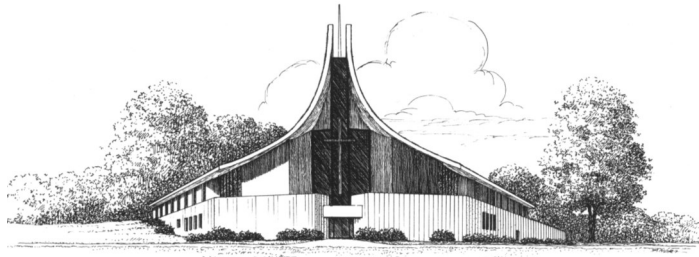




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The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Men's Club Dinner
5/2 7pm



Mother's Day Bake Sale

5/8

Pumpkin Festival meeting
5/13 7pm

Book Club
5/17 7:30pm



Confirmation Sunday
5/22

Thursday Night Dinners
EVERY Thursday
6pm

Message from Pastor Kim

Confirmation: A Journey in Faith

On Sunday, May 22, six youth (three eighth graders and three seventh graders) will be confirmed as Christians at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Since a Confirmation service is one of the high points in the life of a congregation, I wanted to say a word about what Confirmation means. When these young persons were baptized, their parents took a vow to do everything in their power to raise their children in the Christian faith. On May 22, our Confirmands will make a public commitment to embrace Christianity for themselves. Although the Confirmation service will follow a year during which the Confirmands learned about the foundations of the Christian faith and the history of our denomination, the truth is that they have been preparing for this moment since they were small children. They have attended Sunday school and worship for years; several of them grew up as children of our church. When they stand up and make their commitment to serve Jesus Christ, I would anticipate that it would be a moment of great pride for our entire church family. Anyone who encouraged them and supported them and taught them actively participated in their Christian upbringing.

Some of the study units we covered in Confirmation class included: creation, sin, and redemption; a church empowered by the Holy Spirit; made new in Christ; grace and the way of salvation; worship and the sacraments; the Wesleyan quadrilateral; renounce, accept, and confess; what it means to pledge to give the church your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. The Confirmation students were required to complete a brief project at the end of the year. Most chose to write an essay on their faith journey. As we discussed this in class, I was impressed with how free they felt to ask questions and to admit that there were many things about the Christian journey that they still needed to learn. Confirmation is intended to be the beginning, and not the end, of their faith walk. Their questions should be a reminder to all of us that our Christian journey is about feeling free to ask questions and not assuming that we have or should know all the answers. As I told the class, "God never minds us asking questions." Asking questions of God, within the context of a faith community, is how we grow and mature in our faith.

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I have also been impressed at how easily the confirmands talk about their faith. They are an exceptional group of young people, one of the best Confirmation classes I have ever had, and it has been a blessing to work with them. As these six young people from our church family make their public commitment to serve Jesus Christ, I hope and pray that each one of you will see this year's Confirmation Service on May 22 as an opportunity to renew your own faith commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ; to reflect on and ask any questions that arise for you in your faith journey; and to understand that wherever you are in your life, that you, too, will open your heart in new ways to the spiritual invitation for a closer walk with God and with all who are members of the body of Christ.

Blessings In Christ,
Pastor Kim



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 1 6 TH SUNDAY IN EASTER	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP; HOLY COMMUNION; INTERN HOPE JACKSON PREACHING
SUNDAY, MAY 8 ASCENSION SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP - LAY SPEAKER BEV ANDERSON PREACHING. PASTOR KIM WILL BE AWAY.
SUNDAY, MAY 15 DAY OF PENTECOST	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.
SUNDAY, MAY 22 1 ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	9:30AM 10:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CONFIRMATION WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.
SUNDAY, MAY 29 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	10:30AM	WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING.

Child care is provided during 10:30 am service

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

Trustee's Report

1. A revised copy of the Column Replacement schedule was presented showing a completion date of June 3, 2016. Larry reported on the additional work done on the ridge beam and the added costs for connecting the two beams. Another need noted is for two replacement sanctuary entry doors as the old ones are in poor condition. We will explore pricing for them. At this point we be responsible for a \$15,000 additional payment. Means to obtain this money are being explored.
2. Sanctuary lights were discussed. The need to change some bulbs and examine wiring. It was thought this would be a good time as work is being done and height equipment might be available.
3. Church cleanup/Parsonage backyard. The dates were set for April 23, 2016 with a rain date of April 30, 2016. Casa D'Oro, our sister church will assist. Clean up of the prayer garden will also be on the agenda. Our current lawn cutting agreement with Jose will continue this year
4. Space Users Agreement: A Space User Form is being made available with a hold harmless clause. The groups must also be aware of the non smoking policy which includes anywhere on the church grounds.
5. Water Compliance Issues have been satisfied. A faucet has been replaced to facilitate ASP car washing. A Thank you to Peter Hornik for his efforts.
6. Sign update: The response from Signarama was discussed. Only some of our concerns were addressed. Larry and Christine Russock will arrange a face to face meeting with principals from the sign company.
7. Parsonage: Plumbing needs have been rectified. There is one more sewer pipe that needs attention. Tree roots necessitate looking into ever 3 years. A call for volunteers to move some furniture at the parsonage was answered.

**A special "Thank You" to Tom Rozanski
for providing the paint and painting the
Fellowship Hall.**

Lock-up for May - Larry Bornemeier

Thank
you!

Thank you to all who gave their Saturday to cleanup and improve our church



Look how good the hill looks



Lots of fresh mulch



Our new column!!

UMW Mother's Day Bake Sale

It is time once again for our annual Mother's day Bake Sale scheduled for **Sunday, May 8th**. We are calling all our bakers to make their mouth-watering goodies once again. We would appreciate including the following: Cookies, 6 to a bag, brownies 4 to a bag, Also it would be nice to have some mini-type quick breads, cakes or pies. Of course, Ethel Rogers' delicious white bread is always a lovely treat, that is if she is able. We always get a big turnout on our sale, and hopefully we will again this year.

All proceeds benefit our mission work...



Thank you again for all your hard work...Any questions ??

see Val Stagen (203) 792-9641

Opportunity for all Women and Friends



Come join the United Methodist Women and Board of Laity for spiritual growth and to expand your knowledge and concepts of mission. The 2016 Saturday at Mission u study is: **The Bible & Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift**

Mission u 2016 registration forms, schedules and online registration links are now available.

Copy the following link to fyour browser bar to ind more information and registra-
tion: [http://www.nyac.com/eventdetail/2016-mission-u-3167094?
month=7&year=2016&day=1&display=m](http://www.nyac.com/eventdetail/2016-mission-u-3167094?month=7&year=2016&day=1&display=m)

Danbury UMW has 1 more partial scholarships available. If anyone is interested contact Karlene Lombardo by May 20th.

Karlene Lombardo; 203-743-1260



WELCOME

THOMAS FRANCISCO

Baptized April 10th

Congratulations on your special day. May the holy spirit bless you with a wonderful and long lasting faith

Thank you to Val Bose for the beautiful banners that you make for every baptism. Each one is very special. Thank you for sharing your talents!



**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 Method-
ist 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.)

The Evening Book Club



The next meeting of the UMCD Book Club will be **Tuesday, May 17**, 7:30pm. at the home of Lois Bornemeir, , Danbury. (203-790-4616) This month's selection is **Devil in the White City** by Eric Larsen.

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

Please Join us for May's Dinner

May 2nd at 7PM



Lux Diner

108 Danbury Rd, New Milford

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

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



Mark Clemens	5/3
Michael Pietras	5/4
Justin Goodwin	5/6
Kathy Chambers	5/7
Kaitlynn Jackson-Slocum	5/7
Jack Pavao	5/9
Brian Spaulding	5/11
Elizabeth Mitchell	5/16
Matthew Salamon	5/20
Laura Zeigler	5/20
Julia Goodwin	5/21
Doris Pietras	5/30
Dot Treadwell	5/31

ASP News

Appalachian Service Project Car Washes

In May there are five 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

May 7th
May 14th
May 21st



And we have *two Sunday car washes* this month from 12 – 4 pm on **May 1st and May 29th.**

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(See Matthew 14:14-21) 03-13-2009
YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE, BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A BETTER OPTION

Scripture reference:
Matthew 14:14-21

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



General Conference 2016

THE GLOBAL CHURCH GATHERS

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the [Oregon Convention Center](#), the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on **May 10-20, 2016**.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

You don't have to be in Portland to follow General Conference. Copy and paste this link in your browser bar to find out what is going on at the Conference. <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2016>

Sunday School News

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 8th



The Sunday school kids will be preparing Coffee Hour for Mother's Day. We will meet downstairs in the kitchen/fellowship hall at 9:30am.



There will be no Sunday school on **May 29th**, the weekend of Memorial Day

Blessings,
Phyllis Tranzillo

Youth News

Our Youth has had a lot of fun this year so far!

As we round out the year, we are still hoping to squeeze in an outing to **SkyZone**, the trampoline park. We will also join the **Bike n Build** (see page 8) event to learn about bike safety and hear about the great work this group does to help repair homes across the US. **Save June 3rd after school for this event.** Exact time and details to follow.

Blessings,
Your Youth Group team:
Kim Goodwin
Brian Spaulding
Kevin O'Shea
David Zeigler

Communications Team Update

The Communication Committee is working to renew our bulletin boards with more current information. Take a look at the newly updated one off the Narthex that now features our church's "**Small Groups**". Hearty thanks to Janet Hinderliter!!

In the works are bulletin boards featuring our **Church's History** and **Monthly Events**.

Would you or your group like to have part or all of a bulletin board? Let Kathy Roig know which one or if you need one in another location.





DIAPER DRIVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May brings Mother’s Day and for us that means it time for our “**Diaper Drive**”! I will be collecting packages of diapers in assorted sizes during the month of May. As usual, if you would like to participate but can’t get out to shop or you are short on time, I will gladly accept cash donations and shop for you! I’m retired so that means I have lots of time!

I am hoping that our narthex will be back to normal by the first Sunday in May so I can place a **basket** there for your contributions. If not, I will place a basket in the “pink room” where we have been doing our after church fellowship. This is an important outreach that touches children and families. It has been a long time since I had to use disposable diapers but I still remember that they were expensive and those little ones sure did use a lot of them!

Thank you for all you do to support Covenant to Care; our partnership with DCF that allows us to reach out to those who are in need.

Blessings, Phyllis Tranzillo



Outreach—Upcoming Events



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



Thank you to Patti and Gerry Hecht for sharing their family traditions and history of the Passover Seder with our congregation. We had 14 people attend this very interesting and *delicious* occasion.



REMINDER OF SCHEDULES FOR MAY

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo	Myra Tesbir	Kathy Roig	Carla Pierce	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Will McWilliams	Norma Bucko	Kevin O'Shea	Don DeMouth	Will McWilliams
Scripture Readers	Julia Goodwin Aiden Zeigler	Anna Spaulding Joey Masood	Jacob Hornik Tifanie Ferreira	Confirmation Class	Mark Pierce
Prayer Leaders	Rev. Kimberly Bosley	Barbara Kunicki	Mark Pierce	Carol Spaulding	Doris Sanders

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Go to www.facebook.com/danburymethodist and click on the "Like" button at the top of the page. Then, in the box that appears, click on "All Notifications". This will ensure that you see updates and photos posted to our page...Thanks!

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Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding



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