



Danby Church News

"Adding to and Building up the Kingdom of God"

March 2024



He is Risen



From Our Pastor!

Snow in the shadows and mud in the sun, it must be March!

On the Church calendar we are in Lent. Rejoice and consider well what the Lord has done for us.

This year Lent begins in February, with Easter celebrated the last Sunday of March. The weather for March 31st is anyone’s guess. No matter, we will celebrate the joy and wonder of Christ’s resurrection.

Traditional practices during Lent have centered around fasting and a touch of foreboding as we consider the suffering of Christ on Good Friday. On March 29th, Good Friday, the church will be shroud in black. The service that evening will be a service of shadows. However, to quote Rev. S. M. Lockridge, “It’s Friday, but Sunday’s coming.”

Easter is my favorite day of the year. Once again, we celebrate an impossible event that makes who we are possible.

On that Sunday so long ago, sorrow was turned to bewildered celebration. From the empty tomb at dawn to Jesus walking on the Emmaus Road with two followers in the afternoon, to eating fish and honey in an Upper Room with His disciples in the evening. That was one incredible day! What are we supposed to be doing the rest of the year? Jesus has given us a duty to fulfill. Love one another and love the world around us, no matter what the conditions of our secular society.

We are a people of grace and charity. Christianity was never supposed to be a passive religion, conducted in the isolation of Sunday mornings. Our focus must remain on what is right and good for everyone at all times. Sharing the message of salvation and making disciples is what we’re supposed to be about by both words and actions every day.

In a couple of weeks we’ll be starting a class on sharing our faith with others. The Lord has given us the task. Now we need to explore how to effectively accomplish the goal of reaching people.

Our weekly sessions will be on Tuesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. in the

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On the Cover!

He is Risen!!

Fellowship Hall. We'll be using John Kimbell's book "Low Hanging Fruit." See me for a copy. We are hoping to begin meeting on Tuesday March 12.

Please join us. We will learn together how to share our faith and invite others into our fellowship as we go about our normal daily lives, just being who we are. You can do this. Come learn how. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Spiritual Development Update *from Sheila Enstine*

Important Dates for March 2024:

We are in the season of Lent which concludes on Holy Saturday, March 30th. Easter Sunday is March 31st. This season is a time of self-examination and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over sin and death.

Although fasting from certain foods or meals is traditional during Lent, other practices can include increased generosity, prayer, and Scripture reading. We might think of this season as a time of Christ-examination and consider how we can become more Christlike. No doubt, this will include relinquishing habits and attitudes that hinder our walk with Him.

Adult Small Groups:

The Sunday morning group is studying the Book of Psalms. The class meets on Sundays at 8:45 am. Let Sheila Enstine know if you're interested.

The Wednesday night Praise and Fellowship gathers at 7 pm with the praise team. After worship, we have a time of fellowship and prayer.

The Thursday evening Bible Study begins at 7 pm. Pastor Ed is leading a study on the Gospel of Matthew.

The Friday afternoon Women's Bible Study is on break. Contact Suzanne Walker for more information.

Nursery: The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five.

Children's Church: After the first set of worship music on Sundays, children ages 6 through 10 (about 5th grade) are welcome to attend Children's Church

Prayer Opportunities:

- **In-person Prayer:** Tuesday afternoons from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Prayer Chain:** Contact Katy Prince at katyprince96@gmail.com.
- **Church Prayer Calendar:** During March we will focus on praying for the towns and villages in our area.

Congregational Care:

Thank you to Paula Nelson and Doug Nash for faithfully arranging for flower deliveries.

If you have other ideas for studies, prayer or congregational care, please contact Sheila Enstine.

Danby Community Church
Administrative Council Meeting
February 12, 2024

Present. Pastor Ed Enstine, Sheila Enstine, Charlene Testut, Gloria Miller, Katy Prince, Paula Nelson, and David McDermitt. Pastor Ed opened with prayer.

Dave came a few minutes into the start of the Treasurer's report, so Clerk's minutes and Fin. Sec'y reports were given out of sequence from typical order of business.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion to donate \$250 to Tapestries of Life Ministries (Sheila), second (Gloria), carried. Motion to accept Treasurer's report (Katy), second (Charlene), carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES. Motion to approve minutes from December 2023 meeting (Charlene), second (Gloria), carried. Motion to approve January 2024 meeting minutes (Charlene), second (Gloria), carried.

FINANCIAL SEC'Y REPORT: Motion to approve January income report (Katy), second (Gloria), carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Annual meeting held.
- Partnership forms still being accepted and processed. If you have one to turn in, it goes to Pastor Ed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to have an audit done on our financial records (Katy), second (Sheila), carried.

REPORTS.

Hospitality.

- Chicken & Biscuit was held this past Friday. Two more to be held the 2nd Fridays of March and April.
- A planning meeting was held for hospitality events through June.
- Movie will be shown on Friday, March 22 at 7pm, 'The Case for Christ'.
- People are welcome to share their ideas for events.

Spiritual Development. The church is in the season of Epiphany until Lent begins this Wednesday, 2/14, with Ash Wednesday, which continues through March 30th with Easter falling on March 31st.

Current Small Groups:

Sunday morning group 8:45-9:45am. Sheila is leading a series studying the Book of Psalms.

Thursday night Bible study. Pastor Ed continues his study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Friday Women's Bible Study: Paused temporarily.

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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

Wednesday Night Praise and Fellowship informal gathering at 7pm. Please join for a mid-week refresher.

Nursery and Youth Church:

The nursery is available every Sunday for babies and children through age five, as needed.

Youth Church is available for ages 6-10 (1st – 5th grades) if there are students.

Copies of the volunteer schedule including greeters & ushers are on wall above the water cooler and emailed to participants.

Prayer Opportunities:

- Prayer Chain: Thanks to Katy Prince who can be contacted at “katyprince96@gmail.com”.
- Tuesday evenings in the fellowship hall with Pastor Ed and Sheila, 5:30 – 6:30.
- Monthly prayer calendar has re-started.

Food Pantry.

- 72 households were served last month.

Trustees.

- The furnace and hot water heater were replaced in the parsonage due to basement flooding. New high-water alerts will be installed there which can call/text contacts.
- There will be a Trustees meeting this Monday, 2/19, to re-organize and prioritize facility needs such as the outdoor sign and the kitchen floor.
- They may decide on a capital campaign, but in the meanwhile, donations will be kept in the church’s pass-through account under a line called, ‘Building Maintenance & Improvement Fund.’”

Missions.

- \$250 is being donated to the Tapestries of Life Ministries – an orphanage just over the border in Mexico to answer their contribution appeal.

SPOC.

- Partnership forms being processed.
- Katy is planning to preach the 4th Sunday of each month.

SAP: Need to meet.

Motion to adjourn (Gloria), second (Katy). Meeting ended at 8:15pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
David McDermitt, Administrative council clerk

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

## Interested in developing a Danby Community Church Garden?

We are looking for a group of people interested in working together to develop a garden right next to the church. There is a long list of tasks to make this happen, put up deer and rabbit fencing, build wooden raised beds, haul organic compost and soil to fill the beds, plant some delicious veggies and weed and water throughout the season.

If this sounds appealing to you and you're interested in being involved, let's get together and talk about possibilities!



### Have you heard of Azure Standard?

If you're not familiar with Azure Standard, it's a wonderful source of organic, non-GMO groceries. It is not a grocery store; it is a food distributor. They distribute good quality, natural and organic foods in regular and bulk quantities. It's easy to shop and there's no fee to join. Each person creates their own individual account, shops for their grocery needs and pays separately for their purchase. After you place the items in your website cart, your order is pulled and packed in boxes with your name and put on a truck that delivers to a community drop off location. Once a month you are notified when the delivery is expected and meet the truck to pick up your order along with other community members that have placed orders.

Would our Church community be interested in having the Danby Community Church become an Azure Standard drop off location? Each drop location has a coordinator who makes sure everyone is kept up to date on when the truck is set to arrive and is on location to meet the delivery truck and the people picking up their orders, which I would volunteer to do.

Individual orders need to meet a \$50 minimum and our drop off location would need to meet a monthly minimum order total of \$550. In order to meet this minimum, the opportunity to order from Azure Standard and pick up at our drop location would be open to anyone in the Danby area and neighboring communities.

Check out their website [www.azurestandard.com](http://www.azurestandard.com) and consider if shopping Azure Standard appeals to you and your family.

Mauricio and Erika Medina @ [e.m.medina808@gmail.com](mailto:e.m.medina808@gmail.com)

**We need someone to take the lead for  
a Women's Luncheon/Tea in May  
a Father's Day Breakfast in June  
Interested??? let Pastor Ed or Janet Gray know**

**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](http://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.**



FREE COFFEE & DONUTS



Mondays, 1/15, 2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17

8:00 am - 10:30 am

Take out or Dine In

Join Us for **Community Coffee Chat**



**CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER**

Fridays, Feb. 9, Mar. 8, Apr. 12

**5pm - 7pm**

Chicken and Biscuits and all the fixings,  
beverage and dessert  
By donation



**Good Friday Service**  
Friday, March 29 @ 7pm

**Easter Sunday Breakfast @ 8:30am**

**Easter Celebration @ 10am,**  
**Sunday, March 31**

**Welcome HOME**

a place where you belong

Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10 am

Sunday Youth Church @ 10:30am

Sunday Adult Education Class @ 8:45am

Tuesdays, Prayer Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesdays "Sharing Our Faith with Others" @ 7pm

Wednesdays, Live Music & Conversation @ 7pm

Thursdays, Pastor's Bible Study @ 7pm

Fridays, Women's Bible Study @ 1pm "on break until Lent"



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## **Welcome Home!!**

What's Happening?!? in March??

**Chicken and Biscuit**

Fridays, March 8, and April 12 5-7pm

**Free Coffee and Donuts**

Mon. 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17 - 8am - 10:30am

COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT

**Free Movie Night!** Friday, March 22, 7pm

*The Case for Christ*

**Good Friday Service**

Friday, March 29 @ 7pm

**Easter Sunday Breakfast @ 8:30am**

**Easter Celebration @ 10am, Sunday, March 31**