

# August 2023

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Call to Worship	Troy Richards
Songs	Paul Symanowitz
Communion	Michael Pickering
Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Ray Lewis



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Minister	<u>Coordinators</u> Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i>		
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	Elton Hodge Benevolence		
	Jim Hopper <i>Worship</i>		
	Ellen Bourne Communications		

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### "The Perfect Game"

For those that don't know, I am a baseball fanatic. I love watching baseball live in person, tun-



ing in on television or listening to a game on the radio. There is just something about the crack of the bat, the flame-throwing pitchers and call of third strike looking that is just so captivating. Recently a member of the New York Yankees achieved one of the most monumental accomplishments in sports; the **PERFECT GAME.** 

Objective: One pitcher must retire all of the 27 opposing team's batters in a row. This is perhaps one of the rarest accomplishments in all of team sports. Since the inception of Major League Baseball in 1876 there have been over 235,500 games pitched, and only 24 Perfect Games. This means that any time a given starting pitcher takes the mound, he has a less than a 0.0001% percent of making baseball history. Of course, it is not just probability and chance, as there are many factors that go into a perfect game, including a pitcher's physical health and mental focus, a catcher calling a good game, a defense behind the pitcher that makes no errors, and potentially the opposing team that is slumping at the plate, among other things. However, when the 27th consecutive opposing batter is retired, the pitcher is one thrusted in the air and carried off the field by his teammates. To be **perfect** for a three-hour baseball game is an unquestionably heroic feat, but what if I told you that there was someone who lived **perfectly** for an entire lifetime? This man was by no means gifted a "perfect life" but managed to exist for thirty plus years on this planet without fault or error. Those odds? Since the year of our Lord (0 AD) a human population roughly around 7900000000 to 1 [Seven Billion Nine Hundred Million to One!] Maybe there is something to this guy named Jesus after all.

Joe Lewis

#### **Prayer Request**

- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law, Kelly Correia's husband Jose. Jose went to the doctors on Thurs., Aug. 10th and was informed that his cirrhosis is progressing they had to put him on the medication that he was on after he had his transplant but it affected his kidneys. Please pray for the slowing down of the cirrhosis and there to be no complications. Jose can't have another transplant for another two years. Pray for strength for Kelly as she goes through this difficult time
- Susan Kelly's cousin Barry Krause who was diagnosed with cancer has started to relearn how to eat
- Jo Harvey's friend Theresa whose brother Michael has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. Pray that his treatment s are a success
- Joe Lewis' uncle was recently diagnosed with cancer.
   Pray for his healing and comfort.
- Marti Hopper's friend Addy Daniels passed on Sat., Aug. 12th. Pray for the Daniels' family
- Former member Karen Quigley had a cardiac catheterization procedure. Karen is slowly improving. Pray for her recovery
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who had a laparoscopy on Mon., Jun. 26th her pancreatic cancer is now in a metastatic condition as several cancerous nodules have been found. This rules out now any surgery to remove the original cancer in the pancreas. This news was not well received, so we would greatly appreciate your prayers for her courage, strength, and comfort as she travels this valley. The doctors still have some weapons in the arsenal to try and manage it as a chronic condition. So far the cancer are on the surface and not in any vital organs
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for DcOC minister search
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

### Praise and Thanksgiving

- Gilbert Gonzales' dear friend Valerie was admitted to Danbury Hospital on Mon., Jul 17th. Valerie was discharged from the hospital on Sun., Jul 23rd and was in rehab at Glen Hill. \*Great News\* Valerie was discharged from Glen Hill on Tues., Aug 8th
- \*\*Great News\*\* Praise for action plans set in place for Bridget Lewis' father Jim's heart condition. Praise for Joe Lewis' grandfather Bob Rainey who is healing daily. Praise for Bridget's new antibiotics for her gastro issues. Pray for continued patience and healing.
- Former member David Rude's sister Chris has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She had surgery on Thurs. Aug 3rd and \*Great News\* no cancer was found anywhere else

## Services & Meetings: Week of August 20, 2023

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

<u>Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study</u>

\*\*Zoom Meeting\*\* Virtual 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

If you are interesting in attending

email: infoldanburycoc.org@gmail.com

#### **Event Calendar**

Aug 24th

Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P.

#### **Bible Classes**

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

#### **Adult Upstairs Class**

#### Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm Rehearsals

⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

 $\Rightarrow$  Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm





# Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study \*\*Virtual\*\*

\*\*Zoom Meeting\*\*
7:00 pm—8:00 pm

If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

It's a chance for us to connect, come together digitally to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!



#### Weekly Fellowship

#### Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:15 pm—2:00 pm Strikers 840 Federal Rd., Brookfield

