July 16, 2023

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## REJOICE With The Heart of a Lion

"Our first stop on our photo safari in Tanzania was at a camp on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. We set off before dawn for the crater floor and arrived just as daylight was making its presence known. We stumbled onto our first photo opportunity of a lion kill. We saw a large pride of lions finishing up their meal. There were about six cubs and the same number of lionesses. (Lions definitely jump in with all four paws when presented with a good meal!) Once they were satiated and had very full bellies, they conceded the rest of their meal to the hyenas and jackals nearby. Having had such a successful meal, they were now thirsty, and the road had some good rain puddles to provide them with a drink. Once they finished their refreshing drink, they all ambled over to the road and flopped downright next to us! This was when we saw up close that lion cubs definitely have an immersive experience when eating at a kill. They were so full they just rolled over right in the road. I remember feeling love for the cub sitting between its mom's paws. The pride continued to laze in the road for a while, as we continued to spend time with them from the safety of our car." - Kathryn Delany.



Now I do not know about you all, but this author's anecdote made me think, "Do I rejoice each time God puts food on my table?" I guess most of us bless our food before we eat, but a typical, expected meal doesn't feel "celebration" worthy. However, a meal needed for survival is always seen as an important ritual or celebration for the lion's family or pride. Maybe, we as Christians could learn a lesson or two from our animal counterparts about having appreciation for our Creator and all that He provides for us.



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Call to Worship	Michael Pickering	1
Songs	Jim Hopper	1
Communion	Elton Hodge	
Sermon	Joe Lewis	S.
Closing	Peter Traisci	de



	<u>Coordinators</u>
	Dan Garrick
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	Don Garrick
	Fellowship
	Elton Hodge
	Benevolence
	Jim Hopper
	Worship
	Ellen Bourne
	Communications

### Danbury church of Christ

**Office Hours** 

Joe Lewis

#### **Prayer Request**

- Marion Morris' father Gaston Gagne passed on Wed. Jun. 21st. Pray for the Gagne and Morris families
- Prayers for Bridget Lewis, her father Jim, and their family as they all undergo their seasons of waiting, long-suffering and patience with their health trials. Prayers for Bridget's Dad, Jim and his wife, Patty, for patience, gratitude and in the Lord as he waits until his next doctor appointment on Fri., Jul 21st for updates on his heart condition. Prayers for Bridget and Joe for discipline and trusting God's timing for her gastro health. Bridget has a breath test on Tues., Jul25th to check her methane levels
- Former member Karen Quigley is having a cardiac catheterization procedure. 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 oth-

## Praise and Thanksgiving

- Jim & Marti Hopper's granddaughter Audrey broke her leg jumping off a bridge. Her surgery was scheduled for Fri., Jun 23rd to set her leg. Audrey's surgery was successful and she is at home recovering
- Marti Hopper's nephew Todd Love surgery was successful. The surgeon told his family that there was no stroke but a clot which he was able to remove. He does not think there was any brain damage and he should recover from it.
- Gilbert Gonzalez dear friend / sister Valerie was admitted to Danbury Hospital. \*Great News\* Valerie was discharged from the hospital on Mon., Jul 10th
- Bob & Jo Harvey's grandson Jacob is making progress with his ADD/ADHD

#### Services & Meetings: Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday AM Worship9:30 amSunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES11:00 am

<u>Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study</u> \*\*Zoom Meeting\*\* Virtual 7:00 pm—8:00 pm If you are interesting in attending email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

#### **Event Calendar**

- Jul 20th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P. Jul 22nd Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am—11:00 am If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or Email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com Contact: Marti Jul 23rd Potluck Luncheon 12:00 pm—2:00 pm
  - 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT Contact: Don & Doris G.

Bible Classes 11:00 am —Sunday Classes for <u>ALL AGES</u>

> Adult Upstairs Class "Trials" - Gene Pollastro

#### Ongoing Meeting (church building)

- ⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm Rehearsals
- $\Rightarrow$  Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
- $\Rightarrow$  Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

# ladies Prayer BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 22nd Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am—11:00 am If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or Email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com Contact: Marti

## Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study \*\*<u>Virtual</u>\*\*

**\*\*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!







Sunday, July 23rd Potluck Luncheon 12:00 pm— 2:00 pm DcOC Bldg. Contact: Don & Doris G.

