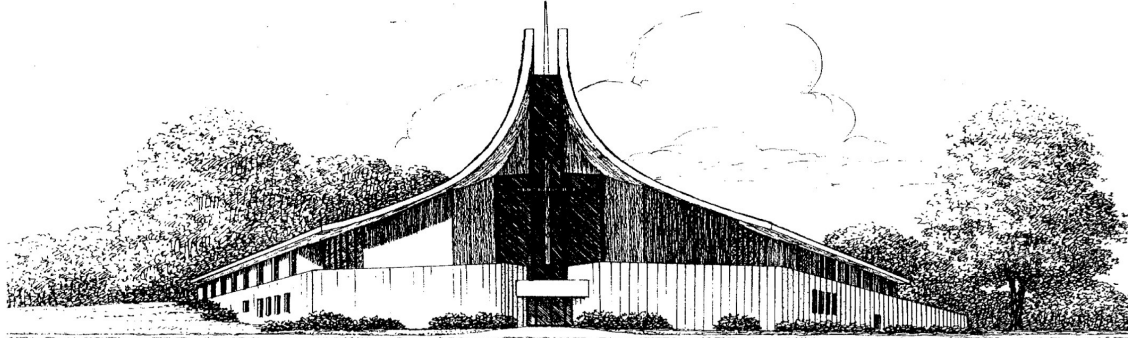




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FEBRUARY EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm
Thursday Night Life

Saturday, February 2

9:00am Setting our
Direction Workshop

Monday, February 4

7:00pm UMM Dinner

Tuesday, February 5

6:30pm Community
Engagement Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 6

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Saturday, February 9

12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, February 10

10:00am Valentine Bake Sale
12:00pm Visitation Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

7:00pm ASP Info Session

Wednesday, February 13

6:00pm Chapel Bells

Sunday, February 17

12:00pm Education Meeting

Monday, February 18

PRESIDENT'S DAY
UMCD Office Closed

Tuesday, February 19

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, February 20

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Saturday, February 23

4:30pm ASP Fiesta

Wednesday, February 27

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Finance Meeting

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

General Conference: The Way Forward

From February 23-26, there is a Special Session of general Conference of the United Methodist Church, meeting in St. Louis, for the purpose of determining what the language of our Book of Discipline shall be re: the full inclusion or lack thereof of LGBT persons. Currently, our Book of Discipline forbids the performing of same gender weddings in our churches or by our clergy. It also forbids the ordination of "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals."

Three proposals are currently before the General Conference for consideration at the session:

1. **The One Church Plan:** Would remove the restrictive language in the Discipline but add language that protects a congregation or annual conference if it chooses to not allow same gender weddings or the ordination of gay candidates. In essence, each annual conference would decide for itself how it wants to proceed re: these issues, with individual congregations or clergy retaining the freedom to make their own choices.
2. **The Connectional Conference Plan:** Would necessitate every church and every conference choosing if it wishes to be part of newly constructed conference areas that would be progressive, traditional, or contextual.
3. **The Traditionalist Plan:** Would keep the restrictive language of the Discipline and also add punishments for bishops, pastors and Boards of Ordained Ministry who do not adhere to the Discipline.

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(Though The UMC Judicial Council in October ruled most of the proposed punitive measures as unconstitutional).

The Council of Bishops has moved to support the One Church Plan, believing it is our best hope for keeping the denomination together.

At the district gathering at our church November 27, at which Bishop Bickerton addressed clergy and laity present, it was clear from a straw poll that a vast majority of the 100 + persons present, also supported the One Church Plan. It was also highlighted that any of the above plans could be amended to the point where they no longer resemble the current plans.

It is also possible that the General Conference will end up doing nothing to change the status quo.

Bishop Bickerton has asked that every United Methodist take 3 minutes of every day between 2:23pm and 2:26pm (representing the dates of the Special Session) to be in prayer for the work of the upcoming Conference and for our denomination as a whole.

This Sunday, February 3, I will remain after worship to answer questions to the best of my ability that individuals might have about the three plans being proposed and how they might affect the denomination. The purpose of this is to address questions only - no extensive discussion and no debate will be held.

Paster Kim



SETTING OUR DIRECTION

**CONFIRMING OUR PURPOSE
AND PLANNING OUR FUTURE!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
9:00AM TO 1:30PM**



Everyone is invited to participate in an interactive and engaging workshop with one of the objectives being to have fun!

We will come together to explore our purpose as a church and the actions we can take to help us realize that purpose. Of course there will be refreshments, we are Methodists after all. Please plan on joining us so we can move forward together.

JOIN US FOR FEBRUARY



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Winter worship will be held in Fellowship Hall through the end of March. 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING
12:00PM EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Good News!

Last year we entered 2018 with a projected deficit of \$19,000 and we ended the 2018 year at a break even point, being able to pay all of our end of year obligations. It took all of us in the congregation working together to keep costs down, attend, participate and support our fund raising events, and keep up with our pledges.



We know that our members feel this church is not just a place to worship, but a place where friends become part of our United Methodist Church Family and where we can participate in ways to bring hope to our community. It is truly a blessing that we have each other and we were able to meet our financial obligations.

2019 is projected to again be a tight fiscal year and which will require us to plan for a deficit. We ask for your prayers as we work together to keep the church financially stable.

Yours in Christ,
The Finance Committee

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Sweets for your loved ones, your friends and yourself!

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

Please consider donating your best cakes, pies and
Cookies (4 to a bag) for this church fundraiser.

For more information, please contact Barbara Kunicki or Penny McKown.





The Sunday School will have its Valentine's Day party on Sunday, February 3, 2019. It will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Pink Room. The youth will work on making Valentines for our church's homebound members and veterans.



Project ♥ Linus

We will also make a blanket for PROJECT LINUS. The mission of Linus Project is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gift of new, handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers". All church members are welcome to come and participate in these projects!



"Providing Security Through Blankets"

In the upcoming month, children in Sunday School will learn about the miracles that Jesus performed such as walking on water and the calming of the storm. There will be a variety of hands on activities for all ages of children. Sunday School classes for preschool through High School are held weekly from 9:30am to 10:15am Sunday mornings.



PAPER AND OFFICE SUPPLY DRIVE

UPDATE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE DONATIONS



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 Large Clips
- ◆ Sticky Notes: Large
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps
- ◆ Rubber Bands: New – all sizes
- ◆ New Pens
- ◆ Binder clips
- ◆ 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 4 at 7:00pm

O'BRIENS PUB
83 Lake Avenue, Danbury



RECRUITING READERS & PRAYERS

We would like to invite you to consider becoming one of our volunteer scripture readers or a leader of our Prayers of the People. Our church places great value on having our members involved in worship and this is one of the ways we do this. A brief training session will be offered after church later in the spring for new volunteers for either of these responsibilities. Once trained, you will be placed on a rotating schedule with other volunteers. Readers will be sent their reading in advance and prayer leaders will be given the prayer list on the Sunday they are assigned. If you are interested please contact our coordinator, Mary Lou Heyel by email: Mheyel55@sbcglobal.net



FEBRUARY VISITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
12:00pm

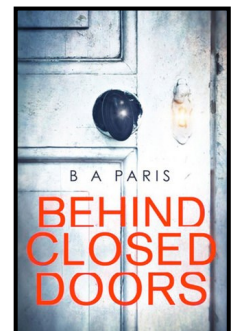
The Visitation Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10 following worship in Fellowship Hall. The committee will be signing Valentine Cards for the homebound members of our church. Valentine's Day is the day of love, and what better way so show our love then a special card. A card is a small thing of remembrance and yet it touches the lives of those that receive it.



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

The February meeting will take place on
Tuesday, February 19, 7:30pm.
Deb Davis will serve as host at the church
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book Selection:
Behind Closed Doors
By B.A. Paris





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

BOOK CLUB



2019 Schedule

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

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



DANBURY APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

MEXICAN FIESTA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4:30pm - 7:00pm

JOIN US for a Mexican Fiesta Dinner on Saturday, February 23, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in support of the Danbury Appalachia Service Project.

The proceeds from this dinner will be used for the 2019 ASP trip.

The dinner will be held at the King Street United Church of Christ,
201 South King Street, Danbury.

The cost for this wonderful Fiesta Dinner is:
\$10-adults, \$8-seniors, students and children.

Tickets will be available at the door.





February 3

Greeter	Allison Kent
Scripture Reader	Nathaniel Hornik
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

February 10

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

February 17

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

February 24

Greeter	Barbara Fulton
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
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
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
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!

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