

December 2017

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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
Tues. & Thurs. 5pm

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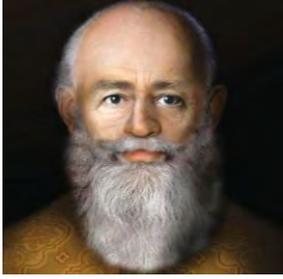
Song of the Angels – Bouguereau (1881)

Thanks be to God

for his indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15





Reconstruction of the face of St. Nicholas by Prof. Caroline Wilkinson. (Image: Liverpool John Moores University).

The Real St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was born in what is now Turkey in the 3rd century AD. When his parents died, he was left with a large inheritance and gained a reputation for giving to the poor. He entered a monastery and eventually was ordained Bishop of Myra.

Nicholas was known for miraculous answers to prayer, confronting pagan "Diana" worship and being cruelly imprisoned during Roman Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. In 325, he was one of many bishops who attended the First Council of Nicaea and signed the Nicene Creed. Tradition has it that he became so angry with the heretic Arius that he struck him in the face.

In the late 1950s, a team of scientists photographed and measured the contents of Nicholas' crypt in Bari, Italy.

In the summer of 2005, the measurements were sent to a forensic lab in England. The data revealed that the historic St. Nicholas was 5'6" tall and had a broken nose. The facial reconstruction was done by Dr. Caroline Wilkinson at the University of Manchester.

During the Muslim occupation of Turkey, sailors from Bari, Italy collected half of Nicholas' skeleton from his original tomb in Myra. They left all the minor fragments in the grave. These were collected by other sailors during the first crusade and brought to Venice, where a second church to Saint Nicholas, patron of sailors, was built. Two scientific investigations of the relics in Bari and Venice found that the relics belong to the same skeleton.

Around and About News

A **Dinner and a Movie** night (10/27) was well attended with 60 people or more.

The **History Group** (10/26) read the letter dismissing the first minister, Samuel Parker and discussed how our Founding Fathers were able to erect the church despite a dire economic down turn in 1816. We also read an account of the polio epidemic of 1916 and how the Danby churches worked around it. Town Historians, Mary Ann Barr and Alex Pfeifer attended.

New lights and a drop down faucet have been installed in the kitchen. Many thanks to Dave Swartout and Dick Hautala.

About 110 people attended our **Election Night Dinner.**

11 Gifts God Has Given You

- 1. The gift of a Savior:** "you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." – *Matthew 1:21*
- 2. The gift of God's love:** "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." – *Jer. 31:3*
- 3. The gift of God's grace:** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." – *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- 4. The gift of God's peace:** "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." – *John 14:27*
- 5. The gift of God's Holy Spirit:** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..." – *Acts 1:8*
- 6. The gift of a brand new life:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away..." – *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- 7. The gift of freedom from bondage and sin:** "And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death." – *Romans 8:1-2*
- 8. The gift of supernatural strength:** "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." – *Philippians 4:13*
- 9. The gift of purpose:** "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – *Jer. 29:11*
- 10. The gift of prayer/ direct access to God:** "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. *1 John 5:14-15*
- 11. The gift of hope:** "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." *Romans 15:13*



Our Thanksgiving altar decorated by Lorena Miller and Michele Dunning. Photo by Dave Swartout

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	27 9 Strength Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 7p SPOC Meeting	28 5p Hour of Prayer	29 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	30 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	Dec 1 10 Retreat Prep 1p Wm's Bible Study	2 8 Hour of Prayer 8:30 Wm's RETREAT 
3 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	4 9 Strength Grp. 7p Trustees Meeting	5 5p Hour of Prayer	6 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	7 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Hour of Prayer	8 1p Wm's Bible Study	9 8 Hour of Prayer
10 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time	11 9 Strength Grp. 7p Admin Council	12 5p Hour of Prayer	13 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	14 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	15 1p Wm's Bible Study	16 8 Hour of Prayer
17 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time 12p Secret Sister Party	18 9 Strength Grp.	19 5p Hour of Prayer	20 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	21 9 Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry 5p Hour of Prayer 	22	23 8 Hour of Prayer
24 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time 7p Candlelight Service	25  9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Time 7p Candlelight Service	26 5p Hour of Prayer	27 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	28 9 Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer	29	30 8 Hour of Prayer
31 9 Sunday School 10 Worship Service 11:30 Brunch 	Jan 1	2 5p Hour of Prayer	3 11 Home Schoolers 7p AA Meeting 7p Music & Fellowship	4 9 Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Hour of Prayer	5	6 8 Hour of Prayer



Give the Gift of Warmth

Bring hats, mittens and scarves to decorate the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Gifts for Kids & Parents

Take a tag on the Giving Tree and bring in a present for families during December's Food Pantry (Dec. 21).

Free wrapping!

Women's Retreat

"Birthday of a King"
Sat., Dec. 2, 8:30-4pm



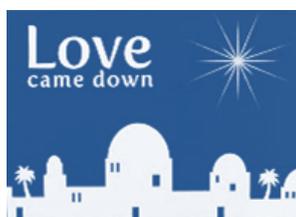
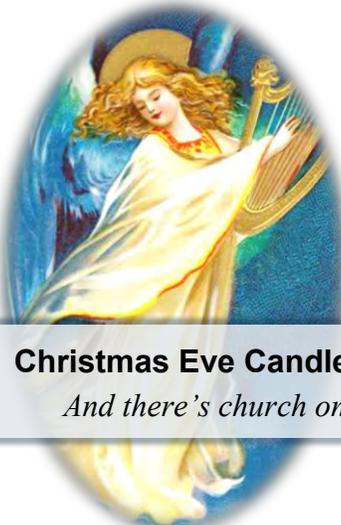
8:30 Registration & Coffee
 9:00 – Program begins

Start the Christmas season right and attend this inspirational retreat, now in its 14th year. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7.00. For info, contact Glenna Dickson at 564-3134.

Women's Christmas Party

Dec. 17, after coffee hour

Come for our Secret Sister Reveal and a gift exchange. Dish-to-pass Lunch. Every one welcome!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7pm

And there's church on Sunday, Dec. 31st!

Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 21

After church!



No Food Truck in December

Next month:

Chicken & Biscuits – Jan. 12

Blood Drive – Jan. 19

Annual Meeting – Jan. 21



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!

The Best Christmas Ever

A store owner was doing some last minute Christmas shopping with his young son when he saw another store owner. The two of them spoke with each other about what a profitable season it had been. The small boy overheard his father say, "This has been the best Christmas ever."

The father and son continued shopping, but the father noticed his son had become very quiet. He inquired about it, and his son replied, "Dad, you just told Mr. Johnson that this was the best Christmas ever."

His dad replied, "I did, son. The economy is great, and people are really spending." The son replied, "It's just that I always thought the first Christmas was the best one."

Birthdays

12-03 Doug Nash	12-18 Robert Buell
12-05 Judy Cuyle	12-20 Joan Barber
12-08 Holly Nash	12-20 Katelyn Nelson
12-08 Morgan Wilcox	12-24 Kathryn Gonzalez
12-10 Beverly Dawson	12-26 Vince Aiosa
12-17 Mike Buell	12-27 Natalio Gonzalez
12-17 Lois DeLario	12-28 Sandy Strong
12-17 Thomas Fuller	12-29 Frances Mason

Anniversaries

12-16 James & Sue Benninger
12-24 Roland & Sharon Boda
12-30 Douglas & Virginia Dean

