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At a Glance...

**End of Daylight  
Savings Time**

Nov 1



**Men's Club Dinner**  
Nov 2 at 7pm

**Church Conference**  
Nov 14 at 10am

**Book Club**  
Nov 17 at 7:30pm

**Church Family  
Dinner**

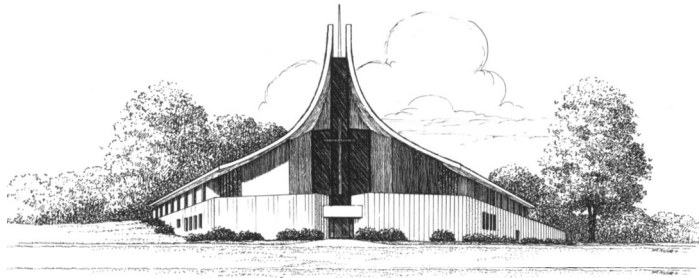
Nov 22

Following Worship



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**  
Thursday, Nov 26  
Nov 29, no Sunday  
School

# THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

## Message from Pastor Kim

### *Putting God First in Living and Giving*

Dear Friends,

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you.

During the month of November, our church will hear about God's generosity and our response as we experience our stewardship program: first: putting GOD first in living and giving. There will be opportunities in worship and in your daily devotional studies to reflect on this theme.

We are made in God's image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture's shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow. That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.

The goal of this stewardship program is not to make you feel guilty, nor is it to say that you have to be exactly like this or that person. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new directions in our lives.

During the four-week program, we will be challenged in a number of different ways. We will be asked to look for the idols in our own lives (Hint: Most of them aren't animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

We will be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in our own lives. What are the common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings? We will be challenged to ask ourselves what it means for us to be faithful, to save, and to give. How do we balance all the competing interests in our lives? What priorities does God want us to have?

Finally, we will be challenged to give with our hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when we think the recipient deserves our gift. Instead, we will be challenged to give the way God gives--freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

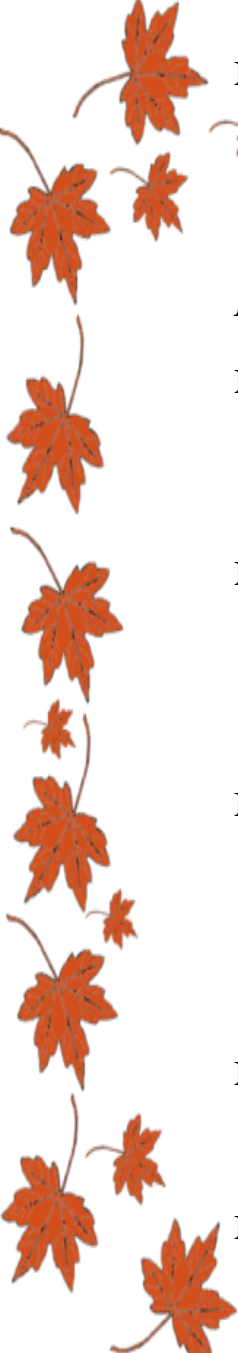
## Pastor's Message, continued

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun to grow into the individuals and the church that God knows we can be. Please join us in first: putting GOD first in living and giving. We invite you to take the following first steps: 1) Please pick up your devotion book, entitled first, on one of the next two Sundays after church and begin reading a devotion each day; and 2) Mark your calendar for Sunday, Nov. 22. On that day, we will receive everyone's pledges in worship and then gather in Fellowship Hall for a Church Family Luncheon.

We look forward to your joining us on this journey.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Kim and Myra Tesbir (Stewardship Team)

### November Worship Schedule



|  |                                 |        |   |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| Nov. 1   | All Saints Sunday               | 9:30   | Sunday School for all ages  |
|  |                                 | 10:30  | Worship; Holy Communion Served;<br>All Saints Candlelighting;<br>Pastor Kim preaching;<br>Stewardship Theme: Naming Our Idols       |
| <i>Note: Daylight Savings ends--turn clocks back one hour after midnight Saturday.</i> |                                 |        |   |
| Nov. 8   | 24th Sunday after Pentecost     | 9:30   | Sunday School for all ages  |
|  |                                 | 10:30  | Worship; Pastor Kim preaching;<br>Stewardship Theme: Money, Work, and Debt  |
| Nov. 15  | 25th Sunday after Pentecost     | 9:30   | Sunday School for all ages  |
|  |                                 | 10:30  | Worship; Pastor Kim preaching;<br>Stewardship Theme:<br>Be Faithful, Serve and Give   |
| Nov. 22  | Reign of Christ Sunday          | 9:30   | Sunday School for all ages  |
|  |                                 | 10:30  | Commitment Sunday; Guest Speaker on<br>Stewardship;<br>Stewardship Theme: Heart Giving<br>Following Worship: Church Family Luncheon |
| Nov. 23  | Interfaith Thanksgiving Service | 7 p.m. | UMC of Danbury will host  |
| Nov. 29  | First Sunday in Advent          | 9:30   | Sunday School on break (Holiday weekend)  |
|  |                                 | 10:30  | Worship; Advent Candle Lighting   |

## Annual Church Conference Planned for Nov. 14

### Everyone in our church family is encouraged to attend

Each year in the fall, every United Methodist Church in the New York Annual Conference has its annual Church Conference. Rev. Betsy Ott, our District Superintendent, has announced that our Church Conference will be Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. This year, due to the challenges of her schedule, Rev. Ott will not be able to attend every Conference, including ours. She has asked Rev. Vicky Fleming, her district assistant and a retired Elder, to officiate at our Conference. The agenda that day will include, but not be limited to:

- A discussion of how things are going in the life of our congregation. What are our strengths? How can we be more effective at finding and nurturing new disciples?
- Election of officers and committee class members
- Report of the Finance Committee on the financial health of the church
- Approval of Pastor's Salary
- Concerns of the New York Annual Conference

*Ad Council members are expected to attend.*

*Most important, everyone in our church family is encouraged to attend.*



**Adult Sunday School and Bible Study**  
**Kids' Sunday School**  
**9:30 to 10:15 am**

**Explore Discover BEGIN**  
**Learn Grow Faith**  
**Hope Love**

Let us encourage each other in our faith journeys.  
 Sunday mornings. All are welcome!

Please join us  
 Begin an adventure of discovery in exploring God's Word.

## Sunday School News

November 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Holiday Party during our regular Sunday school time, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

We will be making Holiday cards and Family Advent Calendars. Join us.

Note: There will be no Sunday school on November 29<sup>th</sup>, which is the week-end after Thanksgiving.



Packing a Shoebox  
for Operation Christmas Child  
Shoeboxes are due on or before November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Operation Christmas Child** is a mission through the Samaritan's Purse organization. It involves packing shoeboxes with gifts that are then sent out all over the world and presented to needy children in demonstration of God's love in a tangible way and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How can you participate? There are 6 easy steps.

1. Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox.
2. Decide whether your gift is for a boy or girl and the age category: ages 2 – 4; 5 – 9; or 10 - 14.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Select a quality “wow” toy, like a doll, ball or stuffed animal, and then other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.
4. Include a \$7.00 donation to cover shipping and other costs related to delivering shoeboxes overseas. Please write any checks out to the church and keep with the shoebox when dropping off during coffee hour. Or if you choose to give online, [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org), you can discover the destination of your shoebox.
5. Pray. Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.
- And 6. Bring your gift to the church on or before November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will bring the shoeboxes to a drop off location that afternoon.

There are information sheets in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Coralee at 203 730-8103.



**Imane, Julia and Anna introducing Operation Xmas Child to the congregation**

# Glimpses of Children's Sabbath



Presentation of Bibles to our 3rd graders, Katherine and Madison



More musical talent shared with us by Jack on trumpet.



Impulse Choir and youth choir accompanied by piano and Musa on violin.



The UMW provided FABULOUS treats for our social hour after services.



## Children's Sabbath at the United Methodist Church of Danbury

The United Methodist Women sponsored a special service on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We joined with other faith communities in this national observance of Children's Sabbath. The theme for this year is "How long Must I Cry for Help?" Bending the Arc Toward God's Vision of Justice for Children. We certainly had a celebration! Our service was greatly enhanced with special prayers, readings and music.

Thank you to everyone who helped with, or participated in, this Children's Sabbath. Much appreciation goes to: Pastor Kim, Minnie Rouse, Coralee Demouth, Phyllis Tranzillo, Carol Spaulding, Beverly Anderson, Valerie Stagen, Imane Tourabi, Mary Lou Heyel, Barbara Kunicki, Musa Massod, Jack Lombardo, Julia Goodwin, Anna Spaulding, Tonya Clark, Joyce Morrison, Patti Cohen-Hecht, Deb Davis and the Davis family.

Let us be filled with joy as we commit anew to answer God's call to seek justice for, and love **all** children. Recently, we sent children's books to Mary's Cradle (a Methodist infant and maternal resource center in Bluefield, WV).

## Youth Group News- Things are happening!

Our **September 20th** kick-off picnic and scavenger hunt.... not only did we reconnect and meet new friends, but we shared insights about our faith. After some lawn games, our short bible study on the lawn moved to fun introductions, and then sharing a meal. We then formed teams to see whose marshmallow and toothpick structure was both the tallest and could hold up the longest.

The winning marshmallow structure



Thanks to those Youth who helped make the Pumpkin Festival a huge success. The games were well supported, as was Justin's Scary Cave.

On **October 24th**, the group ventured to Lake Compounce's Haunted Graveyard after a 'good versus evil' discussion with the Immanuel Lutheran Pastor and pizza at ILC. Ask one of our youth (and adults) just how scary the park is after dark!

We added a new event.. On **November 1st**, at 2pm, we will hike at Kent Falls. This Hike and Pray event will give us an opportunity to connect nature and God's love as we enjoy the autumn foliage. Reply to Mrs. Hollrah or Mr. Walter of ILC. See the October 14th email all youth received. Car pool details to follow. Bring your friends.

**December 6th (late afternoon)... Christmas Caroling.** Share the holiday spirit with our extended family through song. We will meet for snacks before we head out in song. Details to follow.

Please continue to share your ideas to ensure these events help you, our youth, strengthen your beliefs while growing your social connection to church.

See any member of our Youth Group Team with questions and ideas.



*Blessings... Your Youth Group Team:*

*Kevin O'Shea, Brian Spaulding, Carol Spaulding, Kim Goodwin, Dave Ziegler, with Pastor Kim's guidance*

## Post Event Report From the Pumpkin Festival Committee

On Saturday, October 3, 2015 the UMC of Danbury proudly hosted our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Festival which is our church's biggest fund raiser. Approximately two hundred-fifty (250) friends, family, co-workers and community members attended the festival, which was held on the grounds of the Church from 10:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M. A representative from the media also attended and he took festive pictures of our hardworking members at work.

This year's Pumpkin Festival Committee Co-Chairs were Beverly Anderson, Lucinda Johnson and Kim Cain-Moreira. The outstanding committee members included:

Minnie Rouse (Greeters);  
Coralee Demouth (Crafts);  
Alice Corso (Jewelry);  
Barbara Kunicki, Marcia Vietrogoski (Bake Sale);  
Bev Anderson (Lunch Bar);  
Patti Cohen-Hecht, Jim Davis (Vendors);  
Kathy Roig (Junk in the trunk);  
Coralee Demouth (Kid's Games/Face Painting);  
Chris Russock, Mark Pierce (Pumpkins and Mums);  
Brian Spaulding (Popcorn);  
Deb and Jim Davis (Granny's Attic);  
Karlene Lombardo (Books and Puzzles);  
Joanne Hornick (Fire Truck);  
Kevin and Kathy O'Shea (Advertising Booklet);  
Kathy Roig (Publicity);  
Sue Teer (Finances);  
Justin Goodwin (Haunted House);  
Don Demouth, Mark Pierce (Set-up);  
Methodist Men (Clean-up).

The Pumpkin Festival Committee was innovatively working from the early spring to the day of the festival. Monthly meetings were held from April to October 2015 in order to effectively plan for an outstanding event. The Pumpkin Festival could not have been accomplished without the hardworking participation and support of our Church family. Thank you to all of the volunteers, greeters, bakers, valet service, kitchen helpers, entertainers, the sponsors, the Methodist Men and the Danbury High School face painters. Your help was invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Although the weather was a challenge, once again, we triumphed. In spite of the dreary rain and the chilling cold, UMC Danbury still managed to achieve a successful Festival. Thanks be to the Glory of God.

There was so much excitement and fervor throughout the Church in anticipation of this event and the hard work paid-off. The Festival was a profitable event and we accomplished our goal. The purpose of the Pumpkin Festival is to raise funds for our Church. This year, the advertisement booklet brought in two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) and the nineteen (19) vendors brought in nine hundred-fifty dollars (\$950.00). A final breakdown of cost and profit will be forthcoming.

## Post Event Report From the Pumpkin Festival Committee, continued

Delicious food and beverages were provided for a fee by Bev and her dynamic kitchen crew. The Church was beautifully decorated in seasonal colors by Mark and Chris. Lively entertainment was provided by Carol, Doris and attendees. Barbara and Marcia and their army of bakers prepared baked goods and sweets that were tasty, yummy and so delicious. The Haunted House, the Magicians face painting and children's games were a big hit with our youth. The Bouncy House, withstanding the rain, was still a huge attraction, not only for attendance but also as an advertisement device (being the largest pumpkin on the lawn).

Finally, a sincere heartfelt thank you to our Church secretary, Patti, our seniors, youth groups, committee members and Pastor Kim. The impact of this festival was not only beneficial to the Church monetarily, but spiritually as well. Many of the Festival attendees commented on how UMC Danbury made them feel good. We were perceived as being friendly, loving, warm and welcoming. The Holy Spirit was with us and we truly were effective as representatives of the Gospel and ambassador's of Christ.

Thank you, Lucinda Johnson  
Co-Chair Pumpkin Festival



## United Methodist Women

### *Wesley Heights Christmas Wish List 2015*

It is getting to be that time of year again and I have received a letter, from Cathy Nickse, Chaplain, United Methodist Homes, asking for donations for Wesley Village. They will be collected **November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Narthex at church. Monetary donations for: beauty shop-\$12.00 and \$10.00 for a resident outing. Health and Skin Care Products: bar soap, liquid soap, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, lip balm, tissues, hand sanitizer and eyeglass wipes. Writing Supplies: pens and pencils, note paper, greeting cards, and stamps. Large print books, large print word search books and books on CD's – love stories, novels, mysteries.

This program has been renamed "Miracle on Long Hill Avenue", because our gifts are the foundation of minor miracles. Any checks should be made out to **United Methodist Homes**. A complete list of Christmas Wish items is located on the UMW bulletin board near room 3. Please be generous. The gifts will be delivered to Shelton.

Faithfully yours,

Karlene Lombardo (203-743-1260)



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

# NOVEMBER

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Jennifer Cashel     | 11/1  |
| Marge Underhill     | 11/1  |
| Craig Dibble        | 11/3  |
| James Kunicki       | 11/4  |
| Penny McKown        | 11/9  |
| Joyce Morrison      | 11/12 |
| Kevin O'Shea        | 11/15 |
| Emily McWilliams    | 11/18 |
| Barbara Kunicki     | 11/23 |
| Jade Cain-Moreira   | 11/24 |
| Julius Rouse        | 11/25 |
| Bradley Vietrogoski | 11/25 |
| Robert Bose, Jr.    | 11/26 |
| Elaine Zahara       | 11/26 |

Four more weeks till He arrives.....

Three more weeks till He arrives.....



This is the first phrase of a song from my youth that the choir frequently sang each week during Advent with the number of weeks changing each week. Before you know it we will again be in Advent and waiting with great anticipation for the birth of Jesus.

Won't you consider joining the choir for the Advent and Christmas season? We would love to have you join us! There are no requirements other than to be willing to lift your voice in song. So join us for the month of December.

Please see Carol Spaulding or Barbara Kunicki for more information!  
See you in the choir!

## DO YOU NEED MAPLE SYRUP???



Great!!!— ASP is selling VT Maple Syrup to raise money to support their 2016 trip to Appalachia.

For sale after church in the Narthex



**REPAIRING HOMES,  
TRANSFORMING  
LIVES**

## MAPLE WALNUT VINAIGRETTE

recipe

- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped and toasted
- 1t garlic, minced
- 1T shallots, minced
- 1/4 cup MAPLE SYRUP
- 1/4 cup sherry vinegar
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup walnut oil
- 1 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake well.

serves 2-3 Large Salads



## Trustees Report

### Minutes of Trustees Meeting: October 7, 2015

Attending: Bev Anderson, Larry Bornemeier, Kim Bosley, Audrey Cain, Marylou Heyel, Will McWilliams, Chris Russock, Jim Teer

- Opening prayer
- Larry met with two acquaintances of Dave Zeigler who deal in steel erecting, along with a structural engineer to look at the possibility of a different approach to the beam repair. This involves a pipe reinforcing the existing beam. The windows would not be affected by this construction. The cost is to be determined and the company name is A & A. The steel reinforcing approach would involve two bids, one being from A & A and Dave's company involved with the carpentry. The idea of a second company was brought up on steel constructions and Larry will look into it.
- Larry mentioned he received a bid from Petra to replace the wood beam at \$130,000 and includes the actual cost of construction plus preliminary engineering work.
- Marylou Heyl had looked into the cost of a multi media sound system and got an estimate of \$30,000.
- Larry said he would like to rent a brush mower to clean up the perimeters of the property.
- Meeting adjourned 8:15.

The next Trustees Meeting is **November 4.**

Submitted by Jim Teer

November Lockup

Will McWilliams

## Outreach

Next month brings another opportunity for our church to demonstrate our commitment to help the Danbury community and to share our blessings. November brings Thanksgiving Day and the Covenant to Care Thanksgiving Food Bag Project.

Look for the brown paper bags to be filled with food for a Thanksgiving meal. A list of items to be placed in the bag will be stapled to each bag with directions. They will be available the first Sunday in November. Filled bags need to be returned by **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The United Methodist Women of our church has sponsored this out reach for a number of years. I am hoping that we will respond with our usual generosity, especially in light of the present economy and the great need.

By our words and deeds we show God that we are grateful for the gifts we have received. By sharing our gifts we show God's love.

Blessings,  
Phyllis Tranzillo



Thank you.....to all the crafters who created all the wonderful crafts for the Pumpkin Festival. Coralee



Join the group  
Come once-come every time  
Everyone is welcome

Tuesday, November 17, we will be reviewing *Fever* by Mary Beth Keane

Mary Lou Heyel will be hosting this month at her home, 23 Larch Dr, Danbury, 203-743-4330.

The UMCD Book Club meets at 7:30 pm, once a month. Please meet at the Church at 7:00 pm to carpool.

In keeping with Reuse and Recycle, if you purchased any of the tasty jelly, jams, applesauce or salsa at the Pumpkin Festival and have finished them, we would love to get the empty jars ( no lids) back to re-use for next year!

There will be a box in the narthex for collection or see Barbara Kunicki. Thanks!



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A Safe Sanctuary for Children

Ministers: The Congregation

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Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding

Church Administrator: Patti Cohen-Hecht

Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler

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