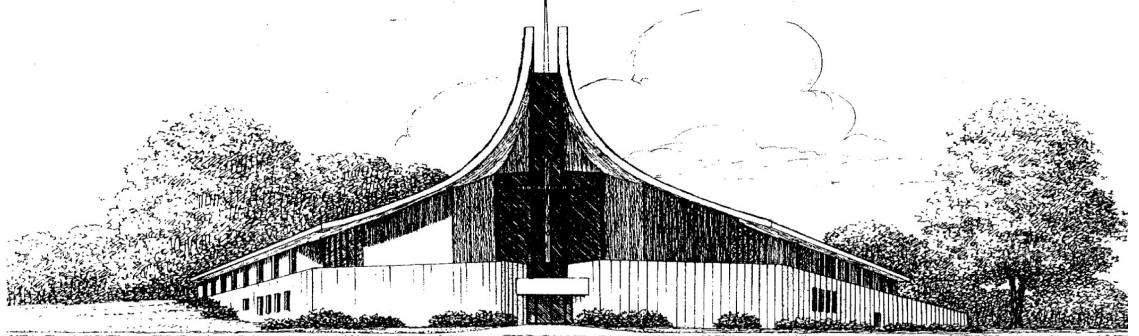




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FEBRUARY EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY
6:00pm
Thursday Night Life

Monday, February 3
7:00pm Baby Clothing
Bank Team Meeting
7:00pm UMM Dinner

Wednesday, February 5
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Saturday, February 8
12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, February 9
11:45am Welcome &
Evangelism Comm. Meeting
11:45am Visitation Comm.
Meeting

Wednesday, February 12
6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm SPRC Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Sunday, February 16
12:00pm Education
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 18
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, February 19
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Saturday, February 22
10:00am School Supplies
Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 26
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Finance Meeting

Saturday, February 29
8:00am ASP Event

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

Leadership Transitions

Sunday, February 9, we will recognize our church leaders whose terms were completed at the end of 2019. 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:

Patrick Curran

Financial Secretary

Karlene Lombardo

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Myra Tesbir

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Mark Pierce

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Marge Underhill

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Jim Teer

Staff Parish Relations Committee

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:

Kim Cain-Moreira

Financial Secretary

Loren Euvard

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Julia Goodwin

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Carla Pierce

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Keith Goodwin

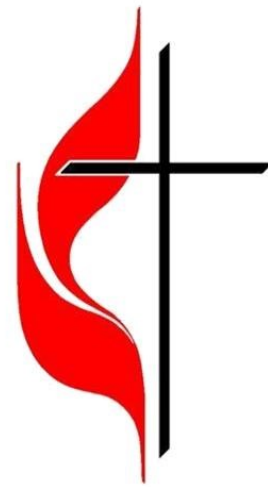
Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Jim Teer

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Kim



IN GRATITUDE

Dear Members of the UMCD Church family,

We are writing to express our grateful appreciation for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your generosity at this special time of year means a great deal to each one of us. It is a blessing to work for such a welcoming congregation and to serve as your staff.

God's blessings to each of you in this new year!

Pastor Kim

Patti Cohen-Hecht

Andrew Levine

Alice Corso

thank you!

JOIN US FOR FEBRUARY



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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, FEBRUARY 2 - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM
10:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP - COMMUNION
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM
10:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERS
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:30AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

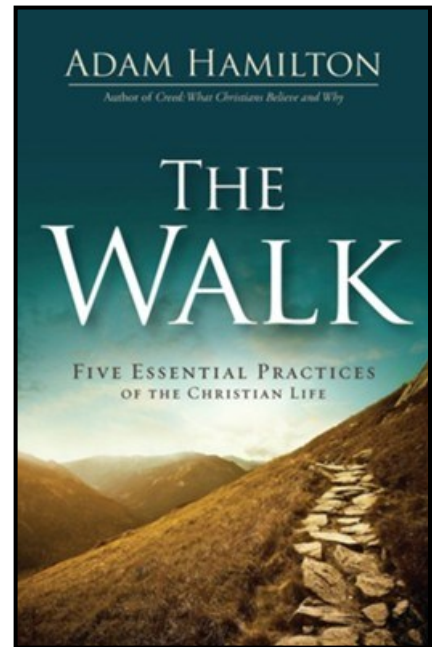
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

9:30AM
10:30AM

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



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Join us for The Walk.

How do we walk with Christ - daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him?

Join us this Lent for The Walk, a six week study in which we will learn about and discuss five essential spiritual practices, each of which is intended to be part of our daily walk with Christ.

The Walk will begin on Thursday, February 27, and continue for the following five Thursdays. We will meet from 7:00pm– 8:30pm.

Our study book “The Walk” is written by UM pastor Rev. Adam Hamilton, known for his engaging studies. Pastor Kim will lead the group.

**Please sign up so we can be sure to order you a book.
The first 10 people who sign up will receive a free The Walk Prayer Journal.**



CONFIRMATION CLASS: MAKING DISCIPLES

Pastor Kim is pleased to be offering a Confirmation class this spring. Confirmation is for 7th graders and up who intensively study the fundamentals of our faith—God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, baptism and communion, the church, fundamentals of Methodism, etc.

At the end of the class, students make a commitment of their own to become a member of the church.

Classes will begin February and run through June, with Confirmation Sunday sometime in June.

So far we have one Confirmand. If you know of any 7th graders (and up) who have not been through Confirmation and you would like them to have that experience or you would like more info, please see Pastor Kim.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



GIVE SERVE



ATTEND GROW

Stewardship

RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS &
GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE

Thank you all for our most successful Stewardship Campaign.

We received 49 pledges for a total of \$150,208.00.

This is the 4th Stewardship Campaign I have chaired,
and the highest pledged amount, to date.

Again, thank you for your support of God's work here at
The United Methodist Church of Danbury!

In Christ,
Carla Pierce
Stewardship Chair



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee would like to celebrate with our church family as we ended 2019 meeting all of our financial obligations. It is only with all of you that we can continue to fulfill our mission as stewards of our faith.





2019

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Photos by Pastor Kim

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.
- ◆ Sticky Notes: All sizes
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps
- ◆ New Rubber Bands
- ◆ New Pencils and Pens
- ◆ Scotch Tape: Standard Size for a dispenser

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



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, February 3 at 7:00pm

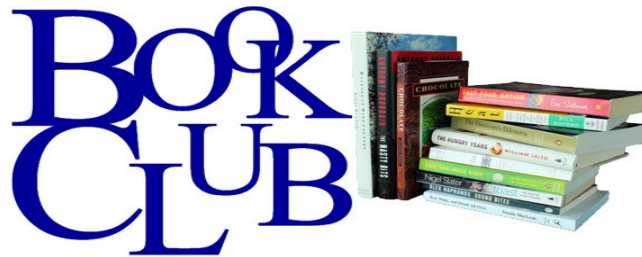
O'Brien's

83 Lake Avenue, Danbury



**Visitation Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 9**

The Visitation Committee will meet briefly on Sunday, February 9, right after church in Fellowship Hall. All our Christmas decorations are away and now time to bring out the Valentines. On this day to show love, let's do that with our home-bound members by paying them a friendly visit to show how much we care and that we are thinking about them. They will be getting a lovely valentine from the committee and please feel free to send your own personal one.

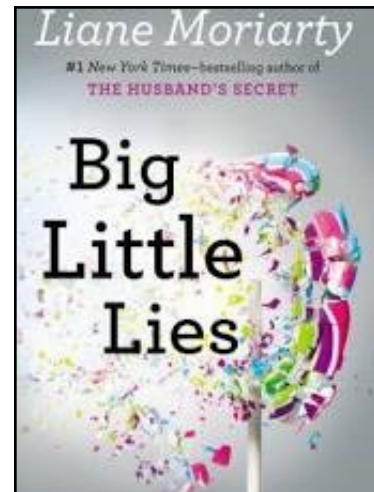


The United Methodist Church Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The February meeting will take place on
Tuesday, February 18, 7:30pm
at the church.

Deb Davis will serve as hostess
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book Selection:
Big Little Lies
By Liane Moriarty





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 2019

A fun time was had by all
and we raised \$4,400!



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AUCTION TEAM MEMBERS:

Front Row (left to right) : Carla Pierce, Audrey Cain

Middle Row (left to right): Beth Cohen, Patti Cohen-Hecht, Pastor Kim

Standing (left to right): Sue Teer, Star Auer, Valerie Stagen, Kim Caine-Moreira, Janet Hinderliter, Bev Anderson, Phyllis Tranzillo, Allison Kent, Julie Johnson and taking the picture, Chris Russock.

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Sweets for your loved ones, your friends and yourself!

The Annual Valentine's Bake Sale will be held the Sunday before Valentines Day, February 9, directly after worship. Yummy baked goods will be available for purchase.

This is a great opportunity to get some sweets for your loved ones (or yourself) and help our church! We are blessed to have really good bakers, so come prepared to shop.

For more information, please contact Phyllis Tranzillo



BOOK CLUB



2020 Schedule

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

Date	Book Title	Author	Host
Tuesday, January 21	Still In the Game	Devon Still	Barbara Fulton
Tuesday , February 18	Big Little Lies	Liane Moriarty	Deb Davis
Tuesday, March 17	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	Phyllis Tranzillo
Tuesday April 21	Leaving Time	Jodi Picoult	Joyce Morrison
Tuesday, May 19	The Gown	Jennifer Robson	Leslie Gartland
Tuesday, June 16	The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris	Minnie Rouse
Tuesday, July 21	The Last Song	Nicholas Sparks	Bev Anderson
Tuesday, August 18	Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kidd	Barbara Fulton
Tuesday. September 15	Olive, Again	Elizabeth Strout	Coralee DeMouth
Tuesday, October 20	The Moment of Lift	Melinda Gates	Mary Lou Heyel
Tuesday, November 17 *	Alice Network	Kate Quinn	Karlene Lombardo
Tuesday, December 15 *	Christmas Tree Lane	Debbie Macomber	Karlene Lombardo

All meetings will be at UMCD except November and December 2020

*** held at the home of Karlene Lombardo**



February 2

Greeter	Chris Russock
Scripture Reader	Bishop Rouse
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

February 9

Greeters	Sandy Esposito
	Frank Esposito
Scripture Reader	Barbara Kunicki
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

February 16

Greeter	Kathy Roig
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

February 23

Greeter	Carla Pierce
Scripture Reader	Joey Masood
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

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



Amy Stackhouse	February 4
Joy Rouse	February 5
Christina Cormier	February 6
Barbara Fulton	February 6
Myra Tesbir	February 6
Robert Bucko	February 13
Adam Jasensky	February 14
Clinton McLeod	February 14
Frank Esposito	February 15
Jamie Grandison	February 15
Sue Teer	February 15
Stephanie Pontello	February 16
Bishop Rouse III	February 16
Sandy Esposito	February 18
George Irving	February 20
Pat Roig	February 21
Brittany Cormier	February 22
Maryann Slater	February 22
Margaret Mary McAllister	February 23
Virginia Lourenco	February 25
A. Elizabeth Miller	February 25
Joan Ziegler	February 25
Barbara Novak	February 26
Kim Skidmore	February 27
Dr. Lucinda Johnson	February 28



**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!

Do all the good **YOU CAN.**

BY all the means  you can.

IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.

IN ALL THE PLACES
 **YOU CAN.**

At all the times **YOU CAN.**

To **ALL THE PEOPLE**

AS LONG  you can.

 as you ever can.

john wesley

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OUR MISSION

WE ARE A WELCOMING FAMILY OF DISCIPLES
WHO SEEK TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH AND
ALLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO GUIDE US
AS WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

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