

The Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ is an outgrowth of the Hanover Society, which was organized in Hanover on the east hills in 1797, with 14 members. This Society, active until 1851, was eventually disbanded as more and more people moved to the valley once the Chenango Canal was built in 1837, followed by the railroad in 1867, and joined congregations there.

The first recorded history of the present Congregational Church goes back to June 19, 1835, when a group of citizens met and drew up a Constitution for the proposed church. The trustees selected were: Isaac Miller, jr., Levi Buckingham, Thomas Dean, William Young, John Cottrell, Zebulon Peck, Salmon Prentiss. The name chosen was the Society of Deansville, soon changed to the Religious Society of Deansville. In 1894, the name of Deansville was changed to Deansboro, due to a mix-up in mail delivery, and the church was known as the Deansboro Congregational Church.

For sixteen years, services were held in the Deansville school house on School Street (West Hill Road) and in the hall over Mr. Barker's store (now Ye Olde Antique Shoppe, where Joan Barker Benedict lives). Business meetings were held in private homes. Ministers came from churches in Hanover, Augusta, and Clinton; occasionally there was a preacher from the Brothertown Indian Tribe, who settled in the area in the late 1770s. From the beginning, the group's aim was to build a proper church building with a resident pastor.

In 1849, it was voted to build a meeting house, but this idea was abandoned due to lack of funds. In 1851, new names were added to the membership, increasing their treasury, and it was decided to start construction on their church. The specifications were to be not less than 74 feet long and 36 feet wide, and it was to be ready by October 1, 1852. The church was built without a basement on a 5/8 acre lot purchased from one Harry Harrington for \$150. This is where the church presently stands. However, there were delays in building the edifice, and it was not completed until March, 1853. The church was dedicated on May 8, 1853, when 28 persons met. A year later, land where the church sheds stand was purchased for \$3.00. Rev. Amon Tuttle was the first pastor.

In 1890, during the Rev. Mr. Samuel Miller's time as minister, it was decided to remodel the church building. The building was rededicated in October, 1891. The Church House, which was built in 1923, was first used for a Christmas supper. A bell was hung in the belfry in 1928, with money donated by Mr. Ralph Lumbard for that purpose. In 1935, a Wicks pipe organ which is still in use today was installed. Under the leadership of the Rev. Darrell Westlake, the church was associated with the Federation of Churches, as was then known as the Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ.

Altogether, the church has had more than 35 ministers. The present worship leader, the Rev. Thomas Lawton of Oxford, New York, has been at the pulpit since March, 2022.