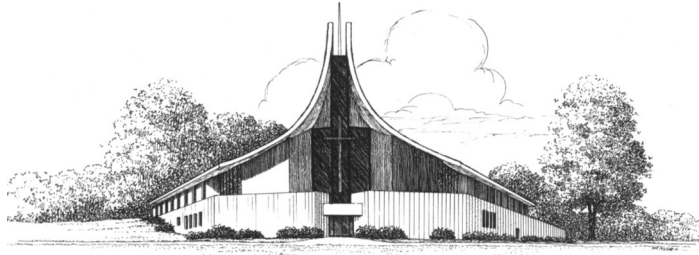




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

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6/14 6pm

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Church parking lot



Father's Day

6/19

Book Club

6/21 7:30pm

Pumpkin Festival meeting

6/24 7pm

I wanted to take a moment and express my gratitude for the prayers and concern of our church family during the stress of the past months. As most of you know, I received a diagnosis of early stage breast cancer in early January. That began a process of more tests, surgery, and then radiation treatments. The early months were of course filled with anxiety. Following the surgery at the end of February, I was very relieved to learn that the lymph nodes were not involved. Because of that, the major treatment I received post-surgery were the six weeks of daily radiation therapy. I was fortunate in that my side effects were mild.

On Friday, May 6, following my last radiation treatment, I drove to southern Maine for five days of vacation. It was a quiet time of relaxing, reading, and reveling in the knowledge that the treatments were over. Those days of renewal in a lovely spot near the ocean were like "emotional medicine" after a stressful four months.

Then last week I got a dose of "spiritual medicine." I was blessed to participate in the annual Festival of Homiletics, a nationally acclaimed preaching conference. This year's conference was held at the historic Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA. Although I was originally propelled to go because of the annual continuing education requirement in our conference (which I had not fulfilled in the past two years), it ended up being so much more. The conference brings together the nation's best preachers to lead pastors for 4 days of sermons, lectures, and workshops on the art of preaching. The theme of this year's conference was: "Prophetic Preaching in Times of Change." The goals of the conference included: 1) Bring together a wide variety of outstanding preachers and professors of homiletics. 2) Inspire a discourse about preaching, worship, and culture. 3) Engage issues related to church in the 21st century. 4) Engage theologically the practice of preaching and worship. 5) Invite individual preachers to consider various styles and methodologies of preaching. 6) Inspire preachers in their roles of proclaiming the gospel. These goals sound very lofty and I think they were met to varying degrees for the participants I spoke with, almost all of whom were thrilled to be there.

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And I think it will take a while to integrate all the things I learned. But this I do know: it was a huge spiritual boost to be there. When you are the preacher whose job it is to come up with the sermon week after week after week, one of the occupational hazards is that you don't get many opportunities to hear sermons. You don't get many opportunities to be the receiver during worship services. And so it was a wonderful treat to participate in several worship services each day; to hear excellent preachers preach the word and share the gospel. And so I came away from each long day feeling renewed and re-fueled spiritually. And being at the Conference, I think, also helped me to feel like I am moving forward with my life after the challenging events of the last four months.

Shortly after I got back from Atlanta, I received yet another spiritual boost—that of confirming six young persons who became official members of our congregation this past Sunday. I thoroughly enjoyed this year's class. I loved their fresh insights, their willingness to ask questions, their openness to learning more about the Christian faith. And whether or not you might think so, I found that they were quite willing to talk openly about their faith. I would like to share with you some excerpts from their confirmation projects, in which they wrote their faith journeys:

"I think of God as a paramedic, because he saves us when we are in trouble. But Jesus is also our Savior, who sacrificed his life for us on the cross. He helps us now by staying by our side when times are tough. He is with me 24/7."

"The United Methodist Church is my church home, and it's amazing here. The church keeps my faith strong and my faith will lead me to my life's choices....God created me to be whatever I want, and I want to be a Christian."

"Even though I have been going to church my entire life, I still have a lot of questions. I enjoy learning with my friends here. I hope to keep going to church and I think I can do a lot at church to help other people out in the community."

"One of the things I like about our church is that everyone talks to you. We are all like a big family at the church. I like that we can all take communion together."

"One of the things I have learned about God is that we have to love and treat people equally. I think my beliefs as a Christian will help me make decisions in the future. I think it will help me make good choices and believe in the choices I make."

These statements speak for themselves. Our Confirmands feel at home in our church; believe their faith will be a resource in their lives; and understand the Christian imperative to serve others. They have demonstrated that they are willing to learn and grow in their faith. Let's let them know that we understand they have much to teach us as well.

Blessings In Christ,
Pastor Kim

**Confirmation is not a sacrament in
The United Methodist Church, but
it is an important step in our
spiritual journeys.**

Confirmation photos on page 6

Thank you to our Confirmation Mentors

**Don DeMouth, Kevin O'Shea, Carol Spaulding,
Brian Spaulding, Sue Teer and Lorena Tesbir**

**Mentors are adults with a mature faith who set an
example of how to grow in faith, offer support and
encouragement and talk with confirmands about
tough faith questions.**

DON'T FORGET TO THANK ALL THE FATHER'S IN YOUR LIFE

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should.

For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills.

And Father struggles daily
To live up to "his image"
As protector and provider
And "hero of the scrimmage".

And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion,
That Fathers are not subject
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be.

But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife.

But Fathers are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness.

And like Our Heavenly Father,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be always on our side.

- Helen Steiner Rice



JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM 10:30AM 11:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES WORSHIP; HOLY COMMUNION; PASTOR KIM PREACHING ICE CREAM SOCIAL, SPONSORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, JUNE 12 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	10:30AM	WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JUNE 19 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY	10:30AM	WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING
SUNDAY, JUNE 26 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	10:30AM	WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING

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

Early Summer Services

July 3rd through September 4th

Throughout the summer months we
will be worshipping an hour earlier.
Join us at 9:30 am while it is still cool,
leaving you the rest of the day for your
summer activities.

Trustee's Report

Trustees met Wed. May 4, 2016. The following was discussed:

CHURCH NEEDS:

1. **Column update:** Larry Bornemeier distributed a letter from Cenexo indicating a price increase based on extra work necessary with the ridge beam and extra scaffolding. We explored our financial status. There are restricted funds for the sign allocation. The amount not yet spent is \$4,253.00. The new total needed for the beam work would be \$51,584. The letter also mentioned a possible increase based on the possibility of an insurance claim update. Larry then presented a report on the current investigation into the possibility of a lightning strike on the beam. He has seen the fire marshall concerning the possibility of an insurance claim because of the charring found at the bottom of the beam and where steel was present further up on the beam. Lightning has not been excluded from the possibilities. Larry will make an appointment with the insurance adjuster about the new data.

2. **Sign update:** A letter had been sent to the sign company about the problems we have with the quality and placement of the new sign. An onsite meeting was held with a sign company representative. This occurred several weeks ago and we have not heard from the parties involved. The representative took copious notes and was to report back to the principal owner of the sign company. We will call Signarama for an update. In addition, Mary Lou Heyel has received an offer from Mike's Landscaping to donate two bushes for the side of the sign when we are ready to plant. We are to let them know what type and size we want.

3. **Space Users' Agreement:** We have received a copy of a Hold Harmless Contract for organizations who use our facilities. Thank you to the New Paltz Methodist Church for providing this document. This will be amended to suit the needs of our congregation and its' occupants.

Submitted by Larry Bornemeier, Chairperson for Trustees



Thanks to Kim Cain-Moreira, chef extraordinaire, for organizing and creating a most wonderful Mother's Day Tea/Coffee Hour with the Sunday school kids.

To all the bakers and takers, a big thank you



to everyone who so generously baked many numerous and delicious treats for our Mother's Day Tea. We had cookies, brownies, and a nice assortment of pies and cakes. We topped last years amount, bringing in **\$439**. So many of you did not want their change back while others made generous donations. I hope all the goodies graced your table for Mother's Day and were gone in a flash.

Many thanks to Karlene and Penny who bend over backwards to help, and with a big smile too. They were a big hand when things got busy and it was much appreciated.

All the monies collected will go to the UMW mission work.

It is a good feeling knowing that our church is so giving and loving, may God bless you all for your support and caring....*Valerie Stagen.*

United Methodist Women

June UMW Meeting:



On **Tuesday, June 14th**, there will be a United Methodist Women's meeting at the home of Donald and Karlene Lombardo. This meeting will start at 6pm. Rather than the usual pot luck the Lombardo's will be providing grilled chicken and hot dogs. Plan to bring a salad, chips or a dessert to share. However, there will be plenty of food and mostly we want to see you! We will have a **brief** service, after the meal, to commemorate the World Thank Offering. Feel free to bring your spouse or a friend. We are celebrating our 25th year as a Five Star Unit. Come and have fun! Please bring any labels for education. These will be sent to The Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. They are used to provide much needed items. We are also collecting juice packs and fruit packs to be used at the Association of Religious Communities' "Peace Camp" this summer.

Please make every effort to attend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship. If you have any questions, or need a ride, contact *Karlene Lombardo* at 203-743-1260 or at lombardodk@gmail.com.

Aasta Moser Award 2016 *Looking for Nominations*

Each year the United Methodist Women give a donation in the name of the recipient of the Aasta Moser Award. This special membership award money is forwarded to the Women's Division. The award money is used in that area of mission where it is most needed. The award certificate and pin are given during worship. The person who received the 2015 Aasta Moser Award was Cliff Davis.

A few nominations for 2016 have already been received. Now is the time to look around our congregation and decide who has been active in our church and in our community. Please send your nomination to me at lombardodk@gmail.com. You may also speak to me directly. I will be accepting nominations until **July 3rd**.

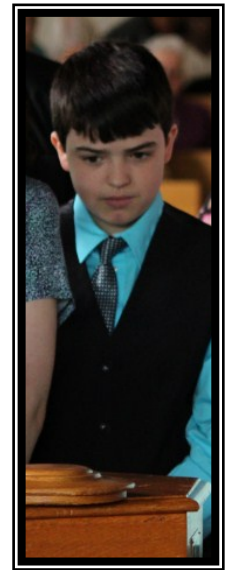
I look forward to hearing from you. *Karlene Lombardo*

Books for the Pumpkin Festival

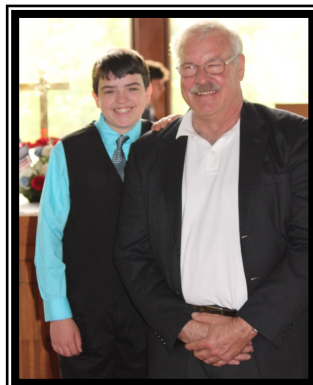


Don't wait! Start sorting your books for the festival now. We are ready to accept them in **Room 1** at the church. Please place them on the shelves or if you have a box of books leave it, on the floor, in front of the shelves. From non-fiction to mysteries to children's books. We are accepting them all. You may also donate DVD's, CD's and audio books. I will check the room every 2 weeks and try to keep it organized. Our own very special book table will be set up the second week in September. The Book Room will also feature a corner for greeting cards. If you have some that you would like to donate you may leave them in **Room 1** also. Everyone loves to browse and buy at the Book Room. Please donate and make our sale special on October first.

Questions? Contact Karlene Lombardo at lombardodk@gmail.com



Confirmation



The Evening Book Club



Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis, author of Choosing Hope: Moving Forward from Life's Darkest Hours, will be the guest at a special Book Club Meeting to be held at our UMCD on Tuesday, **June 21** at 7PM.

Save the date: everyone is invited.

Kaitlin will discuss her journey following the Sandy Hook massacre. She will also sign books. If you do not have one yet (it is available at the library), Kate's Mom, Kathy Roig, will have a few available (as long as the author does not give away any family secrets!).

United Methodist Men

Please Join us for June's Dinner.
We will not be meeting during the summer.

June 6th at 7PM



Two Steps Downtown Grille

5 Ives Street, Danbury

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

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



Aidan Zeigler	6/4
Audrey Cain	6/6
Alyssa Cormier	6/6
Karlene Lombardo	6/6
Judy Abdalla	6/7
Carlos Barrigas	6/9
Danielle Mazza	6/13
Jan Elwell	6/17
Michael Vietrogoski	6/17
Joey Masood	6/19
David Zeigler	6/19
Michael Dibble	6/20
Shirley Fogle	6/20
Ethel Rogers	6/23
Sheldon Irving	6/24
Sarah Rogowski	6/26
Douglas McDonald	6/27
Tifanie Ferreira	6/28
Katie DeMouth	6/30

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

ASP News

LAST CHANCE FOR CAR WASH

Appalachian Service Project Car Wash

There are only 2 more opportunities to get your car washed by the Youth of ASP and help a good cause.

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

June 4th
June 18th



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

ASP Bottle and Can Drive

In conjunction with the Paper Shredding Event, Clothing Drive & Car Wash, also on June 18th

Please start saving
your empty bottles and cans for the
ASP Bottle and Can Fundraising Collection

Saturday, June 18th, from 10:00 – 1:00

Bring us your bottles & cans and we will return them for the deposit. Help us earn \$\$ for our ASP trip.



Sunday School News

Join us for our Ice Cream Social!

June 5th, after worship



Join us in celebrating the end of the church school year with an ice cream social. The Sunday school will sponsor fellowship hour with a make your own sundae. Hopefully, it will be a warm day so we will especially enjoy the cool refreshment!

Hope you will join us!

WITH APPRECIATION



We are so very fortunate to have a group of men and women who are willing to share their time and talents to contribute to the Christian education of our church family. As we come to the close of the school year, I would like to publicly thank them for their dedication.

Our Sunday School Teachers:

Coralee DeMouth, Lorena Tesbir, Penny McKown, Kim Cain-Moreira and David Zeigler

Our Adult Education Leaders:

Minnie Rouse, Marti Foster, Jim Teer, Roger Warmbir and our Pastor Kim.

Christian education is life long and a vital part of our church. It wouldn't be possible to offer this important ministry without the willingness of these people. They are a blessing to us all!

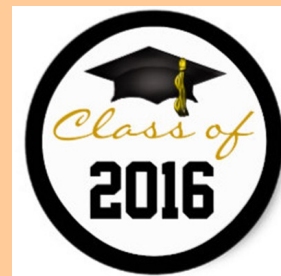
With gratitude and grace,
Phyllis Tranzillo

Save the Date!

Happening here on Saturday, June 18, 2016

- **Public Paper shredding Event from 10am to 1pm**
Professional shredding services provided by ProShred
\$10 per standard archive box
- **Appalachian Service Project Car Wash**
- **Used Clothing Drive**
- **Bottle and Can Collection**

**Please come and support our fundraising events!
Tell your neighbors!**



Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors! Blessings to them on their new endeavors.

Congratulations to:
Kaitlynn Jackson-Slocum
Nick Tyrrell
Thomas DeMouth
Andrew Spaulding



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS



Dear Church Friends:

PLEASE, take this letter and form (on page 10) to one place of business that you frequent. Ask them if they would like to advertise their business to about 400 other people from the Danbury area. \$25 will give them a quarter of a page, a business card size. That is a lot of advertisement for \$25. So, you are actually doing them a favor. If everyone asks 1 person, think how much money we will make for the church to support our programs. It really isn't that hard or embarrassing. Give it a try.. ...Once. Thanks.

*The United Methodist Church of Danbury
5 Clapboard Ridge Road
Danbury, CT 06811*

This year on October 1, 2016, United Methodist Church of Danbury will be having its 12th Annual Pumpkin Festival. This is our major fund raising effort to support our local outreach ministries, such as Dorothy Day Center, Appalachian Service Project, Helping Hands for hospitals and care centers, Association for Religious Ministries and Children & Family Services. We would like to invite you to join with us to make this an even more successful event by becoming one of our advertisers. We anticipate having a large turnout at this year's festival. We will be advertising in all of the local papers, (both electronically and hardcopy), local churches and businesses, as well as very visible signs around town. Our church is easily found, just off exit 5 of I-84 at 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT. I hope that you will see this as a good business opportunity as well as a way to be involved in our community.

Thank you for your support,

Kevin O'Shea

For more information, please contact:

Kevin O'Shea

Pumpkin Festival Advertisement Chairman

203-438-0499

kjoglp@aol.com

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Please print or type

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____
Street
City
State
ZIP

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Check appropriate box:

Inside Front Cover (7" h x 5" w) \$150

Back Cover (7" h x 5" w) \$250

Inside Back Cover (7" h x 5" w) \$150

1/2 Page (3.5" h x 5" w) \$50

Full Page (7" h x 5" w) \$75

1/4 Page (Business Card size) \$25

Sponsorship- List of all of our sponsors will be included in the booklet \$25

Please make checks payable to UMC of Danbury.
 Ad may be attached to form and mailed to address below,
 Or emailed as *pdf* to kathrynoshea@sbcglobal.net
 Or call Kevin O'Shea at 203-438-0499 and he will pick it up.

United Methodist Church of Danbury
 Attn: Pumpkin Festival
 5 Clapboard Ridge Rd
 Danbury, CT 06811

Opportunity to Try Out Choir for Only 4 Sundays



The Choir will be singing through June before taking a break for summer. Here is the PERFECT opportunity to TRY OUT CHOIR with SHORT Commitment!! Join us for practice on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm and/or 9:30am on Sundays. Only requirement is to enjoy singing. **Give us a try for 4 weeks .**

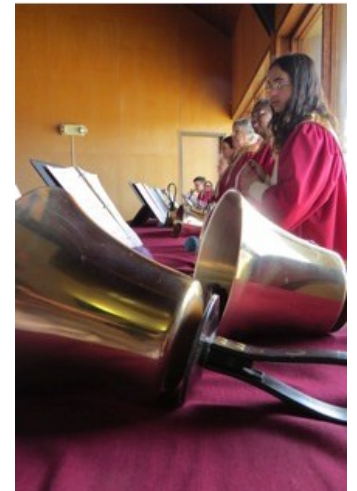
For more information talk to Carol Spaulding 203-778-4066 or carol.spaulding@snet.net



Being a member of bell choir is not only a fun way to express yourself musically, but a way to connect to the service and bring joy to the service. I find that being a part of the bell choir allows me to be a participate musi-

cally in worship which makes it all the more meaningful to me. Bell choir meets every Wednesday at 6 pm in the choir room and you do not need any musical experience to join. Everything you need to know to play we can teach you. all you need is a willingness to bring music to life and to count to 4. We play once a month, usually the second Sunday of the month and would love to have more members join, the more we have the challenging music we can play, and I promise you, it is a great sense of accomplishment after we play. To celebrate the lord and bring music to life in worship is a wonderful thing.

Tonya Clark



Bell choir



General Conference 2016

THE GLOBAL CHURCH GATHERS

Bishops to Appoint Commission to Re-evaluate Rules Regarding Sexuality Issues

The Bishops council proposed that the conference defer all votes on sexuality measures; more than 100 such measures were sent to the 10-day meeting. The bishops proposed that they appoint a commission to undertake a “complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in our Book of discipline regarding human sexuality”.

The bishops’ statement said that they heard from many members that the rules had language that was “contradictory, unnecessarily hurtful and inadequate” for a diverse and global church

These are excerpts from Laurie Goodstein’s article in the NY Times, May 18, 2016

For more complete information on this and other issues discussed at the General conference, go to NYAC General Conference website. <http://www.nyac.com/gc2016>

CAR SHOW

DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM

presents

STEEL & WHEELS

to benefit

The Appalachia Service Project of Danbury

June 11, 2016

(rain date, June 12)

RAFFLES!

FOOD!

9am - 3pm

FAMILY FUN!

120 White Street, Danbury, CT

Show Cars, \$10.

Goodie Bags and Dash Plaques for first 100 cars. Special Owners Award, People's Choice, Surprises! Registration starts at 8:30. Show cars only enter off Patriot Drive by Metro North Station. Call 203-778-8337 or email info@danburyrail.org for more information.

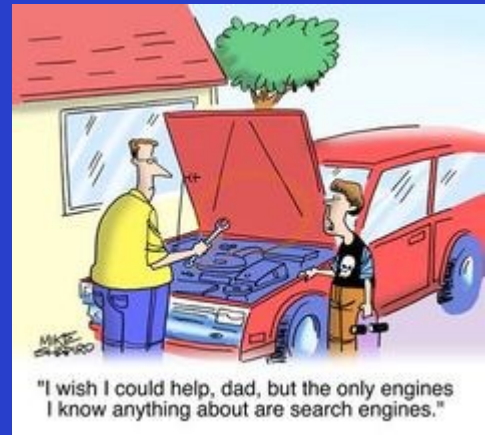
GENERAL ADMISSION \$10 (age 3 & up, under 3, free)
Includes: admission to Museum, train rides, tour vintage railroad equipment, operating railroad forge, and car show.
www.danburyrail.org / info@danburyrail.org / 203.778.8337
Additional parking @ Patriot Garage

The ASP team will be hosting a Classic Car Show on June 11 at The Danbury Railway Museum!

Come by at 11am for the opening ceremony when our very own Doris Sanders will be singing the Nation Anthem, Carla Pierce will offer up a prayer and we'll have a lot of fun!

Stay for lunch we have Chic Filet sandwiches, Burgers and Dogs on the grill! Come on out and Support the ASP team!!

Thanks, Mark Pierce



CAR SHOWS ARE FUN
AND EDUCATIONAL!!

Youth News

SkyZone: As we round out the year, we are still hoping to squeeze in an outing to the trampoline park. Details to follow.

Bike and Build: Friday, June 3rd, from 5:30pm at the United Methodist Church. We will have dinner together and then learn how to fix our bikes, as well as get some bike safety tips, as we meet this terrific group of cross country bikers. It is the 7th year that the UMC has hosted the Bike and Build young adults who bike across the country in support of affordable housing.

What to bring: Your **bikes and helmets**, and a **salad or dessert to share**.

To learn more... visit www.bikeandbuild.org

Blessings,

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

REMINDER OF SCHEDULES FOR JUNE

	5-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun
Counters	Myra Tesbir	Kathy Roig	Carla Pierce	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Norma Bucko	Kevin O'Shea	Don DeMouth	Will McWilliams
Scripture Readers	Joey Massod	Carla Pierce	Bishop Rouse	Minnie Rouse
Prayer Leaders	Rev. Kimberly Bosley	Carla Pierce	Phyllis Tranzillo	Bev Anderson

Like UMC of Danbury on Facebook!

An easy way to let others know about all the good things going on at UMC of Danbury is to LIKE us on Facebook.

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!

If you are not currently receiving our newsletter by email or know someone who might like to receive it, please let the church office know!

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A Safe Sanctuary for Children

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Kimberly A. Bosley

Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding



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Deadline for the July 2016 Flame is June 22

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