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Danby Church News

Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up
the Kinadom of God*



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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Turtle Circus by Catherine McElroy



*Be strong and of good courage.
Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed:
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*





Which Are You?

The daughter of an old gardener constantly complained about her life and about how difficult it was. She was tired of fighting. When a problem was solved another one came up.

The gardener asked his daughter to the kitchen. He filled three containers with water and put them over fire. He put a carrot in one pot, an egg in the other and poured some coffee beans into the last one. His daughter waited impatiently without understanding what her father was doing. After about twenty minutes her father took out the carrots, pulled the eggs out and ladled out the coffee.

He looked at his daughter and said, "What do you see?" "Carrots, eggs and coffee," was her answer. The daughter then asked "What does this mean, Dad?"

He explained that the three objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. But they had reacted very differently. The carrot went into the water strong and solid; but after boiling, it had become weak and easy to break up. The egg had been fragile, its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior; but after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The coffee however was unique; after being in boiling water, it had changed the water.

"Which one are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot that seems strong, but when adversity knocks, do you become weak and lose your strength? Are you an egg that starts with a malleable heart? Do you possess a fluid spirit, but after a death, separation, or a layoff, become hard and stiff? On the outside you are the same, but how have you transformed on the inside?"

Or are you like the coffee? The coffee changes the water, the element that causes it pain. When the water reaches its boiling point, the coffee achieves its best flavor. If you are like the coffee bean, when things get worse you react better and make the things around you better. Which of the three are you?

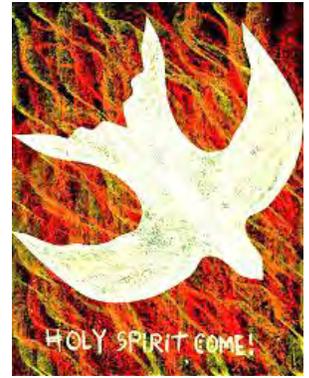
We will miss our friends:
Helen Howard, age 83, Apr. 26, 2017
Ernest V. Payton, Sept. 12, 1928 -
May 1, 2017
Richard Olitz on May 3, 2017

Pentecost, June 4, 2017

is 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is a holiday when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Before the first Pentecost, there were Christians, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church."

Thus, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Pentecost is the church's birthday.



Spiritual Development Update

Sunday School and Children's Church: The 2016-17 Sunday School season will end on June 11th for adults and children. This year Lyn Aiosa and Donna Donnelly taught the elementary age children. They studied living a Christian life for most of the winter and spring. The latest focus for this group was the fruit of the Holy Spirit, with one fruit discussed each week.

Suzanne Walker worked with the middle-school age students. Their most recent topic was teens in the Bible, including David and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Children's Church will continue in the summer, except for Communion Sundays, on July 2nd and Aug. 6th. We use the Rotation Workshop Method which focuses on the same Scripture for 3 or 4 consecutive weeks, using a different approach in each session. The goal is depth of understanding with an appreciation for preferred learning styles. Many thanks to Bonnie Rathbun for researching and distributing the Children's Church lessons.

Sheila Enstine led the adults in a study of the Gospel of John where we find Jesus' famous "I am" statements. There are 8 of them, if you include his remarkable statement in John 8:58, "before Abraham was, I am." Can you list the other 7 "I am" statements?

New Ministries:

During the first half of 2017, the Spiritual Development Ministry Area started 2 new initiatives. One is Lyn Aiosa's inspiration for a Phone Ministry. Volunteers routinely call home-bound people who once were very active in the church. For many of them, this is the only way they can keep up with what the church is doing. If you know someone who could benefit from a call from the church or if you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Lyn Aiosa.

The second initiative is an effort to get people hooked on the Word. We distributed Bible Reading Plans and pamphlets, "How to Study the Bible" and "Bible Overview." We hope this will inspire people to read the Scriptures intentionally and regularly, especially now that Sunday school is ending. Instead of the newest items listed on Amazon or Barnes and Nobles, why not include the all-time best seller – The Bible – in your summer reading plan?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Danby Community Church JUNE 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9 Adult & Kids School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	29 9 Strength Grp.	30	31 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	Jun 1 9 Strength Grp. 12p St. Citizens Mtg.	2	3 8 Prayer Hour
4 9 Adult & Kids School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	5 9 Strength Grp. 7p Trustees Meeting	6	7 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	8 9 Strength Grp.	9	10 8 Prayer Hour 9 Cemetary Mtg.
11 9 Adult & Kids School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	12 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	13	14 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	15 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry	16	17 8 Prayer Hour
18 8:30 Mens Bkfst 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	19 9 Strength Grp. 7p Wm's Fellowship	20	21 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	22 9 Strength Grp.	23	24 8 Prayer Hour
25 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch	26 9 Strength Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 7p SPOC Meeting	27	28 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	29 9 Strength Grp. 7p History Grp.	30	Jul 1 8 Prayer Hour



The last Sunday School session is June 11th.



Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 18
8:30 – 10 am



Honoring all men on Father's Day!
Come one and all to join us in a delicious repast given by the Women's Fellowship!

Upsy Daisy!



The theme for the Ladies Tea on May 6 was "Upsy Daisy! He loves me, He loves me LOTS!"

The room was full of daisies on the stage, centerpieces, favors, and windows! Michelle Dunning, Lorena Miller, and Bonnie Rathbun were the decorators.

About 45 ladies of all ages attended and enjoyed tea, finger sandwiches, fruit, and a variety of desserts. The program involved readers telling us about daisies, God's garden, bug jokes, and how God picks us up when we fall (upsy daisy!) and that Jesus loves us LOTS!

Photo by Pat Addy-Schaad

The Mystery in our History

Thurs., June 29 at 7:00 pm

Help us preserve our church records!



Let go and let God.



Birthdays

- 6-1 Brittany Howe
- 6-3 Bill Cuyle
- 6-6 Don Enders
- 6-7 Andy Buell
- 6-8 Betty Wheeler
- 6-10 Steve Hubble
- 6-12 Debbie Alve
- 6-19 Yvonne Everhart
- 6-21 MaryBeth Buell
- 6-25 Mark Testut
- 6-27 Carl Mosher
- 6-30 Lorena Miller



Anniversaries

- 6-6 Roy & Rebecca Lux
- 6-11 Bill & Judy Cuyle
- 6-12 Tom & Janet Gray
- 6-28 John & Margie VanDeMark
- 7-1 Dave & Pat Swartout
- 7-2 Carl & Cindy Ball



In July:

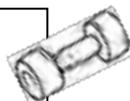
- 7-14 Blood Drive
- 7-26 "Sundaes on Wednesdays"
- 7-28 & 29 Rummage Sale

Danby Rural Cemetery
Association Annual Meeting
June 10, 9am

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!



Start a Small Spark!

People; don't be afraid to help out at our cemeteries. Those living there can't hurt you; they may make you cry, but they might also remind you to laugh.



They depend on few to make their place of rest respectable. More help is always better than few. At this time we are few. Contact Ed Brewer of the Danby Rural Cemetery Association at 272-0952.