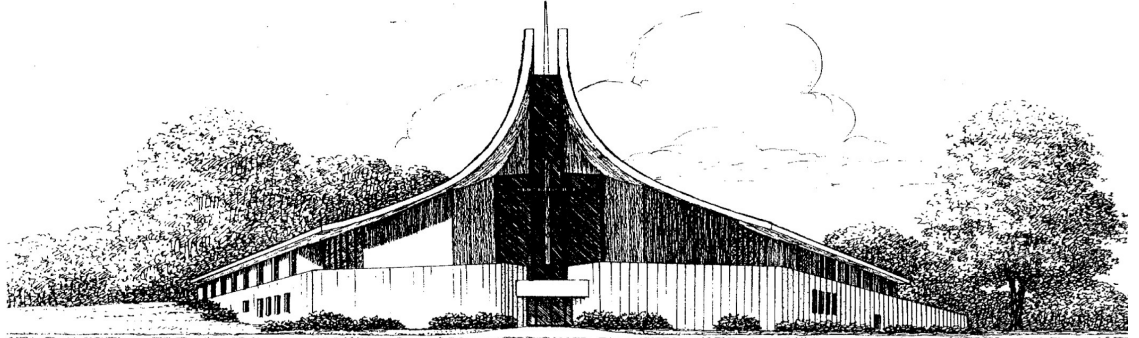




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FEBRUARY EVENTS

*EVERY THURSDAY
6:00pm
Thursday Night Life*

Monday, February 5
7:00pm UMM Dinner

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

Saturday, February 10
12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, February 11
11:30am UMC Youth Program

Wednesday, February 14
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:30pm Church Council

Thursday, February 15
7:00pm ASP Info Meeting
7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, February 18
No Sunday School
11:30am Education
Committee Meeting

Monday, February 19
President's Day
UMCD Office closed

Tuesday, February 20
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, February 21
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Thursday, February 22
7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, February 25
11:30am UMC Youth Program

Wednesday, February 28
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Finance Meeting

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

Spiritual Exam Time

Dear friends,

I always think of Lent as a church season which offers us the opportunity for a spiritual self-exam. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, which is February 14, this year. Each year on the first Sunday in Lent, which this year is February 18, we read in the scriptures about how Jesus had to face a 40-day "wilderness exam" to see if he could overcome the temptations Satan threw at him. At the end of this time of testing, he knew he was ready to move forward with his ministry.

A good place to begin our own Lenten "wilderness exam" is with the traditional Wesleyan question: "How goes it with your soul?"

John Wesley, an Episcopal priest in England in the 1700's who founded United Methodism, coined the question: "How goes it with your soul?" When he was a student at Oxford University, he organized several "holy clubs" in which Christians would regularly meet to ask themselves and each other this question on a regular basis. If we honestly face this question, we will certainly fall short in our own self-assessment. But it's important to face the question anyway. Indeed, it's important to ask it of ourselves over and over again. The season of Lent is an opportune time to name those areas in which we need to grow and to begin to give those areas our full attention.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

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And so friends, how goes it with your soul? During this season of Lent, make time each day to consider this question. Here are some other spiritual disciplines that I would prayerfully ask you to consider during this upcoming holy season:

- ◆ Make weekly worship attendance a priority.
- ◆ Give serious consideration to participating in our Lenten study group, “Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God’s Extraordinary”, beginning Thursday, February 15, at 7:00pm and continuing for six weeks.
- ◆ When I was a kid growing up in the Catholic church, we used to give something up for Lent. Instead of giving something up, consider taking something on, such as daily prayer time of 30 minutes (or less if you are new to prayer time and find 30 minutes an overwhelming thought).

During Lent may we hear God’s call to repentance and spiritual self-examination even as we hear God’s promise to forgive us and love us eternally.

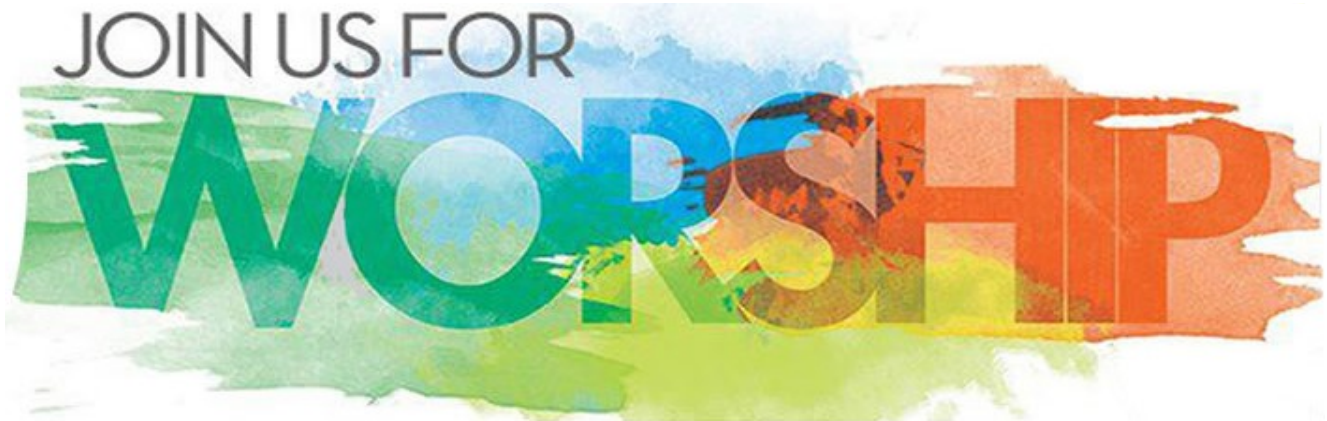
Blessings,

Pastor Kim Bosley



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:00PM**

Please plan to join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent, a time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of repentance and spiritual self-assessment. The service will be about 30 minutes and will feature music, prayers, and the imposition of ashes.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will once again be holding winter worship in Fellowship Hall through March. We have been doing this the past 3 years as a cost saving measure and our Finance Committee estimates that we save around \$2,500 each winter from not heating our very large sanctuary.

We will once again be blessed by the opportunity to experience visual projection each week in Fellowship Hall. We look forward to your being with us each week as we worship God in faith and fellowship.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING
11:30AM - UMCD YOUTH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00PM - ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

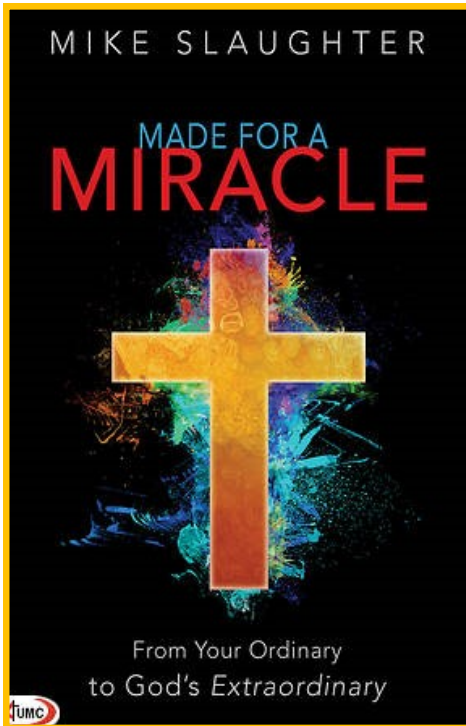
PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING
11:30AM - UMCD YOUTH PROGRAM

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00pm

Please join us for this year's Lenten Bible study:

"Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God's Extraordinary."

The study will begin on Thursday, February 15, at 7:00pm and will continue for six weeks throughout Lent. We will use the book of the same name by Rev. Mike Slaughter.

In the study, we will be examining two components of every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using the abilities we have and directing them toward God's work in the world.

Chapters include: You Were Made for a Miracle; Miracles Come with a Cost; The Miracle of Love; Activate the Power of Faith; Activate the Power of Prayer; Activate Health and Healing.

Please sign up with Pastor Kim, who will be leading the study. Books will be available on Sunday, February 11.



VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

*Sweets for your Sweetie, your friends,
family and yourself!*

Bakers and Buyers are needed for our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale.

Please consider donating your best cakes, pies and cookie (4 to a bag) for this church fundraiser. For more information, please contact Bev Anderson or Barbara Kunicki.



From the desk of



Ross Williams
CFO & Director of Administrative Services

Dear Pastors, Administrative Board Chairs, Finance Chairs, and Treasurers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" for your tremendous commitment in honoring the work of our connectional church. As a former church treasurer, finance chair and stewardship chair I am keenly aware of what it means for a church to pay their conference apportionments. It is not a trivial accomplishment, especially in what have been challenging economic times. We ended the 2017 year collecting 90% of all apportionments, which is three percentage points above last year! This is the highest collection rate in the past ten years. Please note that this does not mean that your church did not pay 100%. For those that did, Faithful in Ministry certificates will be given to your District Superintendent to present to your church at your next Charge Conference.

Conference apportionments can sometimes be perceived as a tax or funding of purely administrative costs. But the reality is that apportionments fund healthcare for our retired clergy, community outreach programs such as food kitchens and warming shelters, our Archives and Parish Development activities and the global missions of our denomination in addition to many other areas.

Approximately 25% of all apportionment dollars sent to the Conference are re-directed to the general church to support the seven funds listed below.

- World Service Fund
- Ministerial Education Fund
- Episcopal Fund
- Black College Fund
- General Administration Fund
- Africa University Fund
- Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Should you have any questions about how apportionments work or how these funds carry out the mission of the denomination, please refer to the attached slides.

Again, I want to thank all of you who have paid your 2017 apportionments whether partially or in full. I hope you will agree that it is money well spent.

Sincerely, Ross

Here to serve the clergy and laity of the New York Annual Conference



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY HAS INSTALLED A NEW SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR TRACKING MEMBERSHIP CALLED BREEZE.

The **BREEZE** software allows our congregation to view and update their own personal membership data. It also allows you to view your family giving history online.

All adult church members will be given the option to register for this access via an email registration process. If you would like to be able to update/view your membership records for your family as well as your family giving history, please follow the registration instructions in the email you will receive from **BREEZE**. You will only have access to your families information.

One of the major goals in obtaining this new software is to improve our membership records. We expect you may find inaccurate, old or missing information in your membership records. Please update your membership information. This will enable us to help keep our membership records up to date and accurate.

The gray headings on the **BREEZE** screen will display (like below) "Main" "Contact". If you move your mouse over these headings you will see a "Edit" link pop up that will allow you to update your family records. Each Adult - "Head of Household" will be given edit access to the entire set of your family records (e.g. spouse, children).



Note: We will be using the membership emails in the **BREEZE** system to send out the invites. If you do not receive a email from the **BREEZE** system in a few days that likely means that we have a old or incorrect email in the system.

Please send a email to our Administrator, Patti Cohen-Hecht: danburyumc@sbcglobal.net with the subject **BREEZE ACCESS** and she will update your email in the system so we can send you a invite for the access.

Thank you!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00PM ~ 7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ LOWER LEVEL

EVERYONE

IS WELCOME!

PRICES:

Adults	\$ 8.00
Seniors (65+)	\$ 6.00
Children 6-12	\$ 4.00
Children 0-5	\$ 2.00





**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 at 7:00pm

Texas Roadhouse
74 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT



RENEWAL HOUSE BREAKFAST

Renewal House, once known as, “Shelter of the Cross”, will be celebrating 20 years of service to our community.

The UMCD will have a table for 10 people at Renewal House’s fund raising breakfast to be held Wednesday, May 2 at the Westside campus of Western Connecticut State University.

Renewal House is devoted to rebuilding older lives by restoring independence, one life at a time. If you would like more information about Renewal House or would like to attend the breakfast please contact Outreach Chair, Beverly Anderson.



The Visitation Committee will meet on Sunday, February 11, 2018 following worship in the Pink Room.

They will be signing Valentine’s cards for the home bound members of our church family.

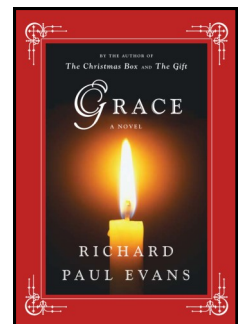
Who doesn't like to receive a Valentine and it is a nice way to send them our love and good wishes.



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

The January meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 20, 7:30pm** at the home of Shirley Fogle, 132 Main Street, Danbury. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book Selection:
Grace
By **Richard Paul Evans**



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

2018 Schedule

The United Methodist Church
of Danbury Book Club

BOOK CLUB



Date	Book Title	Author	Host
Tuesday, January 16	Light on Snow	Anita Shreve	Coralee DeMouth
Tuesday, February 20	Grace	Richard Paul Evans	Shirley Fogle
Tuesday, March 20	Wonder	R.J. Palacio	Deb Davis
Tuesday April 17	Montana	Debbie Macomber	Karlene Lombardo
Tuesday, May 15	Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate	Judy Vogt
Tuesday, June 19	Born a Crime	Trevor Noah	Minnie Rouse
Tuesday, July 17	My Antonio	Willa Cather	Bev Anderson
Tuesday, August 21	Dandelion Summer	Lisa Wingate	Barbara Fulton
Tuesday, September 18	A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman	Mary Lou Heyel
Tuesday, October 16	Clara and Mr. Tiffany	Susan Vreeland	Leslie Gartland
Tuesday, November 13	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Rachel Joyce	Joyce Morrison/ Karlene Lombardo
Tuesday, December 18	Island Christmas	Nancy Thayer	Mary Lou Heyel

PLEASE JOIN US!



NY/CT 2018 LENTEN SCHOOL

The NY/CT District will present Lenten School this year in 3 different locations; Diamond Hill UMC, Cos, Cobb, Ct, Fishkill UMC, Fishkill, NY & Cornwall UMC, Cornwall, NY. There will be the traditional 5 Sunday evening classes and also announcing a 2 Saturday morning class. The list of courses and locations:

Diamond Hill United Methodist Church, 521 E Putnam Avenue, Cos Cobb, Connecticut **5 Sunday Evenings 4:30pm to 7:00pm**

February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18

The Basic Course - This course encourages people to recognize Gods call in their life and examine their Spiritual gifts for the work of the local church and the world.

Advanced Course - **Justice in Everyday Life:** Takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church — the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted today.

Fishkill United Church, 38 Broad Street, Fishkill, New York **2 Saturday Mornings 8:30am- 2:30pm**

February 24 and March 10

The Basic Course - This course encourages people to recognize Gods call in their life and examine their Spiritual gifts for the work of the local church and the world.

Advanced Course - **Just Say Yes:** is a valuable resource and learning tool for Gods children who are feeling called to make a difference in the their personal walk of faith, their church's life and in the mission field

Cornwall United Methodist Church, 198 Main Street, Cornwall, New York **5 Sunday Evenings 4:30pm to 7:00pm**

February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18

The Basic Course - This course encourages people to recognize Gods call in their life and examine their Spiritual gifts for the work of the local church and the world.

Advanced Course - **Spiritual Gifts:** This is a practical look at how the gifts of the Holy Spirit can change and renew the lives of each person. As a result it will not only revitalize them personally but also it can awaken a new church relationship and work in the world.

Advanced Course - **Conflict Resolution:** The Lay Servant Book "The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation" by Thomas Porter, explores different ways of dealing with constructive ways of resolving conflict.

**For more information / applications,
please contact our office at 203-743-1503 or danburyumc@sbcglobal.net**



February 4

Scripture Reader	Nathaniel Hornik
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Will McWilliams

February 11

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

February 18

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

February 25

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**



Thomas DeMouth	February 2
Rosemary Slater	February 3
Joy Rouse	February 5
Barbara Fulton	February 6
Myra Tesbir	February 6
Andrew Salamon	February 7
Robert Bucko	February 13
Adam Jasensky	February 14
Clinton McLeod	February 14
Frank Esposito	February 15
Jamie Grandison	February 15
Sue Teer	February 15
Bishop Rouse	February 16
Sandy Esposito	February 18
Kathryn O'Shea	February 19
Pat Roig	February 21
Maryann Slater	February 22
Margaret Mary McAllister	February 23
Virginia Lourenco	February 25
A. Elizabeth Miller	February 25
Joan Ziegler	February 25
Kim Skidmore	February 27
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!

Thursday, February 1 - Chicken Dinner
Thursday, February 15 - Pasta

Thursday, February 8 - Soup and Sandwich
Thursday, February 22 - Tacos

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