
Hudson River landing passenger to speak at University United Methodist Church



Tuesday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m.
Tickets: (\$10, \$5 students)
for sale at the door

For more information: 315/475-7277

University United Methodist Church is located at
1085 E. Genesee Street in Syracuse,
corner of University Ave and E. Genesee St.



Dave Sanderson, a passenger on the “Miracle on the Hudson” US Airways flight that made an emergency landing in the frigid waters of the Hudson River in January 2009, will speak at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at University United Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

A sales manager returning home to Charlotte, N.C., after a routine business trip, Sanderson was the last passenger to exit the back of the plane after assisting fellow passengers to safety. He has since been recognized as an “ordinary hero” for contributing to the survival of all 155 passengers after a flock of birds disabled the plane’s engines and forced the river landing.

A co-author of the recently published book “Brace for Impact,” Sanderson says doing the right thing came naturally. “My mother always taught me to do the right thing,” he says of his choice to remain behind to assist others even as the cabin began to fill with water. “And the right thing to do is to take care of other people first.” Upon exiting the plane himself, Sanderson swam to the nearest ferryboat and eventually was rushed to the hospital, where doctors feared he would suffer a heart attack or stroke from the trauma.

Over the past year, Sanderson has shared his story with more than 70 church, corporate, community, and nonprofit groups. In the March 16 presentation at University Church, he will talk about how the “miracle” landing and its aftermath have affected his faith.

The program will open with a piano prelude by church organist Nathan Sumrall at 4:45 p.m. A book signing and reception will follow the talk, and copies of the book “Brace for Impact” will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the event are \$10 general admission, \$5 for students, and may be purchased at the door. Free parking is available in the church lots off University Avenue, and the church is handicapped-accessible. Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Red Cross and the ministry programs of University Church.



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