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Danby Church News

Danby Community Church

Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God



Flight by Rose Dall - www.roseatocdall.com



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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“But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

He is their strength in time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them and deliver them;

He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.” Psalm 37

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*Candlemas Day, Marianne Stokes,
Austrian, 1855 - 1927*



Prayer - From an interview with Rose Datoc Dall, cover artist.

“Prayer—how does it influence my art? Simply, it is the difference between two scenarios: on the one hand, having the Spirit is like flying, soaring with inspiration, having pure intelligence, making mental connections, and having doors open that I could not have affected on my own, doors beyond my sphere of influence;

On the other hand, (being) without prayer is like being stuck in the mud, hitting walls, and getting frustrated, not even coming close to amazing creative opportunities I could not have fathomed on my own.

Prayer has taught me to think outside the box. In short, the Spirit is the *biggest* accelerator of creativity and ingenuity. “

October 2013 • Interview by Candy Eash in the Mormon Artist, a magazine covering Latter-day Saints arts.

Escape into Egypt

As you and your little family sleep, soldiers ride hard towards your hamlet. They’re heavily armed. You’re defenseless. In a few hours they’ll arrive and jolt the town awake with an unspeakable horror.

The dream rattles your head and tenses your muscles. You cannot fathom the depth of wickedness directed your way, “But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord,” the Psalm says. “Get up!” the voice commands.

You bolt upright, gather the child and his mother, stow whatever you can carry, and escape.

Other children and their families will not escape, provoking questions that you don’t know how to ask, let alone answer. Perhaps, for us to understand God’s deliverance, we must look squarely at the evil.

Submitted by Sheila Enstine

Christian Calendar

Feb 02, 2017 Candlemas (Thurs.)

Mar 01, 2017 Ash Wednesday

Apr 09, 2017 Palm Sunday

Apr 14, 2017 Good Friday

Apr 16, 2017 Easter

Lent starts on Wednesday, March 1 and continues until Saturday, April 15th.



Candlemas (Feb. 2) commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It falls on the 40th day of the Christmas/Epiphany period. The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the 4th century AD in Jerusalem.

The presentation at the temple is closely associated with the purification of Mary. She could not present Jesus at the temple until she had taken part in a post-natal cleansing ritual 40 days after His birth. Fire is a symbol of purification and blessing fire was a part of the Candlemas service. Fire was first represented by torches, and later candles.

The flight to Egypt occurred sometime after the presentation at the Temple.

Tradition says manger scenes should not be put away until Candlemas, which is the last feast of the Christmas cycle.

Candlemas in France, Belgium, and Switzerland is the day for crêpes. Tradition attributes this custom to Pope Gelasius I (d. 496 AD), who distributed pancakes to pilgrims arriving in Rome.

In Luxembourg, *Liichtmëssdag* is a holiday when children, in small groups, roam the streets on the evening of Feb. 2, holding a lighted lantern or wand, singing traditional songs at each house.



Gladys Perrault
Aged 77, d. Jan. 21, 2017

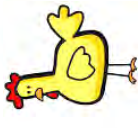
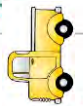
Gary H. Swartout
Aged 75, d. Jan. 4, 2017

William C. Schulz
(Father of Paul Schulz)
March 11, 1927 - Jan. 1, 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	30 9 Strength Grp.	31 7p Pastor's Bible Study 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	Feb 1 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	2 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg.	3 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg.	4 8 Prayer Hour
5 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	6 9 Strength Grp. 7p Trustees Meeting	7 7p Pastor's Bible Study	8 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	9 9 Strength Grp.	10 5p Chicken & Biscuits	11 8 Prayer Hour
12 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	13 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	14 7p Pastor's Bible Study	15 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	16 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry	17	18 8 Prayer Hour
19 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	20 9 Strength Grp. 12p Lunch & Games	21 7p Pastor's Bible Study	22 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	23 9 Strength Grp.	24	25 8 Prayer Hour
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Egypt seems a strange place for Joseph to take his family, but it's because we see it from our time and perspective. Two thousand years ago Egypt was a Roman province, well-served by Roman roads.

The journey from Bethlehem to Egyptian-controlled territory (which was outside the jurisdiction of Herod) was about 40 miles.

from <http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/the-journeys-of-mary-and-joseph.html>



Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday Nights, 7 - 8:15pm.

ReFit Classes - Monday, 5:30

Exercise with friends and music! \$5

Birthdays

- 2-01 Ronalda Andrews
- 2-04 Suzanne Walker
- 2-06 Janet Gray
- 2-06 Kim Howe
- 2-10 Danny Wheeler
- 2-10 Beth Wilcox
- 2-10 Jim Szczepanski
- 2-14 Gay Huddle
- 2-15 Matthew Walker
- 2-16 Joseph Husband
- 2-17 Ed Enstine
- 2-21 Sue Benninger



Frances Mason celebrated her 90th birthday at church with family and friends last month. Photo by Gay Huddle



A life without Jesus is like a life without light.

Coming up:
 March 10 – Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
 March 17 – Blood Drive
 March 20 – Lunch & Games

Chicken & Biscuits

Feb. 10, 5pm
 donations



Hot Soup, Friends & Games

Feb. 20, Noon

For more info, see Suzanne



Hospitality Update

The end of 2016 was very busy for Danby Church. November included the Election Night Dinner, a Thanksgiving Community Dinner. Doug's To Go was more successful than anticipated. Thanks to Danny Wheeler for arranging the Truck and to Sharon Boda for the Bake Sale. December was the first Chicken – n -Biscuit Dinner. Also, the Women's Retreat was held the first weekend. We were busy serving God and Community.

Christmas was celebrated with the Candle Light Christmas Eve Service. Thank you to the Praise Team, Lorna Hubble and Jeff Love for a service of music and word. The Church looked beautiful with the additional decorations from Doug and Holly Nash. Holly braved the cold to decorate the front entrance with garland and bows. Throughout the Advent Season, each week, there were additional decorations to the Church thanks to Lorena Miller, Michelle Dunning, Gloria Miller, and the tree assembler Dave Swartout. It was fun to come each Sunday to see what had been added.

We are in the middle of the Chicken and Biscuit Dinners. Many thanks to all who cook, cut, serve, bus, wash dishes, clean up and sit and talk with the guests. Our decision to take donations rather than a set price supports our Mission Statement.

In the coming months, volunteers will be needed for the Chicken and Biscuit Dinners in February and March. The April Dinner has been cancelled because it fell on Good Friday. We are beginning to think about Sundaes on Wednesdays. The music groups need at least 3 months' notice. If there are suggestions for groups, please contact Pastor Ed.

May GOD continue to bless us as we carry out our mission. *Submitted by Charlene Testut*

The Food Truck

will be at the Fire Dept.
 in Jan., Feb. & Mar.

