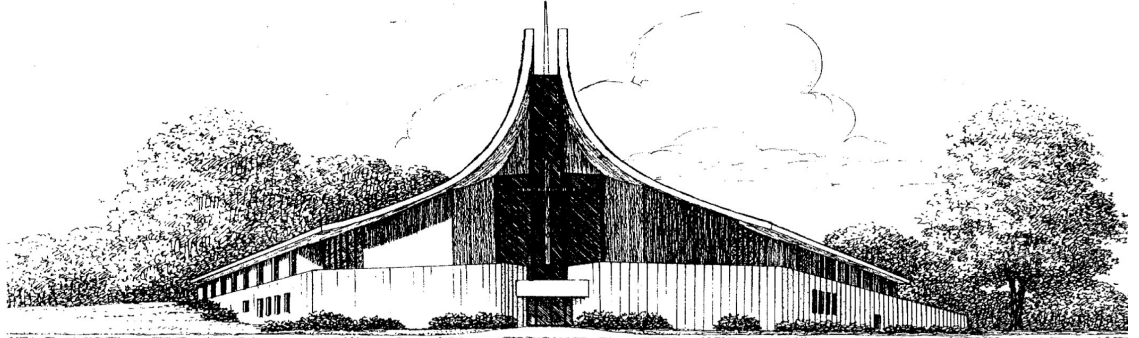




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JANUARY EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY
6:00pm
Thursday Night Life

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tuesday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY
UMCD Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 3
10:00am Helping Hands

Monday, January 7
7:00pm UMM Dinner

Wednesday, January 9
6:30pm SPRC Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Saturday, January 12
12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, January 13
12:00pm Welcome and
Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, January 15
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, January 16
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Sunday, January 20
12:00pm Education
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 23
7:00pm Finance Meeting

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

Leadership Transitions

Sunday, January 6, we will recognize our church leaders whose terms were completed at the end of 2018. Each outgoing leader will be given a certificate of gratitude for their efforts in serving our church. We offer our gratitude to the following persons who have so faithfully served our church:

Coralee DeMouth

Treasurer

Peter Hornik

Board of Trustees

Pam Clark

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Don DeMouth

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Sue Teer

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Norma Bucko

Recording Secretary

Part of the grace that leadership in the church requires is that we strive for "servant leadership"- putting our egos aside and focusing our efforts on the good of the Christian community. This helps to ensure that the transition from one leader to another is smooth. Part of the grace that church members must extend to others is an understanding that each leader brings different gifts and graces to their work.

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Also, please welcome the following persons who were elected to new leadership/committee positions at our fall Charge Conference:

Roger Warmbir

Treasurer

Sandra Esposito

Recording Secretary

Deana Skidmore

Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Marti Foster, Phyllis Tranzillo

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Jumar Dixon, Myra Tesbir, Jack Pavao

Board of Trustees

Mary Lou Heyel, Norma Bucko,

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Kathy Curran

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Don DeMouth

Chair, Community Engagement Team

Bev Anderson, Loren Euvard,

Community Engagement Team

Mary Lou Heyel, Lucinda Johnson,

Community Engagement Team

Minnie Rouse, Justin Goodwin,

Community Engagement Team

Jade Cain, Kim Cain-Moreira,

Community Engagement Team

Carol Spaulding, Anna Spaulding

Community Engagement Team

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Kim

Pastor Kim



JOIN US ON Sunday, January 13, as we offer members of the congregation the opportunity to sing with the Impulse Choir during service. No preparation is necessary and there are no requirements for you to join us- just a desire to sing in a group and praise God. We will meet downstairs, where service will take place, at 9:45am and spend a half hour learning the song. **Come join us- it's fun!**



JOIN US FOR JANAUARY



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, January 13, winter worship will be held in Fellowship Hall. This cost saving measure has reduced our annual winter heating bill by upwards of \$3,000 for the past several years. Each week we will be blessed with the opportunity to enhance our worship experience with a visual projection by Roger Warmbir. We look forward to a joyous winter season as we worship God in faith and fellowship.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 - EPIPHANY SUNDAY

9:30AM
10:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP - COMMUNION
DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 - 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:30AM
10:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:30AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM
10:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING



PAPER AND OFFICE SUPPLY DRIVE



This new year, we are asking for your help to keep our office supplies fully stocked without putting a strain on our budget.

Please keep in mind that we use a minimum of 1 ream of white paper per week and 1 ream of pastel colored paper per month for our Sunday Bulletins and Announcements.



Please consider donating:

- ◆ Copy Paper: Ream or case of 8 1/2 x 11 Bright White and/or Pastel Colors.
- ◆ Paper clips: New Small and Large Clips
- ◆ Sticky Notes: All sizes
- ◆ Staples: Standard size
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps
- ◆ New Rubber Bands
- ◆ New Pencils and Pens
- ◆ Binder clips
- ◆ Scotch Tape: Standard Size for a dispenser
- ◆ Clear Packing Tape

**Our greatest need is for copy paper and postage,
but all donations will be greatly appreciated.**

BISHOP BICKERTON'S DAY ON THE NY-CT DISTRICT

The United Methodist Church of Danbury hosted 100 clergy and laity for the Bishop's Day on the NY-CT District on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. The group enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Bev Anderson and other volunteers from our church. Once dinner was over, the attendees split up into two groups.

The Bishop spent time with clergy and a number of laity talking about the three plans from the Commission on A Way Forward report that will be discussed at the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference. The Bishop fielded a number of questions about each of the plans, and took a "straw poll" to see which plans the attendees felt should be most strongly considered.



In his recent visits to the six districts, Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton has been conducting a dialogue about the specially called session of General Conference, and urging a new round of daily prayer for the work of those who will gather in St. Louis. Inspired by the conference dates of February 23-26, 2019, the bishop has asked that members of the conference pause to pray for four minutes from 2:23pm to 2:26pm each afternoon.

This renewed effort joins with the third phase of the Council of Bishops' initiative called "Praying Our Way Forward." That initiative's focus is two-fold: Praying that God will help us to fulfill the mission of the church, and praying to be one in Christ.

The 864 delegates from around the globe will receive the report of the [Commission on A Way Forward](#), and work on determining what direction the church should take in its longstanding debate over homosexuality.

Additional information about the initiative and prayer resources, including a video invitation from Bishop Bickerton, may be found on the [NYAC website](#).

Please see the following NY Annual Conference Information Sheets for specific information.



NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

WHAT & WHEN IS THE SPECIAL SESSION?

The Council of Bishops has called this session to be held Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on the Way Forward based on the recommendation of the Council of Bishops (COB).

WHAT IS THE COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD?

The Commission on a Way Forward was created in 2016 at the General Conference by the COB to do a complete examination and possible revision of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality. They have proposed three (3) plans which will be presented at the Special Called Session

THE THREE PLANS THE ONE CHURCH PLAN

This plan would remove the restrictive language from the Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality and give conferences, local churches, and pastors the flexibility, based on their context, to “uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.”

THE CONNECTIONAL CONFERENCE PLAN

This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values based on accountability, context, and justice. The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church. The five existing U.S. based jurisdictional conferences would be discontinued. This plan would require multiple constitutional amendments to the Book of Discipline (each requiring a 2/3 vote at the General Conference and the aggregate approval of the denomination’s Annual Conferences).

THE TRADITIONALIST PLAN

This plan would affirm the current language on human sexuality in the Book of Discipline and seeks to strengthen the enforcement for violations to church law. Much of the current plan has been determined to be unconstitutional by the church’s Judicial Council unless significant modifications are made at the Special Session.



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WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION

You can find more information about the General Conference and the Special Session at www.umc.org. Go to "Who We Are" and select "General Conference 2019."

WHO ARE OUR DELEGATES?

Laity

Frederick Brewington
Gail Douglas-Boykin
Jorge Lockward
Dorothee Benz

Clergy

Timothy J. Riss
Noel N. Chin
Kristina N. Hansen
Alexandre de Silva Souto

Alternates

(Lay) Tiffany French Goffe, Ann Craig, Roena A. Littlejohn, Karen Prudente
(Clergy)
Vicki I. Flippin, Sheila M. Beckford, Martha E. Vink, Sungchan Kim

WHAT HAS THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS RECOMMENDED?

The Council of Bishops has recommended the **One Church Plan** for consideration at the Special Called Session. In a statement released on May 4, 2018, the Council said that the **One Church Plan** "encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions." The Council believes it is the best plan for a "Way Forward" for The United Methodist Church on human sexuality and maintaining unity.

WHO GETS TO VOTE?

At the last session of the New York Annual Conference a new delegation was elected (the only one to do so in the entire connection). There were four (4) clergy and four (4) laity elected. Each Annual Conference elects an equal number of lay and clergy delegates based on the membership found within that Annual Conference. There are 843 delegates from across the world who will be considering the report.

HOW WILL THIS DECISION AFFECT THE NEW YORK AC?

If the **One Church Plan** is approved, NYAC will continue living out our Mission, Vision, & Core Values as we always have. If the **Connectional Conference Plan** is approved, the Annual Conference will need to determine which direction we will pursue based on our alignment with respective theologies/organizational structures. If the **Traditionalist Plan** is approved, decisions will need to be made as to whether or not our Annual Conference, local churches, and clergy can comply with its position and directives.



**The United Methodist Men
meet for dinner on the
1st Monday of each month at 7:00pm**

Please join them for comradery, good food,
and interesting discussions on

Monday, January 7 at 7:00pm

99 Restaurant
80 Newtown Rd, Danbury



IN GRATITUDE

Dear members of the UMCD church family,

Many thanks for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. Your generosity at this special time of year means a great deal to me. It is a special blessing to serve as your pastor.

Good wishes and God's blessings for the new year!

Pastor Kim

Pastor Kim Bosley

thank you!



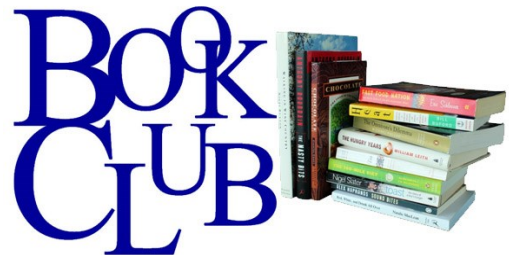
Dear UMCD Church Members,
Please accept my grateful appreciation for your very generous and thoughtful holiday gift.

It is a pleasure to come to work every day. I am overwhelmed by the warm graciousness of all of our members. It is a blessing to work for such a welcoming congregation.

My best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Patti

Patti Cohen-Hecht
Church Administrator



**The United Methodist Church Book Club
meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

The January meeting will take place on
Tuesday, January 15, 7:30pm.
Shirley Fogle will serve as host at the
Palace View, 132 Main Street, Danbury.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

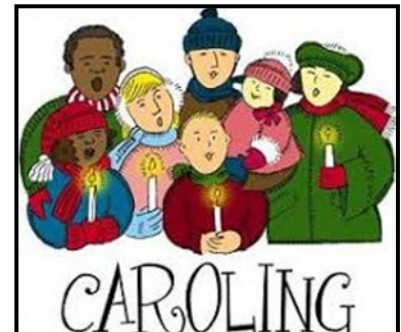
Book Selection:
Becoming
By Michelle Obama





The Sunday School performed its Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 9. The show retold the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of several writers who had been commissioned to "rewrite" the Nativity to make it more relevant to today's youth. In the process, the writers discovered that the words used by the original authors of the story were the perfect words for all times! The Sunday School leaders would like to thank Andrew Levine, the Altar Guild, the adults that performed with our youth and of course, the parents for all of their time, support and help. We couldn't have done it without you!!

A small group of adults and children went Christmas Caroling to the home-bound members of our congregation. They spent a couple of hours visiting and singing. They shared the love of our church family with those who are unable to make it to church services. It was a meaningful and powerful ministry! We would like to grow this ministry for Christmas 2019 and have 2 or 3 groups of 4-6 people (youth and adults) to go next year.



In the winter months we will begin to study the birth of Jesus, the story of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus.



Be on the look out for a Sunday School "Sponsor a Chair" fundraiser. We will be raising funds to buy new chairs and for our pre-school to Grade 2 classroom. We are also hoping to purchase a small area rug to hold group lessons/activities on.



Shelter From The Cold

Each Saturday evening we serve dinner for the Shelter from the Cold program. While you are out and about perhaps you can find gloves, hats and socks that the homeless can use!

If you have extra large jackets that you no longer need these can be donated too.



The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is in need of canned vegetables: corn, peas, carrots, green beans, baked beans and powdered drink mix.

There is a basket in the Narthex where these items can be placed.

Thank you so much for your help!

Bev Anderson, Outreach Chair



An easy way to let others know about all the good things going on at UMC of Danbury is to **LIKE** and **SHARE** 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**”. If you also click the “**Share**” button, you can help spread the word about our church with other Facebook users.

This will ensure that you will see updates and photos posted to our page.



Please consider sponsoring the Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$25.00

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones:

***Birthdays
Anniversaries
and Memorials***

Contact Val Bose for more information
203-744-5712

ADVENT AUCTION 2018

A fun time was
had be all and we
raised \$3,400!



BOOK CLUB



2019 Schedule

The United Methodist Church of Danbury Book Club meets each month at 7:30pm at members homes or the church.

Please meet at the Church at 7:00pm to carpool.

January 15	Becoming	Michelle Obama	Shirley Fogle at Palace View
February 19	Behind Closed Doors	B.A. Paris	Debbie Davis at Church
March 19	Before The Fall	Noah Hawley	To Be Announced
April 16	The Weight Of Water	Anita Shreve	Karlene Lombardo
May 21	Three Days Missing	Kimberly Belle	Leslie Gartland
June 18	A Piece Of The World	Christina Baker Kline	Minnie Rouse
July 16	To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Beverly Anderson
August 20	The Language Of Flowers	Vanessa Diffenbaugh	Barbara Fulton
September 17	A Short Season	G.David Bohner and Jake Gronsky	Joyce Morrison at Church
October 15	The Story of Arthur Truluv	Elizabeth Berg	Mary Lou Heyel
November 19	A Memory Of Violets	Hazel Gaynor	Karlene Lombardo
December 17	The Taster	V.S. Alexander	To Be Announced



January 6

Greeter	Carla Pierce
Scripture Reader	Coralee DeMouth
People's Prayers	Carol Spaulding
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

January 13

Greeter	Kim Goodwin
Scripture Reader	David Johnson V
People's Prayers	Lucinda Johnson
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

January 20

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Shirley Fogle
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

January 27

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Mary Lou Heyel
People's Prayers	Beverly Anderson
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

**BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS
TO THOSE
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN**



Andrew Spaulding	January 4
Kristian Clemens	January 13
Travis Gebing	January 13
Carrie Tesbir	January 13
Hannah Foster	January 14
Sharon Barrigas	January 19
Mari Joyce Dixon	January 20
Musa Masood	January 22
Roger Warmbir	January 22
Norma Bucko	January 23
Jayson Capri	January 25
Colin Pierce	January 29
Maureen Zahara	January 29



**THURSDAY NIGHT LIFE
DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00PM - 6:30PM**

Thursday Night Life is an informal, affordable dinner served buffet style.
The cost is \$3.00 per person with a family maximum of \$15.00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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