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# Danby Church News

## 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

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*Cappadocia, Turkey*

*In my Father's house are many mansions:  
if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you.*

*John 14:2*

On the front page: The word "mansion" from the Latin word *mansio* "dwelling", was originally used to mean a "place to stay" or even a room.

*Cappadocia, in central Turkey, is known for its distinctive "fairy chimneys,"*

*A layer of light, porous rock made of volcanic ash was formed 500 feet thick. Rain and strong winds eroded the plateau, creating bizarre shapes called Fairy Chimneys. These are mushroom shaped, pinnacled, capped and conical formations.*



*Bronze Age homes carved into valley walls were later used as refuges by early Christians. The 320 foot-deep Ihlara Canyon houses numerous rock-face churches.*



*Pete & Linda Hansen with Sheila Enstine at the Sundaes on Wednesday concert.*

### Around and About News

Hilary Shilling has returned from Uganda where she joined a medical team with the charity, Sole Hope. Sole Hope removes crippling parasites in the feet, educates about reinfection and gives out shoes.

Thanks to Dave Mastroberti who owns Naturescapes , a local landscape company. He and his crew whipped our front yard into shape before the first "Sundaes on Wednesdays" event. And thanks to Rollie Boda who faithfully mows our grass each week!

A letter of thanks came from the Alliance Stamp Registry. So far this year, they have sent over \$5000 worth of Spanish language Sunday school materials to Central America. If you wish to save used stamps for this cause, just cut the envelope in half, leaving plenty of space around the stamp (a least ½ inch).

Rosemary Miller and Nancy Weitzel visited and identified many faces in our photographs from 1916 & 1917. Rosemary was also kind enough to take us on a tour of South Danby and two of the cemeteries there. Thanks, Rosemary!

Dale Horton wrote a lovely letter, thanking us for all our support after his surgery. It's on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

### In My Father's House

St. Paul tells us, "So you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints, and also members of the household of God." [Eph. 2.19]

We can understand "in my Father's house" as meaning, "in my Father's household". God's household is composed of relationships. These dynamic relationships are not confined to a particular physical place or limited to a particular moment in time. God's household has been built by God and by those doing his will.

The community of faithful believers, the household of Jesus, are themselves to become the house of God. This household of believers is the living house of God on earth, a reflection of the heavenly house of God in the life to come.

Those who are faithful to Jesus will become "like living stones...built into a spiritual house" [1 Peter 2.5]. "Living stones" sounds like a paradox. Yet "living stones" is a realistic description of our relationship with God. Our faith is firm, but also living and growing as we gain more knowledge of God through Jesus.

Therefore "in my Father's house" is both the place prepared by Jesus for his faithful followers after death, and also the spiritual house built by the faithful in this present life. Jesus promised, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and build our home with them."

*Taken from an Easter sermon at St. Mary's Primrose Hill, an Anglican church in the city of London.*

### Birthdays

- 9-2 Everett Enstine
- 9-2 Gail Mazourek
- 9-6 Michael Nelson
- 9-12 Rick Hautala
- 9-12 Priscilla Barber
- 9-13 Peter Hansen
- 9-22 James Fuller



### Anniversaries

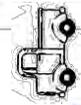
- 9-7 Steve & Pam Sackett
- 9-21 Chris & Susan Howe
- 9-28 Matt & Jackie Blaker

*Our sympathies to the families of  
Michael Buell who died 8-5-17 &  
Fernando Martinez whose son,  
Steve, died 8-6-17*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	28 9 Strength Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 7p SPOC Meeting	29 5p Hour of Prayer	30 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	31 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	Sep 1	2 8 Hour of Prayer
3 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	4 9 Strength Grp. 7p Trustees Meeting	5 5p Hour of Prayer	6 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	7 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Hour of Prayer	8 1p BLOOD DRIVE	9 8 Hour of Prayer
10 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	11 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	12 5p Hour of Prayer	13 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	14 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p SafeSanctuary Mtg.	15	16 8 Hour of Prayer
17 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	18 9 Strength Grp. 7p Wm's Fellowship	19 5p Hour of Prayer	20 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	21 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry 5p Hour of Prayer	22	23 8 Hour of Prayer
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**MercyMe Lifer Tour 2017**

Sunday, October 22, 2017, 6 - 9 pm  
Floyds Main Arena, Binghamton

**Mercy Me w/ Unspoken and Ryan Stevenson**

We are getting a group together to attend the Mercy Me concert in October. Tickets are \$35, but if we have a group of 10 or more, it is \$25 a ticket.

If you would like to join us let Tom or Janet Gray (273.3251) know by Sept. 10th. Don't let the cost keep you from going if you really want to, we will find a way to help with part or all of your ticket price. Looking to "caravan" to the concert, so if you can drive also let us know and how many you can take in your vehicle.

**Senior Citizens' Exercise Group**

Monday & Thursdays at 9am.

A little stretching, a little walking, a little work with hand weights, and a lot of friends. Come & join the gang!

**From the Trustees** *submitted by Charlene Testut*

The spring and summer are flying by, much faster than the long wait for both to come. Here is a "catch up" on what we have been doing.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinners ended for the year in March. The April Dinner was cancelled since it would have fallen on Good Friday. Thank you to all who helped: cook, serve, wash dishes, clean up and come to interact with the Community. A special thank you to Lorena Miller and Michelle Dunning for their cooking skills and keeping me on track. Next year's dinners will start in January. We added a new type this year with the Tex Mex Dinner. This may become a favorite repeat.

With sadness, we said good-bye to Helen Howard and Ernie Paton. Both will we be missed but their love and dedication to God gives us peace that they are enjoying being in God's presence. We also did a service and funeral reception for Gladys Perrault and Frank Chase.

Thank you to the group that helped with the receptions. Linda Howe, Gloria Benson, Margie VanDeMark, Connie Merritt, Donna Donnelly and Kathy DeWolfe came to my rescue with rolling, chopping and plating the food. The members of the Salvation Army helped with desserts and clean up for Ernie's reception.

The carpet in the Sanctuary was cleaned by ABC Cleaners. The Praise Team is being very careful with their coffee cups. We still have a few things to complete but the Sanctuary looks amazing with the painting complete, except for a few windows, and the decorations that Lorena and Michelle do each week. *(continued)*



**Safe Sanctuary Certification!**

Sept 14, 6:30pm

If you work or would like to work with children in church this year, please join us. To sign up or for more info, contact Sheila at 220-9664.

**Blood Drive**

Sept. 8, 1-6pm

**Walk-ins cherished and plied with home-made brownies!**

**Urgent Need!**

**\$5 E-giftcard for donors!**



**History Group - Sept. 28, 7pm**

Come see the contract to finish the church building (1819), the dismissal letter of our first pastor (1826) and a letter about the polio epidemic of 1916.

The garage by the Parsonage has been cleaned out, thanks to Dave Swartout. Rollie can now park the lawn mower without difficulty and we have found several items that we have been looking for. The outside lights in the parking lot are now on a timer, thanks to Dave and Tom. They are set to come on and off automatically. This will be helpful especially during the dark winter months.

Thank you to all of those that work on my "dream up list". I have a sign that says, "Sometimes God says yes, and sometimes no, and sometimes - Are you kidding me!" I get the "are you kidding me" look a lot but then one of them does what was asked for. Thank you, Dave, Dick, Tom, Rollie and Danny.

As we moved into the summer months the "list" is has been created. We are having Sundaes on Wednesdays starting the first Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, with the Ithaca Concert Band. August 9th and 16th are the rest of the dates. There is a yard/rummage sale sponsored by the Women's Group July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are always needed for the events and repairs. Coming up are the Sundaes on Wednesdays with cooks, scoopers, fellowship-ers (new term) and clean up. We are looking for someone to act as a greeter at the end of the Worship Service to invite people to coffee time. Rollie can always use help with the lawn and weeds and weeds and weeds!!!!!! If you have an idea of something you think we should do or an idea for Worship or Mission, let one of the Coordinators know - Sheila Enstine, Paula Nelson, Charlene Testut. Also pray that you or someone will hear the voice telling them to try the Mission Coordinator position. ✚