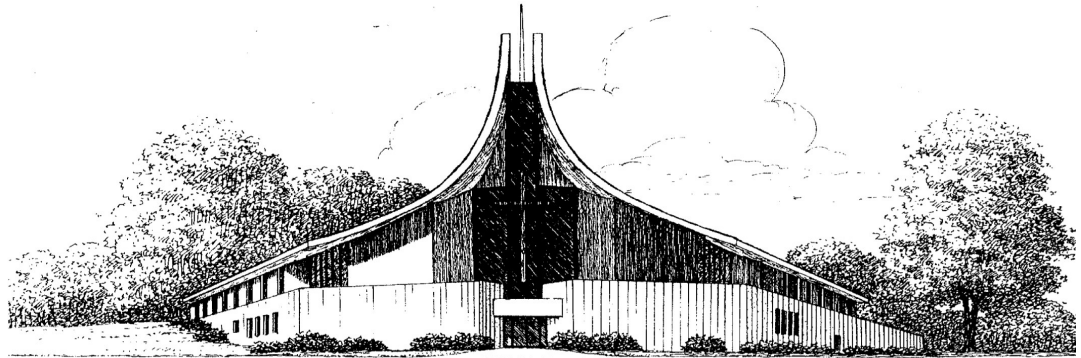




UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

# THE FLAME

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## MARCH EVENTS

### *EVERY THURSDAY*

6:00pm Thursday Night  
Life Dinner

### *Wednesday, March 1*

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm Ash Wed Worship  
7:30pm Trustees Meeting  
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### *Thursday, March 2*

7:00pm Bible Study

### *Sunday, March 5*

11:30am Welcome,  
Evangelism & Membership  
Team Meeting

### *Monday, March 6*

7:00pm UMM Dinner @  
Royal Buffet in New Milford

### *Tuesday, March 7*

6:30pm ASP Rally

### *Wednesday, March 8*

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm SPRC Meeting  
7:30pm Church Council

### *Saturday, March 11*

12:00pm Dorothy Day

### *Sunday, March 12*

12:15 pm Safe Sanctuary

### *Wednesday, March 15*

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm ASP Meeting  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

### *Thursday, March 16*

7:00pm Bible Study

### *Friday, March 17*

5:00pm Corned Beef Dinner

### *Saturday, March 18*

10:00am ASP Car Wash

### *Sunday, March 12*

2:00pm UMW Event

### *Tuesday, March 21*

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

### *Wednesday, March 22*

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

### *Thursday, March 23*

7:00pm Bible Study

### *Saturday, March 25*

10:00am ASP Basic Training  
10:00am ASP Car Wash

### *Wednesday, March 29*

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm Finance Meeting  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

### *Thursday, March 30*

7:00pm Bible Study

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

### TESTING TIME

As students, most of us dreaded tests. Underneath that dread was probably a fear of failure. The prospect of being graded always results in some anxiety. It's always difficult to hear you are not doing as well as you had hoped. But there is one thing that is positive about taking tests and being graded: whether or not you liked the results, exam time offered you a reality check about how your studies were progressing.

Well, we as Christians get an exam time as well. The season of Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on March 1, is our opportunity for a "spiritual exam." Each year on the first Sunday in Lent (which is this Sunday), 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, the founder of our denomination, 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 all fall short in our self-assessments. 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.

Friends, how goes it with your soul? During this season of Lent, make time each day to consider this question. I also prayerfully ask you to make regular worship attendance and participation in our Lenten study group part of your spiritual preparation. May we hear God's call to repentance and self-examination even as we hear God's promise to forgive us and love us eternally.

Blessings,

*Pastor Kim*

# MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

**7:00PM - 7:30PM**

WORSHIP AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

CELEBRATION OF MARCH BIRTHDAYS

***CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES***

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



Captain Angela Shaffer of our local Salvation Army THANKED The United Methodist Church of Danbury for the generous and thoughtful donations for their Angel Tree Program.

This program provides toys/gifts for individuals in need; offers the opportunity for supporters to assist someone in need by selecting an "angel".

***This year they served:***  
***807 children,***  
***35 seniors and***  
***328 Nursing home***  
***Patients***  
***A total of 3,885 gifts!***

THANK YOU to all who participated, this is a great way to share our blessings.



Sunday School classes met on Sunday February, 5 2017 to celebrate Valentine's Day and to make Valentine's cards for our home bound members and for Veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill.

The kids made beautiful cards that most certainly brightened people's days. Materials were also generously donated to continue our tradition of making a blanket for the Linus Project. We are blessed to have teachers that are working hard to help



our children learn more about God's word and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. We will have Sunday School every Sunday in March.



**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, March 6 at 7:00pm**  
**Royal Buffett & Grill**  
 132 Danbury Road, New Milford, CT

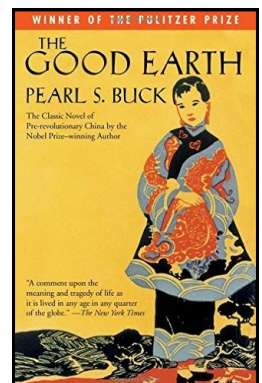


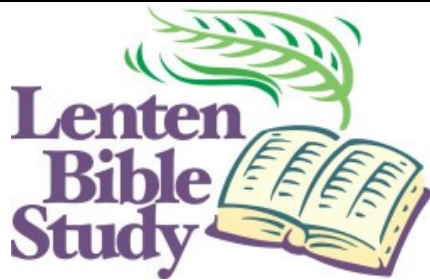
**The United Methodist Church Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 21, 7:30pm** at the home of Lois Bornemeier, 3 Bernlou Drive, Danbury.

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

February's Book Selection:  
***The Good Earth***  
 by Pearl S. Buck





**Forgiveness:  
Finding Peace through Letting Go**

Please join us for a 4 week Lenten study on Forgiveness. We will take a week break between studies, and our study will begin **Thursday, March 16 and continue through Thursday, April 6. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30pm.**

Using Adam Hamilton's book on Forgiveness, our weekly meeting will include a video clip, Bible study and group discussion re: God's grace and forgiveness.

**Everyone is welcome;  
no prior knowledge is assumed.**



**THURSDAY NIGHT LIFE MENU**

**DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
6:00-6:30PM**

Thursday Night Life is an informal, affordable dinner served buffet style. Cost is only \$3 per person with a family maximum of \$15.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

- Thursday, March 2 Pasta
- Thursday, March 9 Meat Loaf
- Thursday, March 16 Chicken
- Thursday, March 22 Roast Pork
- Thursday, March 30 Breakfast for Dinner



**March 5**

Scripture Reader	Chris Russock
People's Prayers	Mark Pierce
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Will McWilliams

**March 12**

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

**March 19**

Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Carol Spaulding
Counters	Kathy Roig
	Sue Teer

**March 26**

Scripture Reader	Bishop Rouse
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth





We wish to express our gratitude to Chuck Vietrogoski and the Trustees for coordinating the details on removing furniture from our church offices and picking up and moving in our new furniture. Specifically, many thanks to the following crew members who donated several hours on February 10 and 13 to complete this project:

Chuck Vietrogoski, Larry Bornemeier, Jim Davis, Cliff Davis, Carlos Ferreira, Don Lombardo, Jim Teer, and Zeke Zahara.

Another round of thanks to Chris Russock, Phyllis Tranzillo, and Sue Teer for supplying a pizza lunch and beverages to the crew when they returned from Armonk.

*thank you!*



**Books  
for the  
Pumpkin  
Festival**

**Don't wait!**

Start sorting your books for the festival now. We are ready to accept them in Room 1 at the church. Please place them on the shelves. If you have a box of books leave it on the floor, in front of the shelves.

From non-fiction and fiction to mysteries to children's books. We are accepting them all. You may also donate DVD's, CD's and audio books.

Our own very special book table will be set up the 3rd week in September. Everyone loves to browse and buy at the Book Room. Please donate and make our sale special on Saturday, October 7th's Pumpkin Festival.

For more information please contact: Karlene Lombardo at [lombardok@gmail.com](mailto:lombardok@gmail.com)



**Appalachia Service Project News**

**The ASP Rally will be held  
Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30-8:00pm**

This is the kick off to ASP, all high school aged youth as well as adult chaperones should attend.

Forms and registration fees are due at this meeting. (If the registration fee is a hardship we have "scholarships" available to youth.)

Our ASP trip this year will be July 1 - 9. If you have any questions about taking part in ASP, please contact Don DeMouth at 203-730-8103. Also you can visit our webpage to take a look At the slide shows from previous years: [www.danburymethodist.org/ASP](http://www.danburymethodist.org/ASP)



**ASP Car Washes in March**

Come and get that road salt washed off your car and help support Appalachia Service Project.

There are two car washes scheduled in March:  
Saturday, March 18 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Saturday, March 25 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Tell your friends and neighbors to  
come out and get their  
cars cleaned also!**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY**

Join us for a Traditional  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**Friday, March 17**



Continuous Servings from  
5:00pm ~ 7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall ~ Lower Level

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**PRICES:**

Adults	\$ 12.00
Seniors (65+)	\$ 10.00
Children (7-15)	\$ 8.00
Children (under 6)	\$ 4.00

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY**

**5 CLAPBOARD RIDGE ROAD**

**DANBURY, CT 06811**



**JOIN THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FOR THEIR MARCH MEETING  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19 FROM 2:00 - 4:00PM**

*FELLOWSHIP HALL, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY*

The meeting will feature a speaker from Green Chimneys in Brewster, New York. Jane Barr, Director of Corporate Partnerships and Donor Relations, will speak about how this program encourages children to explore and overcome their social and learning challenges in a unique way.



For seventy years the center has provided a (K-12) special education program that emphasizes animal assisted therapy, connection with nature and the care of abandoned and injured wildlife. It is home for more than 300 domestic farm animals and permanently injured or imprinted wildlife.

**ALL LOVERS OF CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ARE WELCOME.**

In addition, Bev Anderson will share her time at United Methodist Women's Mission U. A Dessert Social will be served.



*For more information and to request a ride,  
please contact Karlene Lombardo 203-743-1260*





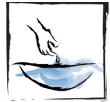
***Dates of Upcoming  
Season of Lent***



Wednesday, March 1



Sunday, April 9



**Maundy  
Thursday**

Thursday, April 13



Friday, April 14



Sunday, April 16

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



<b>Mary Holston</b>	<b>3/1</b>
<b>Adam Rouse</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Robert Fulton</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Joe Ponlork</b>	<b>3/6</b>
<b>Jonathan Rutledge</b>	<b>3/7</b>
<b>Bev Anderson</b>	<b>3/8</b>
<b>Madison Cashel</b>	<b>3/8</b>
<b>Peg Slater</b>	<b>3/8</b>
<b>Kate Jackson</b>	<b>3/9</b>
<b>Jim Teer</b>	<b>3/10</b>
<b>Bennett Jasensky</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Doreen Ackell</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Doris Sanders</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Lois Darrah</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>Kimberly Clemens</b>	<b>3/15</b>
<b>Katherine Curran</b>	<b>3/15</b>
<b>Jenna Jasensky</b>	<b>3/17</b>
<b>Jeff Zahara</b>	<b>3/18</b>
<b>David Johnson</b>	<b>3/19</b>
<b>Cliff Davis</b>	<b>3/23</b>
<b>Samantha Skidmore</b>	<b>3/23</b>
<b>Katherine Mitchell</b>	<b>3/30</b>



# Easter Flowers 2017



**THE ALTAR GUILD IS NOW TAKING FLOWER ORDERS FOR EASTER.**

**THEY WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**

**THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ARE \$10.00 EACH FOR TULIP, DAFFODIL, HYACINTH AND LILY.**

**AZALEA PLANTS ARE \$12.50 EACH.**

*Remember how spectacular the sanctuary looks when it is elegantly blessed with multitudes of beautiful Spring flowers.*

*Please don't miss this opportunity to help create such a wonderful sight for Easter.*

Cash or checks made payable to the United Methodist Church of Danbury may be given directly to Altar Guild Members: Valerie Bose, Tonya Clark, Barbara Fulton, Barbara Kunicki or Marcia Vietrogoski by Sunday, April 2, 2017.

You may also mail your order & check payment to Valerie Bose, 8 Hitching Post Lane, Danbury CT 06811. For additional information, please contact Val at 203-744-5712.

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - DEADLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
# Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ # Daffodil \_\_\_\_\_ # Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ # Lily \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# Azalea \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.50 = \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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# Plants I will keep \_\_\_\_\_ # Plants I wish given to home-bound member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of home-bound member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers given in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER

*all that's missing is U!*

**The United Methodist Church of Danbury Office  
invites you to consider becoming an office volunteer.**

Tasks include:

- ◆ Each Friday - we compile and fold the Worship Bulletin & Announcements
- ◆ Periodic Membership Mailings
- ◆ Sense of Accomplishment
- ◆ Having Fun
- ◆ Doing something good!

***Please contact our Administrator if you are interested in becoming an office volunteer.***



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**DEADLINE FOR MARCH FLAME IS MARCH 20.**