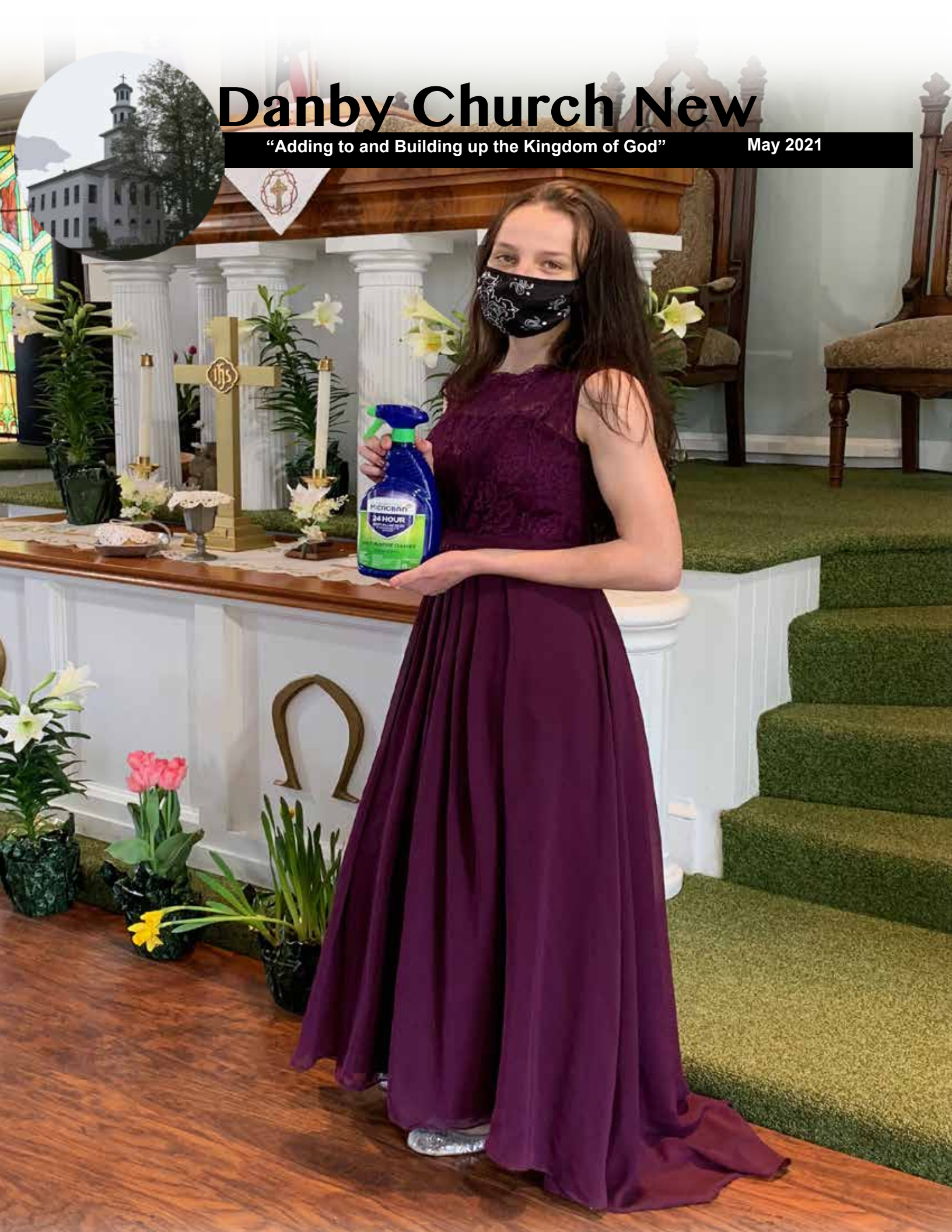


Danby Church New

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

May 2021





From Our Pastor!

Your assignment for May is to read and think about the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 24 and 25. Consider that receiving bad news and good news at the same time is not a new concept.

We study the scriptures to learn God's perspective on how to live in a beautiful world infected with human self-interest and corruption. Jesus pointed out the wide sweep of human interaction that we deal with throughout our lives. He foretold the sometimes difficult and sometimes beautiful path that his disciples would walk in this world. When Jesus spoke of events that would transpire in the future, his original followers heard his words as set in their life time, but scripture has a timeless meaning that guides humanity through all ages.

Jerusalem would fall and be destroyed by the Roman army in 70 CE, but that was not the end of the Church. Even with the growth of persecution and slaughter of Christians for centuries after Christ's ascension, the Church continued and increased. Christianity has never been defeated by the world. Even today, true believers in Christ do not surrender their faith despite the world's persistent effort to mock and destroy, even to the point of death.

Matthew 24 tells us to remain true to the truth of Jesus despite the schemes of those seeking power and control. The evil of our day is not different from the evil of ages past.

Good news! The Church is still here, still waiting patiently for the Lord's return. The true Church is not idle or impotent in the face of the world. God's Kingdom on earth still serves the Lord and will be caught doing His work when He returns.

The question is not if Jesus will return or even when, that is not our business to tend. Our responsibility is to be gainfully employed for the Lord when the trumpet sounds.



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**Our Cover picture:
Penney Buell demonstrating
our sanitizing practices**

**Danby Community Church
Admin Council Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Present: Pastor Ed Enstine, Paula Nelson, Dale & Judy Horton, Margie VanDeMark, Dave McDermitt, Charlene Testut, Katy Prince and Gloria Miller. Pastor Ed opened the meeting with prayer at 6:56 pm.

CLERK'S MINUTES: Motion by Katy, second by Dale, to accept the minutes from March. Carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Dave presented his report. Margie made the motion, second by Gloria, to approve the financial report, carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Paula states that we are still in fine shape financially. Margie made the motion that funds from the clothing shed in the pass through account could be used for materials to build an interior wall to protect from vandalism. Seconded by Gloria, carried. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Gloria, second by Dale, to approve, carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The new Bibles have arrived and three have been given out.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave asked about the need for new roofing over the office.

Hospitality: Pastor Ed said there will be a funeral/reception on July 31st for Dean L' Amoreaux.

Spiritual Development: See separate report from Sheila.

Trustees: Charlene said they're looking for estimates for the doors (Fellowship Hall), office roof repair and window (in phone hallway).

Missions: Judy passed around a thank you letter from the Salamanca Indian School for the Christmas outreach items that we provided, and also a letter from the Heifer Project thanking us. She mentioned the Newfield Garden Apts for seniors being in need of good lobby furniture. Paula will check with people she knows at INHS to see if there are funds.

SPOC: Katy says there was not a meeting but they have been in communication.

SAP: Pastor Ed said the group met and discussed future activities and possible changes. We need to keep in prayer as to when we should fully open, and when we will feel comfortable doing so. He may pursue radio ads when we do. Paula said she plans to purchase totes with the DCC info printed on them to give as gifts and Gloria and Charlene said they'd go in on this project with her.

Pastor Ed closed the meeting with prayer at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie VanDeMark/ Church Clerk

Church Mice

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

Missions Report *from Judy and Dale Horton*

Contributions from the church have gone locally to the Second Wind Cottages and The Renovation House this month.

An order for the Heifer Project was sent to supply needs for other countries, needs such as beehives, baby animals to be grown for food, and needed tools.

On May 16, Dale and I will be attending the opening of the Healing Reigns Fellowship Church at the reservation at Salamanca. Until now, the congregants have been meeting in an old funeral home and saving for this day. The church building is an Alliance Church that was closing and Healing Reigns was able to purchase it at a good price! I will post pictures of this visit next month!

If anyone is interested in going with us on May 16, please let me know.....it's an opportunity for anyone to see where your gifts of love go! They have a nice praise band a group of very lovely Native Americans and white people! Added bonus: Charlie and Rachel Hunsinger will be doing a special concert that day and the church will be providing a dish to pass luncheon after the service!

Judy's Joke Corner: A pastor was giving a children's sermon on vestments. He asked, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" Little Johnny answered, "Is it because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days?"

Spiritual Development Update *from Sheila Enstine*

Adult Small Groups:

The Sunday morning Bible Study is studying 1st and 2nd Peter. We meet from 8:45 – 9:45 am. Those who are not able to attend the Sunday morning in-person session are welcome to attend a Zoom session on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please contact Sheila Enstine at ssenstine@gmail.com or 229-4135 if you're interested in either meeting.

The women's mid-week study group is using Margaret Feinberg's "The Sacred Echo", which explores how we recognize God's voice in our lives. All women are invited to study and fellowship with the group. The women meet on Fridays at 1:00 PM.

Youth Church & Nursery: Youth Church meets every other week and is comprised of two groups. The Middle School group is for young people ages 11-14 and the Elementary Group is for ages 6-10. Youth church does not meet on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of every month. This allows everyone to participate in the Lord's Supper. Youth Church then meets every other Sunday after Communion Sunday. In May, we will have sessions on the 9th and 23rd. The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five.

Ed Talks: Pastor Ed produces "Ed Talks," brief versions (eight to ten minutes) of his Sunday sermons. They are available on the Church's website, www.danbychurch.org (click on Ed Talks on the green banner) and on the Church's Facebook page.

Prayer Opportunities:

Contact Judy Cuyle at gncat87@yahoo.com or call 279-5089 if you would like to participate in the prayer chain or if you have a prayer request.

In-person (socially distanced) prayer meetings are held 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: Please continue to call and email your church family or make remote visits. At list of our homebound members and friends is available from Janet Gray.

Tested by Katy Prince



1 Thessalonians 2:4 “but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

I’ve heard people say that God doesn’t test us. Well, any parent I know will tell you that that is a false statement. Raising my children, I believe God tested me daily. I have six children (three of them are step). I think each one of them was sent by God to test me in different ways.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The love and joy that I feel and have felt always for my children are the easy ones. I can tell you something so special about each one from the minute I laid eyes on them: the peace that I could feel when one was sleeping next to me; the kindness I have seen in each one’s face when they were playing with a best friend; the goodness they had for others - especially when they were not at home. I’ve felt gentleness for each one when they were hurting, but boy have I ever been tested on two of the fruit! Can you guess which two? They are patience and self-control, and sometimes I failed at both.

I was reminded recently of the patience that I sometimes lost when my children were little while I was watching my granddaughter who had just turned one year old. It was tough getting her to take a nap and then she was awakened from her nap by her older brothers arguing over the candy jar and the phone ringing at the same time. She does NOT like to have her nap interrupted! She started crying and I could not console her. I tried holding her, I tried putting her down, I was too tired myself to walk around with her, and I’m not sure that would have helped at the time. So she cried and I held her. It reminded me of a time when her mother was little and crying and I wasn’t as patient. I’m ashamed to say that when I was a young mother, that would have made me mad and yell. Patience and self-control went out the window in years past. I praise God that today, He has given me the patience and the self-control needed to just sit there and hold a crying baby when she needed to just cry. Eventually, Opa (Tommy) came home and took her from me and walked outside for a little while with her. I’m not sure she completely stopped crying for him, but it was enough for me to refresh and then we were all able to regroup and enjoy each other’s company again.

What I do know, is that without the faithfulness that God has blessed me with, my children’s upbringing would have been much different. Without God, I can’t see myself having any patience and self-control at all. Raising tiny humans to be responsible adults is hard enough with God, I can’t imagine what it would be like trying to do it without Him!

Praise God for the forgiveness He has given to me for the mistakes I made. AND praise God for the forgiveness He has placed in my children’s hearts to forgive me for the mistakes I made. I’d like to say that all of my children learned from my mistakes so they don’t make the same ones with their own children, but I think it is in God’s plan for each of us to make our own mistakes so that we can be forgiven and to know what it feels like to be forgiven.



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.





Bible Quiz

Mothers in the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- _____ Who was Jacob's mother?
- _____ Who was the mother of Isaac?
- _____ Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
- _____ Which mother in the Bible had a set of twins?
- _____ Who was John the Baptist's mother?
- _____ What was the name of Yeshua's mother?
- _____ Who was the mother of King Solomon?
- _____ Which female judge said she was "a mother in Israel"?
- _____ What relationship was Naomi to Ruth?
- _____ Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible?
- _____ Whose mother placed him in a basket made from bulrushes?

1. Sarai (Sarah)
2. Mary
3. Elizabeth
4. Deborah (Judges 5:7)
5. Eve
6. Rebekah
7. Rebekah
8. Moses
9. Rachel
10. Bathsheba
11. Mother-in-law



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You Are Amazing!

By Sheila Enstine

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed” (I Peter 1:6-7).

When the Apostle Peter wrote these words, he was addressing persecuted believers throughout the Roman Empire. Under Emperor Nero, Christians were arrested, tortured, and cruelly executed. In the first verses of his first letter, Peter encourages his readers with three main points that are uplifting for Christians today.

First, Peter establishes his authority as an Apostle – someone who walked and talked with Jesus and witnessed Christ’s transfiguration, resurrection, and ascension. None other than one of Jesus’ Apostles is writing to you. And you are addressed as a member of God’s elect—the Church, despite being scattered, dispersed, and rejected by secular society (I Peter 1:1-2). In other words, the world may exclude believers in Christ (“cancel culture” nowadays), but we are in fellowship with the Apostles and included in the Kingdom of God, which is forever.

Next, Peter praises Father God for a series of incredible gifts, given to us through Jesus Christ: a new birth; a living hope; and an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. Imagine how this sounded to believers in the first century, experiencing the trials of persecution. They had lost or were likely to lose occupations, basic human needs, and possibly their lives. Even without persecution, material wealth is easily used up, worn out, stolen, rots, tarnishes, and dissipates. Likewise, persecution, trials, and suffering are temporary. But our inheritance from God is eternal, secured in heaven for us by His power (1:5).

Then Peter tells the believers that he is amazed at their faith. He doesn’t use the word “amazed”, but remember that he began his letter identifying himself as someone who knew Jesus during His earthly life. Of course he believes in Jesus. But you guys – how can you believe when you’ve never seen him?

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,” (1:8).

Peter describes how the prophets of the Old Testament searched for the details of the Messiah’s appearing and realized that the generations who would see that salvation were in the far distant future. The angels who are face-to-face with God also long to understand how people can believe in what they can’t see. So Peter joins the prophets and the angels in amazement at your privilege, your endurance, and your faith.

You are amazing!

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





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