



Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

November 2021





From Our Pastor!

Our Guest Columnist for this month is Katy Prince



Katy and Tommy Prince

“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.”
~ 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Everything God created is good...
Nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving...

Aren't those words wonderful!? It reminds me that each and every person I meet is created by God and is good and not to be rejected, but received with thanksgiving. I praise God when I think of all of the people from Danby Community Church and how they greeted and treated me when my husband Tommy and I first attended this church.

As many of you know, we tend to be front row sitters, but that first day, we sat in the back row. It wasn't long before Pastor Ed came back and said something of the sort, "You can sit anywhere you like, but just to let you know a group of kids usually sits back here." My first thought was, "Yes! I love kids." But we moved just a bit so as not to disrupt the kids' Sunday. And, what he said, made me notice those kids when they came in. What a blessing they have all been to me! I'm not going to name names, but they know who they are and they are all truly children of God and created by God and GOOD, because God doesn't create anything bad.

It wasn't long before we moved to the front row. We used to joke about it, because we would say if you are the last person to arrive, you have to sit in the front row. Mainly because all the seats in the back row are taken. What if, though, we left the back row open so that those coming in late wouldn't have to feel intimidated or embarrassed by having to find a seat? Just food for thought.

So, who do you know that doesn't feel like they are good or good enough? Here are a few ideas for you to try out this month to let them know that you are receiving them with thanksgiving (and some of you may recognize these from "The Five Languages of Love" by Gary Chapman:

1. Send a card with some words of appreciation - thank them for something they have done, tell them how good they do something, just let them know they are in your prayers.
2. Give them a gift - as simple as a flower, a chocolate bar, or any other gift that is appropriate.
3. Do something for them (an act of service) - get them their coffee after church, rake their leaves, shovel their sidewalk, or some other thing

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Paul Schulz & Lori Knarr**

that could help them.

4. Visit them, spend some quality time with them. Take them out to lunch, or dinner, or ice cream. Even a phone call is a good way to let someone know that they are loved.
5. Give them a hug, or a pat on the back, or a handshake. Now this one, you need to be careful with, because there are some people who really do not wish to be touched at all. But, you can always offer your hand for a handshake, and allow the other person to accept or decline.

Each of the above five points affects individuals differently, but each and every person feels love from at least one of them. As Jesus' hands and feet here on earth, it is our responsibility to show the love of Jesus to all of God's people and by showing this love, we create and/or strengthen relationships with them.

Spiritual Development Update *from Sheila Enstine*

Adult Small Groups:

The Sunday morning group is studying the Gospel of John. This is a 13-week study and participants use a study guide published by David C Cook. We meet from 8:45 – 9:45 am.

On Friday November 5th, the Women's Bible Study will begin a five-week Advent study based on the book and video Not a Silent Night-Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem, by Adam Hamilton. The Women's study meets at 1PM on Friday afternoons in the All Saints room.

Nursery and Youth Church: The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five. Youth Church is available for two groups: Elementary for ages 6 – 10 and Tweens for ages 11-13. We are trying to be flexible and ready for whoever visits us each Sunday. Children begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary and are invited to the nursery/Youth Church after the Lord's Prayer.

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 gmatcat87@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 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.

Blue Christmas Service, December 21st:

Traditionally, the Church celebrates Advent (begins Sunday, 11/28 this year) and Christmas by proclaiming the gifts of hope, faith, joy, and peace given to us in the birth of Christ.

However, celebration may be the last thing in many people's hearts, as they face the holidays bearing grief from various losses, including death of loved ones, jobs, divorce, major life changes or illness. Dealing with loss is particularly difficult for those who were unable to share their grief because of the pandemic restrictions. For many of us, this will be a sad Advent and a blue Christmas.

As a service to our church family and the community, the Danby Community Church will hold a Blue Christmas service at 7:00 PM on the evening of Tuesday, December 21st, the longest night in the northern hemisphere. The intent is to remind participants that they are not alone and to honor their emotions as real and valid.

All are welcome for a time of prayer, remembering, worship, and healing.

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 and your question (and answer) may appear in the next Danby Church News

Administrative Council Minutes
October 11, 2021

PRESENT: Paula Nelson, Ed Enstine, Sheila Enstine, Judy & Dale Horton, Charlene Testut, Dave McDermitt, Katy Prince, Gloria Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Ed.

There was a motion by Sheila to accept the Clerks Minutes from July, seconded by Dave and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: The report from the Financial Secretary was reviewed. A motion to accept by Dave and seconded by Gloria. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report from the Treasurer was reviewed. A motion to accept by Dale and seconded by Gloria. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Bicentennial - Dave brought in the time capsule. Discussion on items to place in the time capsule such as our newsletter, pocket size bible, pictures, copy of our annual report. The capsule will be buried sometime this fall. It was decided this will be opened in 50 years.

NEW BUSINESS: Culligan water - Charlene said we need to change our water company as Culligan will deliver only every 3 months. Charlene has a list of other companies we can get our drinking water supply from. Paula will call the company in Harford.

The Election Night Dinner is coming up in November, depending on the COVID status. Discussion on advertising.

Hospitality & Fellowship:

Charlene reported we had two funeral receptions and the Bicentennial. Sheila commented on how well all the volunteers did with getting the church ready for the Bicentennial....cleanup, cleaning, planting, etc.

Spiritual Development:

Sheila reported the Sunday morning group completed the minor prophets and has started the Gospel of John, a 13 week course. She also commented that for Youth Church, she will always have lesson plan ready in the event there are youths, and will talk to others to do the same. Sheila also brought up an idea to have a memorial service for those who have passed in the past year or so as COVID has prevented many from gathering. This will include the community. Perhaps the beginning of Advent would be a good time.

Women's Study group completed a 5 week study on a book written by Ann VosKamp. The group hasn't decided on the next study.

Trustees: Charlene reported David & Dan are doing the necessary painting and cleaning of the grounds. Dan continues to mow and do the necessary odds and ends. Parsonage - The pipe that was connected to the septic was broken and is being fixed.

Missions: Judy reports we have a Heifer Project order to make. We currently give Renovation House and Second

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.



Wind Cottages \$50 a month. Judy stated the Reservation has a new sanctuary and asked the group about giving a donation for a need they may have in their new sanctuary. Dale spoke about Operation Christmas Child. Sheila usually orders 50 brochures and announces when available. The shoe box collection is November 15 through November 22. Sheila will continue to do this.

There was a discussion on giving to our own community for children at need. Paula suggested giving money to the Salvation Army for children. Katy suggested Christmas “care packages” for adults in Danby. Janet has a list of people we could gift to.

SPOC: Katy said nominations are coming up.

SAP: Ed stated they are trying to think of new and different ideas to bring in the community.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:12 p.m. with a motion by Gloria, seconded by Dale and

Wait a Moment

by Katy Prince

School Starts.
Summer Ends.
It's time for Halloween.
But wait a moment.
Where is the sun?
There are leaves on the ground
And before we know
There's snow.

The time will come
To get ready
For the second coming of our Savior
But wait a moment.
We can't just get ready
We must be prepared
For we know not the time
So don't get ready, BE ready.

It's getting cold.
We start feeling old.
Christmas is coming.
But wait a moment.
Isn't there something in between?
You know between Christmas and Halloween?
A time maybe
To be thankful?

Prepare for the future
But be ready for that day to be today!
Come, Lord Jesus, Come.
Do not wait a moment
Do not delay Your coming
We are ready
We are waiting
To enter Your Glory.

We must prepare
Get ready for Christ
The celebration of His birth
But wait a moment.
Let us pause and meditate
Take time to give thanks
Come together with family and friends
And celebrate Thanksgiving.



Missions Report *from Judy and Dale Horton*

The Danby Community Church continues to support the Renovation House in Spencer and the Second Wind Cottages in Newfield with monthly gifts.

For our ongoing support to the Heifer Project, we will be purchasing several items to help people in needy countries. We'll report on what was purchased in a later newsletter.

The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection week is November 15th through November 22nd, 2021. Brochures that explain how to pack a shoe box and labels for the boxes will be on display in the Townsley room, along with a few empty shoe boxes to take home and fill.

You can bring your filled shoeboxes to the church until Sunday, November 21. The Church will take the boxes to the regional drop off site that Sunday.

You can also build a shoebox online. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child to find out how.

The shoeboxes are distributed to needy children all over the world, many of whom have never heard of Jesus. In addition to the gifts you pack in the shoeboxes, the children receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation and invites children to follow Christ. Children will be able to take the book home and share it with their families.

This is the best gift any child could ever receive!



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

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

The Parable of the Good Samaritan for Today

By Sheila Enstine

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:25-37).

After Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan, the Jewish lawyer admitted that a neighbor is anyone who has the opportunity to help another needy human being. Neighbors don't have to be the same race, color, creed, nationality or from the same town. By acknowledging this truth, the lawyer answered his own questions about how to love his neighbor as himself.

Lately I've encountered an opposite attitude in dramatic contrast to that of the Good Samaritan. I was talking with an acquaintance about donating household items to the Salvation Army.

“I never take anything to the Salvation Army,” she said. “They send everything to Cortland!”

“I didn't know that,” I said. “But what's wrong with sending things to Cortland?”

“We need to keep things that came from our locality in our area.”

“How do you define local?” I asked. “If I look at the ‘made in’ labels on these things, they say made in China or Taiwan or Brazil. None of it is really local.”

“The things that were purchased in our area were from local people's resources. It needs to stay here and benefit the people in our area,” She replied.

I wanted to point out that unless we're talking about pottery or produce that came from Tompkins County clay, few of our resources are generated by local enterprise. The colleges and universities are populated by students and teachers from throughout the US and the world, and workers for large chains often receive their pay from offices in other states. But I decided to end the conversation and filed her attitude under UFOs (Unusually Foolish Opinions).

Then one of our Danby Church members told me about an encounter he had while dropping off garbage bags at the Tompkins County collection site, after the East King Road clean up last spring.

“You're not from this area,” an angry man had yelled out of his truck window.

Again, where is the boundary line for neighborliness? Even if we found such a boundary, what's wrong with out-of-area people cleaning up a road in your neighborhood? I wonder about the reverse situation. Would the man refuse to help someone in need, but not from his area?

An immediate, crisis that demonstrates the enduring character flaw of the Jewish lawyer is the unjust distribution of COVID vaccines. Drug companies gladly sell their vaccines to rich countries, while skimping on donations or at-cost sales of vaccines to poor countries. As the US stock piles vaccine, offers boosters, and issues mandates, poor countries suffer. Here is the old “let's take care of our own first” recipe, seasoned with corporate greed and government vain-glory.

The base character flaw displayed in these examples—the vice of the Jewish lawyer—is apathy, which is the polar opposite of love. Apathy simply does not care about the other, the not local, the not seen, the not-from-my-town or my kind. Apathy says, “Let them take care of themselves; leave them to their own devices.” By its very nature, apathy cannot love its neighbor.

As we enter into the sacred time of thanksgiving and gift giving, each of us needs to ask ourselves once more, “Who is my neighbor”. The answer is anyone in need, including people in Afghanistan, Argentina, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Salamanca, and Danby or as far away as Cortland.

SPOC (Staff Pastor Oversight Committee) Report -
submitted by Katy Prince

I read recently about a person who was involved in a group that had a lot of people in it, but no one wanted to take charge or do anything to contribute to the management dynamics of the group. Yes, they showed up for meetings and drank coffee and fellowshiped, but they weren't there early to set up, nor did they want to prepare anything beforehand to contribute to the group conversations, and they really didn't want to take care of any of the group's organizational responsibilities. This person felt like he was doing it all and he was getting burned out so he decided to stop doing everything for everyone. He stopped preparing speeches for the group meetings. He stopped showing up early and making coffee. He stopped collecting the contributions that would purchase the coffee and whatever other materials the group may need. He stopped taking care of the finances. Can you guess what happened to the group? Some people stopped coming to the meetings because no one wanted to show up early and make coffee and they wanted coffee. No one had anything prepared to talk about at the group meetings, so some more people got bored at the meetings and stopped coming. No one picked up taking care of the finances for the group so the rent on the space they were meeting at stopped getting paid and they eventually had no place to meet. This group ceased to exist because one person couldn't handle the load alone and stopped.

Let me be clear... This was NOT a church, but it could have been. This is NOT what is going on in Danby Community Church and we are far from that, but there is a select group of people that are doing the work of the entire church. Of course our Pastor is awesome and prepares a sermon every week that is thoughtful and filled with the Word of God and we are so thankful for that.

There are other people and believe me, many came together to prepare and pull off a great Bicentennial Celebration this year. Plus there are people who are on committees and groups that really do a great job of taking care of this church. For all of these people we are eternally grateful.

Have you been wondering what you can do to be more involved with Danby Community Church? Well it is that time of year that the Staff Pastor Oversight Committee reviews the Danby Community Church Officers and we need YOU!

There are 22 Officers in the Danby Community Church. In December we will be electing or re-electing all but one of these officers who have their terms ending January 31, 2022 (we have one officer whose term doesn't run out until January 31, 2022). We have one position that the person does not wish to be re-elected at this time. And, we have one person who has two positions and would like to allow someone else to fill one of those positions.

If you are interested in being an officer at Danby Community Church, you have until December 1, 2021 to express your interest to the Administrative Council. Please do so in writing. If you have questions, please contact Katy Prince, SPOC Chair at katyprince96@gmail.com or any SPOC member. Here is a quick form you can use:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you attended Danby Community Church: _____

Office Position Desired: _____

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior: _____ Yes _____ No

Following are the positions that are up for election/re-election:

Position	Current Officer	Notes
Administrative Council		
Administrative Ministry Area Coordinator & Council Chair		
Spiritual Development Ministry Area Coordinator	Sheila Enstine	
Hospitality/Fellowship Ministry Area Coordinator	Charlene Testut	
Missions/Community Service Ministry Area Coordinators	Judy & Dale Horton	
SPOC Chair		Elected by SPOC
- SPOC Designee		Designated by SPOC Chair
Trustee Chair		Elected by Trustees
- Trustee Designee		Designated by Trustees Chair
Church Treasurer	Paula Nelson	
Financial Secretary	David McDermitt	
Church Clerk	Margie VanDeMark	Will be vacant for 2022
- Backup Church Clerk	Lynn Kingston-Harris	
SPOC Committee Members		
Chair		Elected yearly from members
Members	Debbie Alve	
	Linda Hansen	
	Cindee Ball	
	Paul Schulz	
	Michele Dunning	
	Katy Prince	Current Chair Term ends Jan. 31, 2022
Board of Trustees Members		
Chair		Elected yearly from members
Members	Gloria Miller	
	Dave Swartout	
	Danny Wheeler	
	Linda Hansen	
	Diana Benson	
	Bill Dunning	
	Doug Nash	
	Paul Schulz	
	Charlene Testut	Current Chair



We would also like to recognize the other areas that volunteers contribute to the Danby Community Church and invite you to volunteer for any of these areas also. Volunteer application will also be found at the bottom of the list of volunteers:

- Prayer Chain
- Phone Visitation
- Spiritual Advisors to the Pastor
- Worship team/Spiritual
- Music Words / Powerpoint Presentation
- Worship Team (band/singers)
- Technology (hardware, software & databases)
- Nursery*
- Youth Church (Leaders and Helpers)*
- Sanctuary Sanitizers
- Abuse Prevention & Response Team*
- Adult Bible Study Leaders
- Greeters
- Communications (website, social media, advertising)

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



“If Sarah can give birth at 90, I can certainly sign up for nursery work.”

*Subject to our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

How long have you attended Danby Community Church: _____

Volunteer Area of Interest: _____

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior: _____ Yes _____ No
 (Note a No here does not disallow you from volunteering, but we would like you to speak with the Pastor before volunteering)



Coming in December

Blue Christmas

a service of healing and hope

Tuesday, December 21st @ 7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2021 @ 7PM



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www.danbychurch.org
Welcome Home!!

Here's What Is Happening in November and December!!



Tuesday, Nov. 2nd*

5pm - 7pm

PORK OR CHICKEN & ALL THE FIXINGS!

Blue Christmas Service

a service of healing and hope

Tuesday, December 21 @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th @ 7pm

* subject to cancellation - check the website