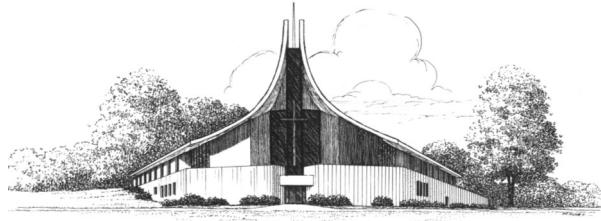




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

Handiwork: Created to Serve

by Don DeMouth

At a Glance...

Helping Hands

8/4 10am



VBS Kick-off BBQ

8/7 4pm

Bible School

8/8 - 8/12
9am-11:30am

Book Club

8/16 7:30pm

Crafting

8/11 and 8/18 6:30pm

Summer Worship Hours through 9/4

9:30am

I was asked to write an article nearly a month ago about the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip that we recently returned from. At the time I was asked I didn't give much thought to what I'd write about since it was a month away. However, since the Flame editor recently sent a reminder that articles are due, finding a subject became more pressing. After receiving that reminder I found myself completing a form for ASP that asked, "What is your favorite aspect of ASP?" I answered truthfully that I don't know. There are several aspects about taking part in this trip that I like and because it's a once a year trip I seem to rediscover them each year. Here is what comes to mind after our recent trip, let's call it my favorites - plural.

Each year we get to know or get to know a little better a bunch of high school aged kids. The adults on the trip are usually impressed with the youth that take part. This may be because of how brave they are to take part at all or how good they get at the home repair projects they work on or how kind they can be to each other, to the families whose home they are working on or to the adults on the trip. I enjoy spending a week with those kids that come back each year, to see how much they mature over the course of a few years. There is an advantage (or two) to not being a parent to most or all of the kids; during the rest of the year we don't spend much time with them so we notice the changes in maturity and abilities from year to year. Being able to see those changes is a lot of fun. It is my hope that we are, in some small way, contributing to the creation of good citizens, and eventually good adults.

Another of my favorite aspects of ASP is having the opportunity to spend time with the other adults that go on the trip. Whether it's getting up in the morning prior to the kids and spending a bit of quiet time drinking coffee and talking with them, making plans prior to the trip, or working beside them on our projects it is rewarding being able to spend time with such outstanding adults. I take vacation from work in order to go on the trip and it honestly feels like a vacation because I get to spend time with friends, people that I really enjoy being with.

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The young adults that go with us have been with us for between 5 and 7 trips. We have seen most of them start as freshmen in high school. At this point they're capable of running their own crews. They are responsible for the kids, for preparation at the center, for the work projects and still remain respectful of us older adults. Where they used to wait to be asked to do something or ask if they should do this or that, now they simply take it upon themselves to make things happen. They make the trip much easier and, I feel, are walking examples of what I mentioned earlier, good citizens and good adults.

The family situation that each work crew enters is a mystery until Monday morning when we all meet the homeowners. There may be a lone person in the house, a couple, a single parent with one or more children, a young family with kids, or a multigenerational family. In some cases the families are dealing with mental or physical or health issues. They all share some sort of economic difficulty. Some years there is a great deal of interaction with the families, other times hardly any. The kids on the trip always seem to adapt to whatever the situation is. This year the family, whose home my crew worked on, was another favorite aspect, they were a multigenerational family with adult kids dropping off grandkids so they could go to work and other family coming and going all day. I never really figured out which grandkids belonged to which kids or who actually lived in the house and who was just visiting. It was sort of chaos but it worked for them and it was fun for us. I know that Miss Patricia and Mr. Tony, the matriarch and patriarch of the family, had a bunch of people in the house and those people seemed to be happy we were there and they were happy to sit down and share lunch with us. From my perspective it was a good year with the family we served.

Helping people is the reason we take part in ASP and another of my favorite aspects about it. The stated goal is to make the homes we work on warmer, safer and drier. There are times that in addition to making a home warmer, safer or drier there may be secondary benefit to our working on a home such as making the home owners feel more pride in their home or motivating someone who has given up on finding work to go out and look for a job. Those who attended the "ASP Service" the Sunday after our return heard Kevin O'Shea speak of how a neighbor of an ASP homeowner told him about a transformation in his neighbor, how the work ASP had done on her house seemed to lift her spirits and improve her outlook. There's no guarantee that this will happen, in fact there's an excellent chance that ASP volunteers will never know how their weeks work may affect the home owners since we aren't there for a long period and we don't often see the end of our projects. We are usually content knowing that the work we did helped someone in some manner. An aspect of helping people that isn't always talked about is how ASP helps those that volunteer. Some volunteers become more confident in their abilities, in how they get along with peers, in how they deal with others in general, in some cases just in the fact that they manage to get through the week can be a huge boost.

The last favorite aspect I'd like to mention is how those of us on the trip become closer to God. Talking about it or in this case writing about it is not one of my favorite things, I don't have an easy time discussing "God stuff" and have more questions and doubts than answers but while on the trip it becomes a bit easier to talk about God and also easier to talk to God. I like that. I'm pretty sure the reason for that increased ease has to do with the setting, the work we do, and the people I'm with.

The theme for ASP this year is, "Handiwork: Created to Serve", it is based on Ephesians 2:10 -

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

More than most years I was able to relate to this particular theme, I do feel that part of the reason we are here is to help one another. Thank you God.

"From Pastor Kim: During the summer months, I have invited persons from our church community to share reflections on ministries they are involved in for the Flame's cover page."



AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 12 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	WORSHIP; HOLY COMMUNION; PASTOR KIM PREACHING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 13 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 14 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	WORSHIP PASTOR KIM PREACHING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 15 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	WORSHIP AND HYMN SING

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING THE 9:30AM SERVICE.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 9:30AM WORSHIP.

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

A Trustee Meeting was not held in July but here are some updates on the existing projects:

1. Most repairs to the sign have been completed and waiting on installing a new hinge and cover (by week ending 7/23) for the reader board. Also included in the repair process are new much larger and more visible letters. Once the last few repair items are completed the lighting will be installed.
2. Column repair is 95% complete and all plastic has been removed from outside the building and all scaffolding has been taken down. Remaining are small finishing details and Barrett Roofing will need to complete the flat roof flashing inspection around the new column and then validate our warranty. Final completion by Cenaxo will be by July M/E. This project will bring closure to a long much needed repair

On behalf of the Trustees I thank everyone for their patience and support during this reconstruction.

Submitted by Larry Bornemeier, Chairperson for Trustees

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Church Events for 2017

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To assist the Church Council in developing an events calendar for 2017, we are asking all congregants who either chair or run a church event to please submit a tentative date for 2017.

This request also extends to anyone who may wish to offer a new event either as a fundraiser, outreach activity, or special celebration. However, any new event should be submitted with a brief descriptive outline so that the Council can either give a "green light" or ask for more information before giving the go-ahead.

Kindly submit your information by Sept. 1st to the church office. A review of both existing and new events, as well any potential date conflicts, will then be scheduled for the Sept. Council meeting.

Chris Russock, Chair of Church Council

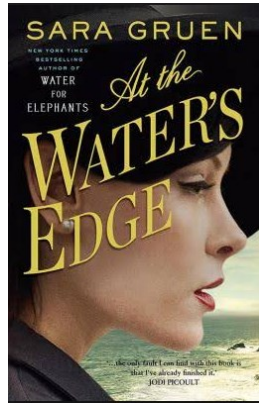
The Rada Cutlery fundraiser was very successful in May, with the Church enjoying a profit of **\$370 !!** Many people very pleased with their knives, kitchenware, dips, mixes, Fathers Day gifts, etc. By popular request we will run the fundraiser again the first two weeks of October (especially timely for Christmas gift giving). In addition to being able to order after church or at the church office during the week, we will have a table during the Pumpkin Festival.

Thank you for participating, Sue Teer

THANK YOU!

The Evening Book Club

The next meeting of the UMCD Book Club will be **Tuesday, August 16**, 7:30 pm. at the home of MaryLou Heyel, (203)743-4330. This month's selection is **At the Waters Edge** by Sara Gruen.



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

Come once or every time.
All are welcomed.

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



Kaylyn Clemens	8/1
Loren Euvrard	8/2
Jacob Hornik	8/10
Mary Lou Heyel	8/14
Valerie Stagen	8/14
Steven Basso	8/15
Lori Capri	8/15
Michael Pontello	8/16
Kim Cain-Moreira	8/17
Catherine Bennett	8/18
Keith Darrah	8/18
Nicole Sutor	8/22
Nathaniel Hornik	8/23
Coralee DeMouth	8/24
Gianna Campbell	8/25
Anna Spaulding	8/26
Nan Salamon	8/29
Meghan DeMouth	8/30
Christina Heyel	8/31

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12



Festive and Fun Advent/Christmas Auction
(A Fundraising Fellowship Event)

We seek to tap the creativity and generosity of all UMCD members. Start thinking of services and items (vacation property, holiday baked goods, themed gift baskets, handyman services, etc) that you can contribute to make November 12th a huge success!

More detailed info will follow later in August.

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

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BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT

Opening the paper a couple of days ago I saw ads for “back to school supplies!” Didn’t school just get out? Those ads signal me to get out the word to take advantage of the sales for our annual “Back to School/ Backpack Project”.

We usually collect school supplies and backpacks to be distributed to students in our community. These students and their families are in need of assistance to gather the materials needed to have a successful school year. Our congregation has been very supportive of this project over the years.

I will put a poster with detailed information in the Narthex the last Sunday in July. You can donate a backpack or school supplies like notebooks and pens & pencils, erasers etc. or a backpack filled with supplies. There are lists in the stores of suggested items for different grade levels. **I will have lists available in the Narthex or you can call me at 203-743-4342.**

As usual, I will gladly take monetary donations and do the shopping for you!

We need to have the donations ready to be delivered in time for our social worker to distribute them before school begins. That means I will need them **before the third Sunday in August**, if possible.

We have helped many students get off to a good start in the past; I am hoping we can continue to be of service this year. Thank you for all your support and generosity.

Blessings,

Phyllis Tranzillo

ASP says Thank You!

Thank you for all the support you have given to make the Appalachia Service Project trip possible.

From prayers and good wishes, to collecting bottles and cans, car washes, benches, buying stock, wreaths, syrup and a pasta dinner.

Thank you for all your kindness and support in so many ways!

This year we spent the week in Bland County, VA.

If you would like to see some of the projects that we worked on, check out www.facebook.com/ASPbland/, **Week 4.**

Also, on our church’s website, www.danburymethodist.org/asp you can view this year’s slide show.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Please share this with your neighbors
VBS is OPEN TO EVERYONE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

**Deep Sea
Discovery**

GOD IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO!
THIS IS A SAFE SANCTUARY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 8 - 12, 2016

9:00AM - 11:30AM

FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 3 & UP
\$3 A PERSON PER SESSION
\$12 MAXIMUM PER SESSION PER FAMILY
BREAKFAST INCLUDED!

Join us for a
Kick-off
Barbeque on
Sunday, August 7
4:00pm

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY 5 CLAPBOARD RIDGE ROAD, DANBURY, CT
203-743-1503 WWW.DANBURYMETHODIST.ORG DanburyUMC@sbcglobal.net

**QUESTIONS? ? WANT TO HELP??
CONTACT MINNIE ROUSE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Name of siblings attending VBS: _____ Age(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email : _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name Emergency Contact (other than parent): _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name of person(s) who will transport to/from VBS: _____

Food Allergies, Medical Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Doctor Phone #: _____

School grade just completed: _____ Birthday _____ Age _____

Name of home church (if any) _____

Check off Sessions Attending : Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

\$3.00 per session/per person \$12.00 maximum per session/per family

\$_____ Total Payment attached

Please return completed registration form and payment to:
United Methodist Church of Danbury, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811
www.danburymethodist.org danburyumc@sbcglobal.net



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
10am - 4pm

LESS THAN 9 WEEKS TO GO UNTIL OUR FESTIVAL

**We have LOTS of ways for you to help
NOW!**



- The **Book and Game Room** will be set up beginning **September 16th**. If you have books to donate please bring them to room 1 (room across from church office).
 - Do you know someone that would like to put an **Ad in the Pumpkin Festival booklet**? Please take the ad form and have it back by September 12. **(SEE PAGES 11-12)**



- Our **crafty** Methodists are working on **Thursday nights** in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30. Come and join them!



- If you have **Jewelry** to donate please give it to Lucinda Johnson or Bev Anderson.
 - **Kid's games**, please see Kim Goodwin if you will be able to help with the games.



- **Tag sale** will be downstairs in the green room and donations will be accepted on **Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 pm**. **Help to set up will be needed beginning September 26th**. Time to follow.
 - **Vendors** are still needed. If you know of someone that might be interested please ask Bev Anderson for information.



- Please see Minnie Rouse if you would like to be a **Greeter** the day of the Festival. **(You get to wear an orange apron, too!)**



- Donations for the **Lunch/Snack Kitchen** would be greatly appreciated . **See page 10 for complete list**

Any questions? Please ask Lucinda Johnson or Bev Anderson.

**DONATIONS FOR THE SNACK/
LUNCH KITCHEN NEEDED**

The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

Small Plates	6 inches
Coffee Cups	8 oz
Napkins	
Ketchup	
Mustard	
Relish	
Cans of Clams	
Cans of sodas	
	Pepsi
	Diet Pepsi
	Ginger Ale
	Orange Soda
Apple Juice	8-10 oz
Bottled Water	8 oz



Thursday Night Craft Sessions
Aug 11th and 18th

Come, join us! We are making crafts to sell at our annual Pumpkin Festival! All skill levels are welcome!

Craft session dates are **Aug. 11th and 18th, starting at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you have any new ideas for crafts to sell? Fall themed craft ideas are especially needed and would be greatly appreciated. Or perhaps you have a craft skill that you could share with the group.

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact **Coralee at 203 730-8103.**

NEEDED: We are looking for a variety of fall colored ribbon. If you have any leftover ribbon that you are willing to give to the craft group; that would be a great help and appreciated.



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*



**FUN TIMES
AND
HAPPY MEMORIES**





PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS



Dear Church Friends:

PLEASE, take this letter and form (on page 12) 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

REMINDER OF SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST

	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug.21	Aug.28
Counters	Kathy Roig	Carla Pierce	Phyllis Tranzillo	Myra Tesbir
	Kevin O'Shea	Don DeMouth	Will McWilliams	Norma Bucko
Scripture Readers	Carol Spaulding	Beverly Anderson	Jim Davis	Coralee DeMouth
Prayer Leaders	Phyllis Tranzillo	Beverly Anderson	Jim Davis	Barbara Kunicki

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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