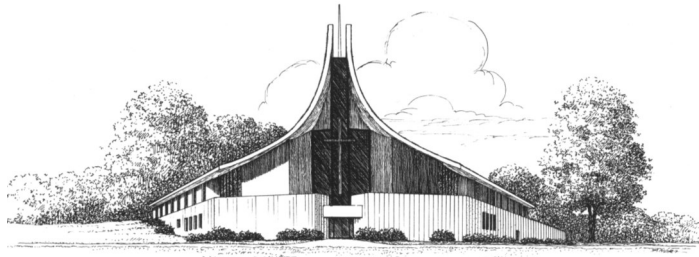




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Message from Pastor Kim

Moving Forward with Many Thanks

This is the time of year when, by virtue of the calendar, we experience many leadership transitions in the life of our church. We are extremely blessed in that just about every person that our Committee on Nominations asked to serve graciously agreed to do so.

We offer our gratitude and our cooperation to the following persons, who will begin serving in their new capacities this month:

Staff Parish Relations Chair: Rufus Sanders

Stewardship Chair: Carla Pierce

Evangelism, Membership and Welcome Team Chair: Kim Goodwin

Church Treasurer: Coralee Demouth

Interim Sunday School Superintendent: Phyllis Tranzillo

Church Council Chair: Chris Russock has very capably served a three year term, but was asked by the Committee to serve an additional year in her capacity, which she graciously agreed to.

The following persons have agreed to serve as new members of the following committees, in three year classes:

Board of Trustees: Myra Tesbir, Chuck Vietrogoski, Peter Hornik

Staff Parish Relations: Marge Underhill, Marti Foster, Phyllis Tranzillo, and Dee Skidmore.

Committee on Nominations: Pam Clark, Ellen Basso, Sue Teer, and Mary Holston.

Other committee positions:

Membership Secretaries: Shirley Fogle and Bev Anderson

Contingency Coordinator: Marti Foster

Evangelism, Membership, and Welcome Team Members: Coralee Demouth, Minnie Rouse, Shirley Fogle, Lucinda Johnson, Carla Pierce, Kathy Roig, and Allison Kent.



Men's Club Dinner
1/4 7pm

**Worship in Fellowship
Hall Begins**
1/10 10:30am

Youth Epiphany Party
1/10 4-7pm

Book Club
1/19 7:30pm



**ASP
Spaghetti Dinner**
2/6 4-7:30pm

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Communications Committee: Janet Hinderliter, Lori Rozanski, Robin McAllister, JoAnn Hornik, Kathy O'Shea, and Roger Warmbir.

Just as importantly as recognizing new members is thanking those who have served so faithfully, some over a period of three years or more. Many thanks to the following persons who have completed their terms and are moving on to other areas of interest and service:

Staff Parish Relations Chair: Carla Pierce

Church Treasurer: Brian Spaulding

Sunday School Superintendent: Coralee Demouth

Committee Members rotating off committees:

Staff Parish: Loren Euvrard, Carla Pierce, Kathy Roig

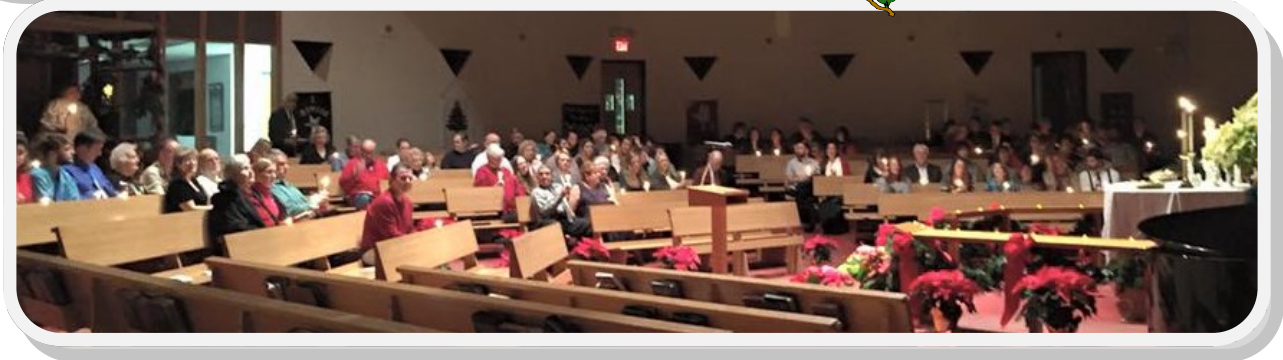
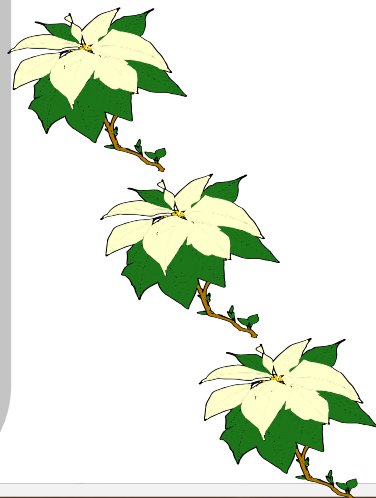
Trustees: Bev Anderson, Jim Teer, Drew Wagner, Kevin O'Shea

Committee on Nominations: Bev Anderson, Marti Foster, Jim Teer.

Blessings, Pastor Kim



Christmas at
the United Methodist Church of Danbury



Worship Schedule for January



Winter Worship Begins—January 10th



Its time to have our Sunday Services in the warmth of the Fellowship Hall! We look forward to the additional feeling of closeness present in this setting. It is also a nice change of pace with the audio visuals that are available in the Fellowship Hall. No fumbling thru the hymnal!! So join us downstairs on January 10th through February, and sit next to someone that you haven't had the opportunity to sit with before.

Winter can be very warm and friendly.

Child care is provided during 10:30 am service
Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following 10:30 services

Sunday School News

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the participants who were involved in the joyous and wonderful presentation of this year's Pageant, *The Christmas Story*.



There will be no Sunday school held on January 17th. But, hope to see you on the 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st!

Cancellations and Delays

Any cancellations of our Sunday activities due to weather related conditions will be sent to everyone on our church e-contact list. The information will also be on the **church's answering machine by 8:45AM.**

If you would like to be added to our church e-contact list, please email the church office at **danburyumc@sbcglobal.net**

Have you seen our new Handicap Accessible Entrance to the lower level of the church? Isn't it BEAUTIFUL! Thank You Tom Demouth!!



As an Eagle Scout project, Tom DeMouth, with much guidance and help from Kevin O'Shea and help from friends and other scouts, worked on improving the back entrance of the church. The entrance is now handicap accessible and has a new, updated look.

Thank you Kevin for encouraging all the kids who helped and taking the time and energy to be there and to be the project manager.

And thank you Tom for choosing this project to show your abilities for planning, developing and giving leadership to others . We have loved watching you grow into an impressive young man. **We are proud of you!**



Purpose - The **church council** provides for planning and implementing programs of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in our church. It also provides for the administration of our organization and temporal life. ..(¶ 252, 2012 *Book of Discipline*)

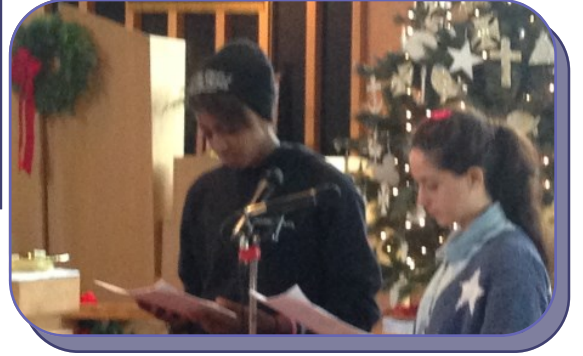
In the spirit of openness and accountability, all meetings of councils and committees, including subunit meetings and teleconferences, shall be open. Portions of a meeting may be closed for consideration of specific subjects if such a closed session is authorized by an affirmative public vote of at least three-fourths of the voting members present. The SPR committee is the only committee that is required to be closed., but anyone may request to present a topic to the committee....¶ 722, 2012 *Book of Discipline*)

Summary– **YOU are the church.** Please feel free to attend any of the committee meetings to learn more about what is going on around UMC of Danbury.

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Christmas Pageant 2015



For unto us a child is born





The Evening Book Club



One of our very popular small groups at UMC of D is the **Evening Book Club**. Below is the schedule for 2016, so that you can read ahead. (rumor has it that having read the book is not required). This group meets at 7:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at someone's home. The month's book selection is discussed, followed by refreshments.

All are welcome.....Men, Women, Friends. Come once or come every time.

Shirley Fogle will be hosting **Tuesday, January 19th** in the community room of Palace View Apartments at 132 Main Street, Danbury. Please meet at the Church at 7:00 pm to carpool.

Questions? Contact MaryLou Heyel at Mheyel55@sbcglobal.net (203)743-4330

2016 Book Selections

January 19.....**Wish You Well** by David Balducci at Shirley Fogle's

February 16.....**A Same Kind of Different As Me** by Ron Hall and Denver Moore at church

March 15.....**The Alchemist** by Pablo Coelho at Barbara Fulton's

April 19.....**The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah at Karlene Lombardo's

May 17.....**Devil in the White City** by Eric Larsen at Lois Bornemeir's

June 21.....**Choosing Hope** by Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis at Kathy Roig's

July 19.....**Bird in Hand** by Christin Baker-Klein at Beverly Anderson's

August 16.....**The Waters Edge** by Sara Gruen at Mary Lou Heyel's

September 20... **When Mockingbirds Sing** by Billy Coffey at Minnie Rouse's

October 18.....**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith at Coralee Demouth's

November 15.... **Without Reservation** by Jeff Benedict at church with pot luck desserts.

December 20....**The Story of the Other Wise Man** by Henry Van Dyke at Kim Bosley

United Methodist Men

UMM meet the 1st Monday of each month
at 7pm

*for comradery, good food,
and interesting discussions.*

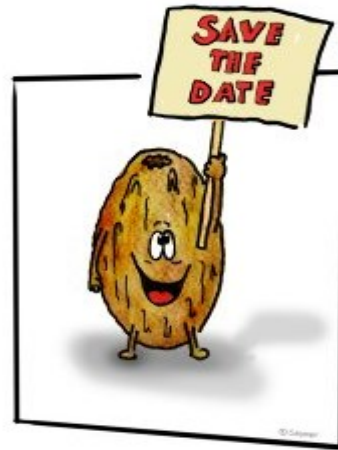
Please Join us for January's Dinner

Jan. 4th at 7PM

Panda West, 93 Mill Plain Road, Danbury



For more information contact Zeke Zahara at
elaine7079@aol.com



Do What???

No, we aren't putting together a new group looking to protect an endangered species of Date tree, sorry if we had you going...

However, if you are thinking of taking part in Appalachia Service Project next summer the dates for the trip will be **Saturday July 2nd through Sunday July 10th. Block off your calendar now. More to come ...**



For more information call Don Demouth at 203-730-8103 or visit our website at danburymethodist.org/asp.



Saturday, February 6th
To Benefit Danbury ASP
St. James Episcopal Church
25 West St, Danbury
4:30-7:30 pm

Adults are \$10 - Seniors and Children are \$8.00

There will be a pasta dinner to benefit Danbury Appalachia Service Project (ASP) on Saturday, February 6th. The dinner will be held at St. James Episcopal Church. Tickets to the dinner will be available after services Sundays in January. Please join us for a fun dinner with friends and family as we kick off our seventh year of working with area churches to help those in need in Appalachia.



Some UMC of Danbury members enjoying spaghetti last year. Thanks and come again!!



www.danburymethodist.org

Keep watching our church website. There are big changes in the works.

New additions:

😊 A direct link to our church **Facebook** account that is being maintained by Lori Rozanski.. Look often as new photos and events are posted weekly, or more often. If you have pictures or upcoming events, please contact Lori at lrozan77@gmail.com . THANK YOU LORI.



😊 A direct link to **The Vision**, the NY Annual Conference Newsletter. Keep up with what the Methodist Church does throughout our area and the world. This is also a great educational resource. Check it out!

The Vision - The Newspaper of The New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.



Music News



Thank you to our Music director, Adults and Youth for enriching our Christmas Eve Services with music.

The Chancel Choir is looking for people who love to sing.



But the choir is more than just singing. It is a great place for fellowship, fun and a way to give our “talents” back to the church.

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in the choir room and Sundays at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

For more information contact Carol Spaulding at 203-778-4066



United Methodist Women News



Henderson Settlement

One UMW mission spotlight will be on Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky for 2016. We are continuing to collect **Labels for Education**. (These are on Campbell's products, Pepperidge Farm products, Post cereals, Dannon dairy products, Glad storage products, BIC, etc.) The collection of these labels from Methodist churches around the country allows this institution to get "free stuff" for their programs.



Last month 75 **Labels for Education** were sent, from our church, to Frakes Kentucky!

Keep clipping and saving. For the moment there is an envelope on the UMW bulletin board, or you may give labels to Karlene Lombardo.

UMW Holiday Party

On Sunday, December 13, 2015 twenty-four women attended the United Methodist Women's holiday gathering at the home of Valerie Bose. In a departure from our regular meeting format we held a **Christmas Tea**. Two beautiful silver tea and coffee service sets and elegant bone china cups were used for this occasion. The highlight of the afternoon was the music and the sing along provided by Becky Blomgren. Thank you to all who attended and provided so much to the festivities.

At this meeting paper products and several bags of cocoa, etc. were collected for the Shelter from the Cold Program. Cards were signed and gift distribution was assigned for the Church Visitors Program.

Thursday Night Dinners



What are Thursday night dinners?

Who attends? Why should I go?

TND are an informal, affordable dinner served buffet style in the Fellowship hall.

Dinners are from 6:00-6:30 PM

Cost is only \$3 with a family maximum of \$15.

Young and old come. Old members and new members come.

Some people are regulars and some come once in a while. All are welcomed.

**We wish that you would join us.
The more that come, the livelier the
conversations.**

Best Wishes and God's Blessings
To those celebrating birthdays in



Andrew Spaulding	1/4
Sandra Irving	1/7
Kristian Clemens	1/13
Travis Gebing	1/13
Carrie Tesbir	1/13
Hannah Foster	1/14
Sharon Barrigas	1/19
Musa Masood	1/22
Roger Warmbir	1/22
Norma Bucko	1/23
Kaitlyn Gebing	1/26
Colin Pierce	1/29

If we don't have your birthdate,
please call the church office (203-743-1503).
We don't want to miss you. Thanks

Youth News

EPIPHANY PARTY



All youth, friends and family are invited
to an Epiphany Party

January 10th

4:00-7 :00 pm

The Wardenburg's Home

13 Longview Drive

Brookfield, CT

Bring and appetizer or dessert to share.

Also, we will have a Christmas Sock Exchange

What is that, you ask??

Bring a pair of garishly colored/patterned socks
and stuff them with an assortment of small
treats. (max. cost \$12). Tie together with a
bow!

RSVP by January 2nd to: Kim Goodwin at
k2j2goodwin@yahoo.com or Deb Hollrah
(Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Leader) at
deb2guide@gmail.com

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