living under a bridge, not knowing when my next meal was coming. Not able to call, visit or even be in contact with my two sons. My liver was shutting down and I had no control of my body functions. Death was knocking at my door.

**By God's grace and mercy,** I was directed to Renovation House. There I studied the Word of God. I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. Since then, my life is now worth living again. I talk to my family again. Both of my boys have come to Jesus. My youngest son now calls me his hero.

**I am so truly grateful** for God's love for me through Renovation House.

**Thank you so very much** for all your thoughts, prayers, and generous donations. I was grateful and still am for all the help I received when I entered the program. I learned Christ's love for me and the sacrifice He made for me. Renovation House has become a true blessing, not only in my life, but in my family's as well.

In God's Love,  
Rob D.