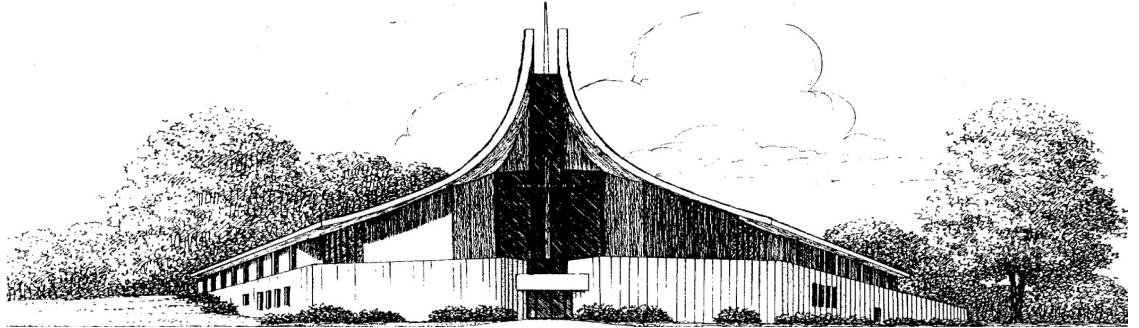




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MARCH EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY 6PM
Thursday Night Life

Monday, March 4

7:00pm UMM Dinner

Tuesday, March 5

5:00pm Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

6:30pm Community

Engagement Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Chapel Bells

7:00pm Ash Wed. Services

7:30pm Trustees

Thursday, March 7

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, March 9

12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, March 10

12:00pm Welcome &

Evangelism Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

6:00pm Chapel Bells

6:30pm ASP Rally

6:30pm SPR Comm. Meeting

7:30pm Church Council

Thursday, March 14

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, March 16

5:00pm Corned Beef Dinner

Sunday, March 17

12:00pm Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, March 20

6:00pm Chapel Bells

7:00pm ASP Meeting

Thursday, March 21

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, March 23

10:00am ASP Car Wash

Sunday, March 24

12:00pm ASP Basic Skills

Training

Wednesday, March 27

6:00pm Chapel Bells

7:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, March 28

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

Dear Friends,

My thoughts and prayers have been with you these past few days as we have received updates on the developments at the Special Session of General Conference, which concluded yesterday evening.

As you may know, the Traditional Plan (which forbids LGBT persons from becoming clergy and forbids same sex marriage and which was one of several plans proposed) was adopted by the conference delegates Tuesday afternoon by a relatively small margin of 75 votes. The debate and discussion at the Conference exposed a deep division in the church and the vote resulted in anguish in many quarters of the denomination. Though I am aware and respectful of the wide theological spectrum of opinion on these matters, even within our congregation, I and many members of the clergy in our Conference were distressed that many faithful Methodists feel excluded and will continue to feel excluded from the ministry of the church.

In any case, it now appears that not much was settled by the General Conference after all. Much of the plan was deemed to be potentially unconstitutional and the plan in its entirety has now been referred back to the church's Judicial Council for reconsideration. The Council will not be meeting until the week after Easter, at which point it will consider what in the plan can actually take effect. Also up for review at that time is the process by which churches can leave the denomination. In the words of Bishop Thomas Bickerton, for now we are in a "holding pattern."

In light of the uncertainty, division, negative publicity, and wide spectrum of feelings that exist over these recent developments, Bishop Bickerton asked us all to hold fast to the knowledge that God has "called us and claimed us with a love that will not let us go." "Lean on that love," he urged all members of our Conference last night. I urge each of you to take his message to heart. [Click here to view his daily updates.](#)

Bishop Bickerton has called a Special Session of Annual Conference on Saturday, March 16, to provide more information on the implications of the GC Special Session for our Conference and the denomination as a whole. Bev Anderson and I will attend as the laity/clergy delegates from Danbury and will share the information presented with all of you when we return.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Kim



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ROBERT M. WALKER
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

PAMELA BOWE-TABBS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

January 23, 2019

Dear Pastor and church leaders,

I was so pleased to recently see that you were able to meet your connectional responsibility by paying 100% of your Conference Apportionments. Congratulations!

I want you to know that your faithful support to the connection of the church has not gone unnoticed. I know that these are challenging days for all of our churches as we attempt to make ends meet, engage in meaningful ministries, and do all we can to fulfill the call of Christ to go and make disciples throughout the world. To do that requires deep commitment, good planning, and sacrificial giving.

Throughout my life in The United Methodist Church, I have celebrated the reality that when we are faithful in our apportionment giving, the church has the ability to extend our witness through global mission, engage in strategic advocacy for justice, and provide meaningful opportunities to grow and equip excellence in our clergy and lay leaders. Your apportionment dollars, combined with the faithful contributions from your sister churches, enables The United Methodist Church to be a presence for peace, healing, recovery, and evangelism on four continents. We are indeed stronger together than we are apart.

I just wanted you to know how very much I appreciate what you have done. Please know as well that I will keep you in my prayers as you continue your faithful witness throughout this year in the name of Christ our Lord.

The Journey Continues, . . .

Peace and Joy,



JOIN US FOR MARCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING
12:00PM WELCOME AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
PASTOR KIM PREACHING
12:00PM EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



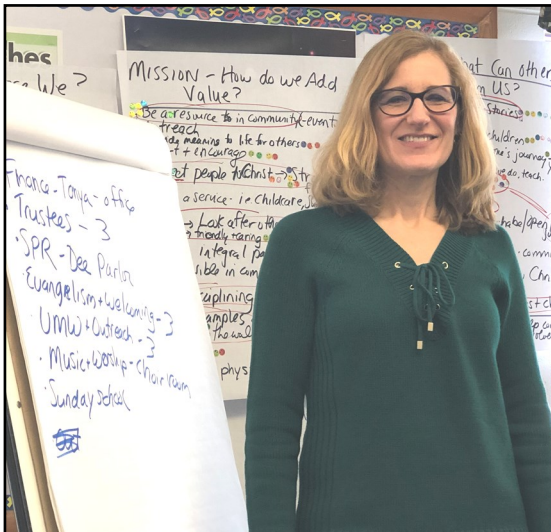
SETTING OUR DIRECTION

CONFIRMING OUR PURPOSE AND PLANNING OUR FUTURE

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION



Saturday, February 2, 2019



Kim Goodwin led the retreat, which included an interactive activity to consider our strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for ministry.



Members consider next steps. A subcommittee will soon meet to consolidate the work from the retreat into a possible mission statement.



27 church members gathered on February 2 to discuss ideas and plans for our church's future.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY
SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
5:00PM ~ 7:00PM

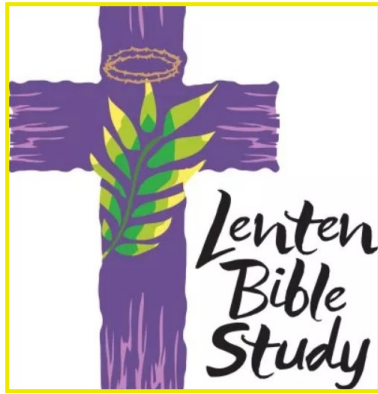
FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ LOWER LEVEL

**EVERYONE
IS WELCOME!**

PRICES:

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





LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

6 SESSIONS

BEGINS THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - 7:00PM

SIMON PETER: FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Peter left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point of Simon Peter, a six-week Bible study about an ordinary man who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. **Chapters for study include:**

- *The Call of the Fisherman*
- *Walking with Jesus in the Storms*
- *Bedrock or Stumbling Block?*
- *From Cowardice to Courage*

We will explore how we too, though flawed, have special gifts and abilities that God gave us, so we can use them to make a difference today. All are welcome: no prior knowledge required.



Help us replace the old and damaged furniture in the Children's Sunday School room.

Please consider donating \$50 for a new classroom chair or towards the purchase of a new area rug. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated! Stay tuned for announcements during service.



THANK YOU!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

Join us for a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Includes: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Irish Soda Bread.

Saturday, March 16



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

Dinners to-go ~ \$1.00 additional

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DANBURY, CT 06811



**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 4 at 7:00pm

Royal Buffet and Grill
132 Danbury Rd # 3, New Milford, CT



RECRUITING READERS & PRAYERS

Please consider becoming one of our volunteer scripture readers or a leader of our Prayers of the People. Our church places great value on having members involved in worship. 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**](mailto:Mheyel55@sbcglobal.net)

PAPER & 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 consider donating:

- ◆ Copy Paper: 8x11½ Reams of Pastel Paper
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps

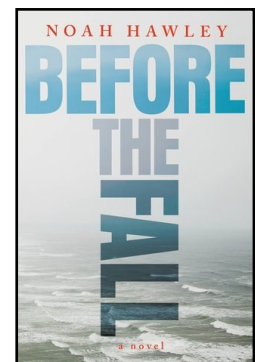


**The United Methodist Church Book Club
meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

The March meeting will take place on
**Tuesday, March 19, 7:30pm
at the church.**

Everyone is welcome.

Book Selection:
Before The Fall
By Noah Hawley





Shelter From The Cold

Each Saturday evening we serve dinner for the Shelter from the Cold program.

There is a great need for gloves, hats and socks and extra large jackets for the homeless in our community. Please consider donating these items for the Shelter from the Cold program.



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



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**THANK YOU FROM THE
GADOCI FAMILY**

**Dear Pastor Kim,
I wanted to thank you and the whole congregation not only for the beautiful service, but all the support and love provided to my mother over the years. All of it was a big comfort to our family.**

I'm hoping you received donations in my mother's memory. I know my mother would have wanted her life to be memorialized through aid to her church.

**Again, thank you for everything,
Gratefully,**

Paul Gadoci

Paul Gadoci

Easter Flowers 2019



THE ALTAR GUILD IS NOW TAKING FLOWER ORDERS FOR EASTER.

THEY WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019.

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 or Barbara Kunicki
by Sunday, April 14, 2019.

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.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - DEADLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Your Name _____ Telephone # _____

Tulip _____ # Daffodil _____ # Hyacinth _____ # Lily _____ Total # Plants _____ @ \$10 = _____

Azalea _____ Total # Plants _____ @ \$12.50 = _____ GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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: _____



March 3

Greeter	Kim Goodwin
Scripture Reader	Chris Russock
People's Prayers	Mark Pierce
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

March 10

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Carla Pierce
People's Prayers	Dr. Lucinda Johnson
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

March 17

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

March 24

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Carol Spaulding
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

March 31

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Mary Lou Heyel
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

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



Mary Holston	March 1
Adam Rouse	March 2
Robert John Fulton	March 5
Choch Ponlork	March 6
Deana Skidmore	March 6
Jonathan Rutledge	March 7
Beverly Anderson	March 8
Peg Slater	March 8
Katherine Jackson	March 9
Peter Eaton	March 10
Jim Teer	March 10
Bennett Jasensky	March 11
Doreen Ackell	March 13
Doris Sanders	March 13
Lois Darrah	March 14
Kimberly Clemens	March 15
Katherine Curran	March 15
Jenna Jasensky	March 17
Jeffrey Zahara	March 18
David Johnson V	March 19
Patrick Foster	March 20
Cliff Davis	March 23
Samantha Skidmore	March 23
Jumar Dixon	March 27
Katherine Mitchell	March 30



The concept behind this practice is found in 1 Corinthians 9:27, where the Apostle Paul states: "I punish my body and enslave it..."

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself and use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent and not to waste them.

Some foods that Christians were not permitted to eat during Lent included meat, fats, eggs and milk products. In England the tradition of serving pancakes began and that is why we have a pancake supper!

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is traditionally viewed as a day of repentance. It has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season. The name "**Shrove Tuesday**" is derived from the word "**shrive**", which means absolve. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice.

Submitted by Beverly Anderson

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