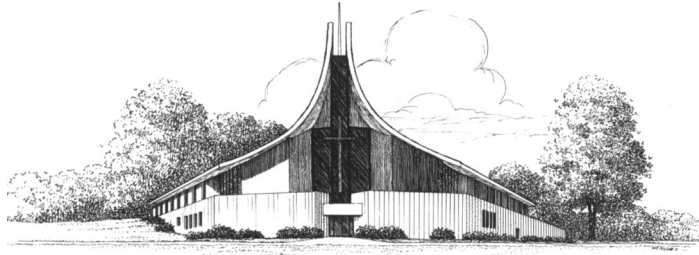




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Message from Pastor Kim



**Pumpkin Festival
meeting**
4/1 7pm

Men's Club Dinner
4/4 7pm

UMW
4/5 7pm



Tag sale
4/16 10-2pm

Book Club
4/19 7:30pm

**Thursday Night
Dinners**
EVERY Thursday
6pm

Easter: Not a Day but a Season in our Soul

At our Maundy Thursday service, I had indicated in my meditation that evening that I found myself more in need of Holy Week and Easter than ever before. The reasons are many. We are in the midst of an incredibly divisive and tense political season. And against the back drop of news coverage of daily violence and the latest round of terrorism, my soul was longing to connect with something much deeper than the darkness of this world. I was longing for the cross' critique of worldly power. By letting ourselves fully experience the meaning of Holy Week, by facing the death of Christ at the hands of the worldly powers of his day, we learn again that death is not the final word. The worst thing is not the final thing. The bonds of sin and death are broken in the resurrection. Love triumphs over death.

Easter is not just a day. It is a season. Not just a season of the year, but a permanent season in the soul for every Christian. As I was reflecting on all of this for my own preparation, I received the Easter message from Bishop Jane Middleton. It spoke to me and was just what I needed to hear. I wanted to share a portion of it with you. Bishop Middleton had traveled through the airport in Brussels just weeks before the two explosions wreaked unspeakable destruction on innocent people, and here are her words of reflection on the meaning of Easter in the midst of the world's darkness.

"This is our world today. Too many live daily in harm's way in war-torn countries, struggling for any sense of security as explosives and gun fire surround them, basic needs are absent and children know no safety. We live in a broken world in which terrorists commit heinous atrocities; others demean, dehumanize, and victimize those who are different from them; systems create enormous disparities between those of wealth and those struggling for just one meal; children suffer from curable disease that strike down thousands daily.

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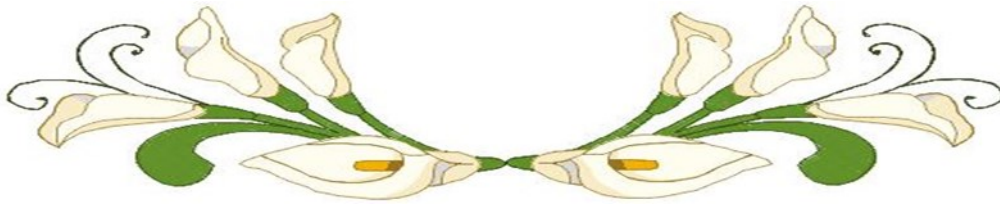
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Jesus Christ came into a world like ours. The circumstances for him were different, but very much the same. He was born in a country oppressed by Roman rule. He was constantly criticized by civil and religious authorities and ultimately crucified.

But that is not the end of the story! The wonderful news of the resurrection is the promise that ‘nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord.’ The Resurrection proves that love and new life can come out of death and destruction. God redeems the worst humans can do--killing an innocent person--and brings a great victory out of seeming defeat. As people of the resurrection, let us claim the promise of new life in the midst of death!

Now, as much as ever, we need to hear anew the promise of love and new life that Easter offers. Let us sing our Easter “Alleluias” as God’s answer to the suffering, destruction and death that reigns in our world. May we live into the good news that God’s eternal love is more powerful than any evil humans can commit....As United Methodists, may we demonstrate by our deeds the reality of the Easter message of hope and healing made possible through Jesus Christ.”

To which we can only say, “AMEN.”
Blessings, Pastor Kim



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 2ND SUNDAY IN EASTER	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP; HOLY COMMUNION; PASTOR KIM PREACHING.
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 4TH SUNDAY IN EASTER	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.

Child care is provided during 10:30 am service

Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following 10:30 services

Special Note from Pastor Kim



Dear friends,

I have been so grateful for all of your prayers and support over the past couple of months as I have dealt with all of the anxieties and complications of a breast cancer diagnosis. I wanted to bring you up to date on what the next step in my treatment will be, as I promised that I would. As I indicated last month, my lumpectomy at Greenwich Hospital went very well. The pathology report came back to show I had early stage breast cancer which had NOT spread to the lymph nodes. I was very grateful for this news. My doctor recommended that the tissue be sent for further and more sophisticated "Oncology typing" tests to measure the likely rate of recurrence of the tumor. The reason for this is that if the tumor is shown to be aggressive in nature, chemotherapy is added to the treatment plan. My test results came back this past Monday and I was relieved to learn that I had a low score for the possibility of recurrence. What this means is that chemo will not need to be part of the treatment mix and the primary treatment will be radiation. The way that things have been explained to me is that the tumor has been removed and is now gone. The reason for the radiation therapy is to kill any microscopic cancer cells that might be remaining. This is standard of care treatment for breast cancer.

My radiation treatment will start Monday, March 28, at Danbury Hospital. I will go every day for six weeks (this is the typical regimen for breast cancer radiation). I have asked for and received morning appointments on most days and was told the time there is usually 45 minutes to an hour. It is my intention to continue working full-time at the church throughout the treatment. The doctor was on board with this, but did caution that radiation typically causes fatigue as the treatment progresses, and that I need to be prepared to adjust my schedule accordingly. In light of this, I will probably take a week off at the very end of treatment. In addition, I will likely arrange for someone else to preach the last few weeks of treatment. Other than that, I plan to be fully around. Though I do not imagine any large disruptions to church life, six weeks of radiation appointments will likely result in the need for some schedule adjustments. I will be grateful for your understanding. Though I cannot envision any particular assistance that I will need at this time, your ongoing prayers will be appreciated during this next step. What I would most want you to know is that I am very grateful that this was caught early and for the excellent medical care and support that I have thus far received.

Blessings in Christ, Kim



ANNUAL SPRING TAG SALE

Saturday, April 16
from 10am to 2pm.

UMC of Danbury Fellowship Hall

Lunch Available:
Grilled cheese sandwiches,
hamburgers and hotdogs.

PASSOVER SEDER

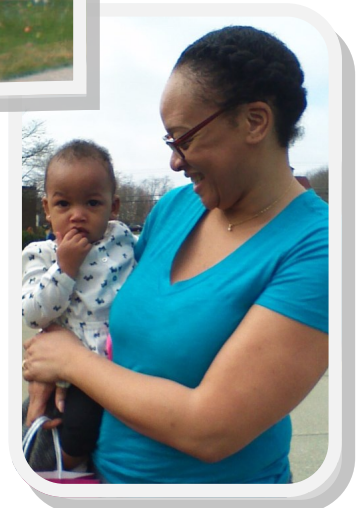
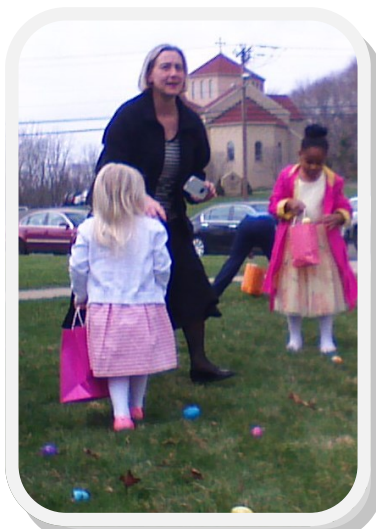
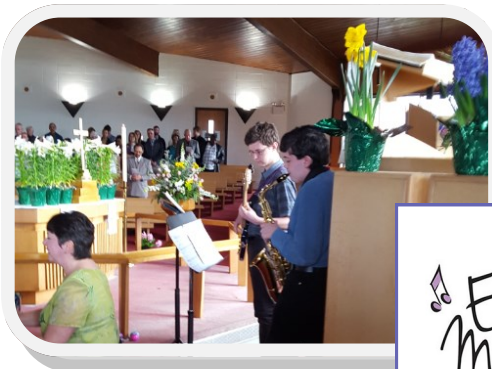


PLEASE JOIN US FOR
AN AUTHENTIC PASSOVER SEDER

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 AT 7:00PM

SEATING IS LIMITED

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 203-743-1503
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE.



United Methodist Women

SPRINGTIME AND PUMPKIN SEEDS

There are many verses about seeds in the Bible. One favorite selection is the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” *Matthew 13: 31-32*



Let us now consider the pumpkin seed. Although we all do not need to plant our own garden we can all provide “seed money” for the **Pumpkin Festival Harvest on October 1st**. (Now here is a project with no heavy lifting!) During two Sundays this month special “Seed Money” envelopes will be provided with your bulletin. Please contribute now so that we will “reap with shouts of joy” for the mission work of our church.

It's Spring Time for Geraniums

Geranium Sale* Plants on sale April 17th to May 22nd

To celebrate our veterans on Memorial Day Sunday (May 29th)

Red only; \$5.00 each (4" size)

Sponsored by: The United Methodist Women of Danbury

The geraniums may be purchased to keep, or to be given to a local VFW chapter for the veterans. Each geranium may be given in honor of or in memory of a special veteran or a loved one. These geraniums will be placed around our church altar on the 26th of May. There will be a special red, white and blue bunting to add to this presentation for our veterans.

To place orders: Contact Karlene Lombardo personally, at 203-743-1260 or lombardodk@netzero.com. Checks should be made out to The United Methodist Women of Danbury (All proceeds go to mission giving.)

Next UMW Meeting: All are invited to join us!

April 5th at 7pm

Palace View Apartments in the Community Room

132 Main St, Danbury

The program is entitled “Peace as Action”. There will be a presentation by a staff member at ARC for Peace. We will be hearing about the “Peace Camp” that is held each summer for children ages 8-11. meeting. A collection of non-perishable food items will be received for “Comida” ARC’s food pantry. If you have any questions, or need a ride, contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260 or Shirley Fogle at 203-748-1307.

The Evening Book Club



The next meeting of the UMCD Book Club will be **Tuesday, April 19th**, 7:30pm. at the home of Karlene Lomabrdo, 70 Old Ridgebury Rd, Danbury. (203-748-7520) This month's selection is The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah.

If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 7pm.

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

United Methodist Men

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

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

Please Join us for April's Dinner

April 4th at 7PM



Blue Colony Diner

66 Church Hill Rd, Newtown (exit 10 off I-84)

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

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



Kim Goodwin	4/2
Chris Russook	4/4
Joseph Strizalkowski	4/7
Robert Clark	4/9
Peter Hornik	4/10
Mark Pierce	4/11
Jim Davis	4/15
Greg Irving	4/17
Lois Bornemeier	4/19
Jessica Rutledge	4/24
Brian Kempter	4/27
Marcia Vietrogoski	4/27
Mary Mattoni	4/28
Tonya Clark	4/30

Appalachian Service Project Car Washes

In April there are four opportunities to get your car washed by the Youth of ASP and help a good cause.

We have *three Saturday car washes* which are from 10 am – 2 pm

April 2th
April 9th
April 23th



And we have *one Sunday car wash* this month from 12 – 4 pm on **April 17th**.



Catch on fire with enthusiasm
and people will come for miles
to see you burn.

Attributed to John Wesley

If we forgot your birthday, please let us know so we can remember you next year!

Trustee's Report

Column Update: A spreadsheet with all details from Cenexo (contractor for Column replacement) on work to done and specific dates was distributed. The entire project is to be completed by April 15th and to be within budget.

Security: It was reported that random items were, once again, missing. Cameras continue to be in place. Study into further security measures is ongoing.

Signage: It was established that we need to look into some additional work on our new signage. Landscaping will be accomplished as soon as weather permits.

Discussion continues on the placement of the old metal church sign in the prayer garden. Mary Lou will look into this with the Litchfield Family.

Parsonage Needs: Kim reported on the comments at the servicing of the parsonage furnace. Repairs have been completed but the furnace will soon need to be replaced.

A special Thank You to Prosperity Cleaning Services for donating their services to clean and wax the wing hallways. A great job and a nice improvement to our facility.

Larry Bornemeier, Trustee Chairperson



Trustees report that all is progressing as scheduled.
Next update: NEW BEAM!!

Jesse, Project Manager & Dan

Thursday Night Family Dinners—6pm



THANK YOU

I want to thank all my church family for your prayers and well wishes over the past 14 months while my father battled cancer. Dad passed away peacefully on February 22 and was blessed with a reasonably good quality of life until the last couple weeks. Your condolences, cards, emails, phone calls, and memorial gifts were also greatly appreciated.
Janet Hinderliter

Youth News

Youth explore the messages in music

Our Youth Group met on Sunday, March 13th, at The Spaulding's house. After sharing some s'mores around the campfire, our youth, joined by some of our leaders, listened for the meaning in some popular Christian music. We had a rich conversation as we shared what we heard in the music by the words the songwriter chose. It was interesting the varying messages we each took away.



Stay tuned for our next Youth Adventure

Kim Goodwin (203 788 9351)
Kevin O'Shea, Brian and Carol Spaulding, and David Zeigler.

Sunday School News

Heifer Project

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The generosity of our congregation never ceases to amaze me. During the Lenten season the Sunday school collected pocket change (and dollars) from our church family for the Heifer project. Heifer International provides opportunities for families to alleviate hunger and poverty through providing livestock and training. We collected over \$200.00, **\$218.00 to be exact**. With that amount we can purchase more than one animal to help more than one family! We haven't decided just which animals we will purchase yet. As soon as we do, I will let you know.

Again I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who participated. Not only are we helping to end hunger but we are also providing a wonderful example of Christian sharing for our children. I am so grateful to be part of such a kind congregation.



Easter Egg Hunt

We were blessed with sunshine for our annual Easter egg hunt. Our front lawn looked so beautiful with colorful plastic eggs scattered all over. It looked like it was polka – dotted! The children were delighted.

I would like to thank the Easter bunny's helpers that made the hunt possible and the lawn beautiful and put smiles on the children's faces. They include the adults who contributed candy, Audrey who filled all the eggs, and the youth who helped hide them! Great job!

Blessings,
Phyllis Tranzillo

Outreach—Upcoming Events

Fund Raising Breakfast for Renewal House

THERE ARE STILL 5 SEATS AT THE UMC OF DANBURY TABLE

COME JOIN US AND LEARN ABOUT ONE OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

It will be on **May 6 from 7:30am to 9am** at the west side campus of Western Ct State . Our church will be one of the churches recognized for 10 years or more of support for Renewal House. Our church will have a table reserved so please let me know if you can attend.

Renewal House is a program for folks that are 58+ and homeless or in danger of being homeless. They are offered a place to stay and programs to help them recapture their independence. Some need help getting medical care, get on waiting lists for housing, learning to balance a check book, these are a few of the things that help is needed with. Renewal House has a 93% success rate. When folks "graduate" from the program, Renewal House is still there to help along the way.

Thanks, Bev

Contact me for your reservation and directions at b_anderson00@yahoo.com

or 203-746-4800



Our group of cyclists will arrive on **June 2nd and will be leaving on the 4th**. We provide them a place to spend the night with dinner on Thursday and Friday nights and breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings.

If you would like to help us get ready, this is the shopping list:

- crackers
- soda
- juice
- water

hot dogs and burgers (I can freeze them)

chips salsa pretzels any kind of snack that can be stored till June

If you have questions you can call Bev Anderson 203-746-4800 or Mark Pierce 203-744-2860



The 24th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive —Saturday, May 14, 2016—


You can help by placing your food donation at your mailbox before your letter carrier arrives on May14th. The food will be delivered to local food banks.





HOPE YOU WERE THERE—WE HAD FUN AT THE CORNED BEEF DINNER



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