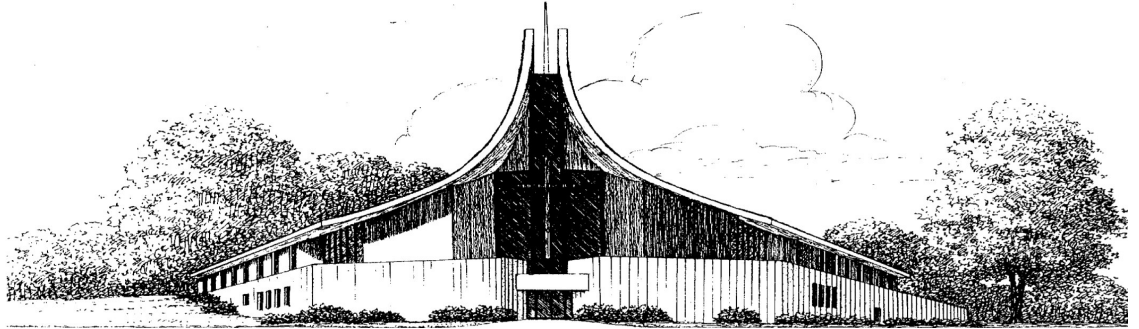




UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

# THE FLAME

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## **APRIL EVENTS**

*EVERY THURSDAY 6PM*  
*Thursday Night Life*

**Monday, April 1**  
7:00pm UMM Dinner

**Tuesday, April 2**  
6:30pm Community  
Engagement  
Meeting  
7:00pm ASP Info Session

**Wednesday, April 3**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm ASP Orientation  
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, April 4**  
7:00pm Lenten Bible  
Study

**Saturday, April 6**  
10:00am ASP Basic  
Training

**Sunday, April 7**  
12:00pm ASP Car Wash  
12:00pm Safe Sanctuary  
Meeting  
12:00pm Visitation  
Committee  
Meeting

**Tuesday, April 9**  
7:00pm UMW Meeting

**Wednesday, April 10**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm SPR  
Committee  
Meeting  
7:30 pm Church Council  
Meeting

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## **WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM**

Most of us experience the Christian life as a process or a progression: we attend church, develop our faith over time, hopefully participate in Bible studies, follow spiritual disciplines, maybe take on a church leadership role. We like to move along slowly and at our own pace. But sometimes, by the sheer surprising grace of God, we get grabbed and God closes in. Something dramatic happens and we get claimed and called and things move much faster than we had planned. Sometimes that is called a conversion experience, kind of like Saul (St. Paul) on the Damascus Road. Remember Saul, Church Enemy #1, persecutor of the church? He was struck down on the Damascus Road, blinded by the light, made humble by The vision of Christ that he saw. He went on to become St. Paul, great missionary to the Gentiles, church planter, and writer of most of those letters we find in the second half of the New Testament.

We are less than three weeks away from Easter, that wondrous day when we will again celebrate the stone being rolled away from the tomb and the risen Christ bursting the bonds of death. That, in and of itself, should provide a conversion experience for each one of us. The late Christian writer CS Lewis writes of his experience of being converted by God as a moment when he was "surprised by joy." I hope and pray that Easter is an experience that will surprise us by joy. Will our lives be any different because of Easter? How could they not be? Jesus is raised from the dead and brought from death to life, after all. A gift to us: grace and salvation and love. How can that not be amazing and transformative?

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**APRIL EVENTS**

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**Saturday, April 13**  
10:00am ASP Car Wash  
12:00pm Dorothy Day  
Ministry

**Tuesday, April 16**  
7:30pm UMCD Book  
Club

**Wednesday, April 17**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm ASP Meeting

**Thursday, April 18**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:30pm Communion  
Service

**Friday, April 19**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:30pm Stations of the  
Cross Service

**Wednesday, April 24**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm Community  
Engagement Meeting  
7:00pm Finance Meeting

**Saturday, April 27**  
8:00am Spring Cleanup  
at UMCD  
10:00am ASP Car Wash

**Sunday, April 28**  
12:00pm ASP Advanced  
Skills Training

Most of us don't really like to change. And yet in a world where darkness and violence are staples in the daily news and many are pained by recent developments in our denomination, we need the message of Easter to change us and heal us and bring us hope and let us ALL know we are deeply cherished and loved as children of our Creator.

I pray that we will let ourselves be changed by Jesus Christ who gave it all for you and me. Just like John Wesley whose heart was strangely warmed at a worship service; just like Saul who was blinded and then made whole on the Damascus Road; and just like every person who is willing to let his or her life be turned around by a God who wakes the sleeping and raises the dead. May it be so for us.

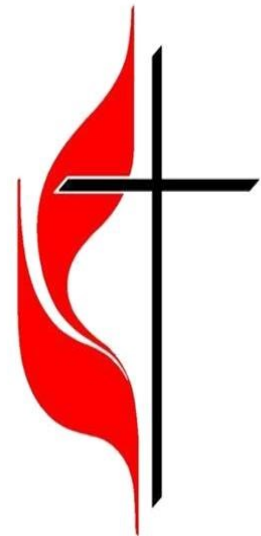
*Pastor Kim*

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Kim

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY**

**OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT**

**WE ARE A WELCOMING FAMILY OF DISCIPLES  
WHO SEEK TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH AND  
ALLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO GUIDE US  
AS WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.**



# JOIN US FOR APRIL



## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

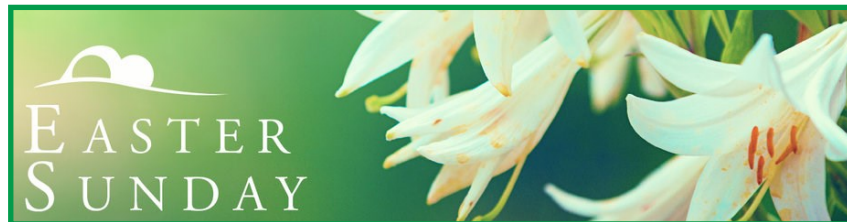
**10:30AM** WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY  
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7:30PM** COMMUNION SERVICE IN SANCTUARY  
OBSERVING THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY**

**7:30PM** STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE IN SANCTUARY  
DRAMATIC READINGS AND MUSIC



## **SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY**

**10:30AM** WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION  
CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST  
SPECIAL MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**OUTDOOR EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER**

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_





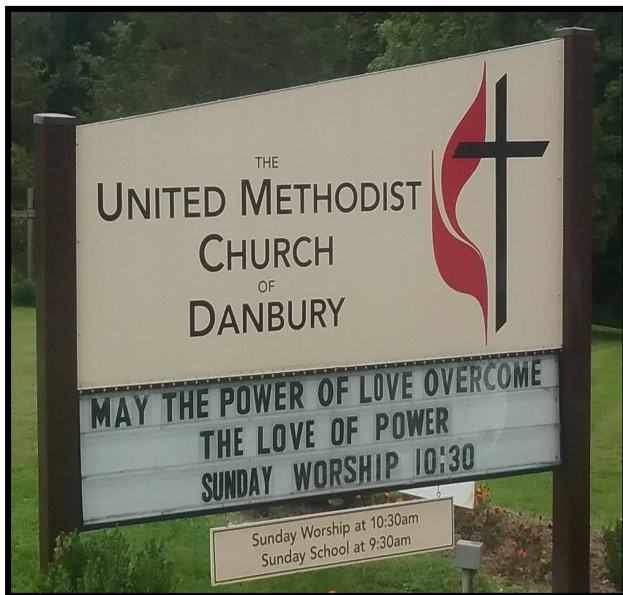
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
**8:00AM – 12:00NOON**

**Spring is finally here and it is time to spruce up  
the church grounds and parsonage.**

Calling all volunteers to help rake, spread mulch, sweep, trim and generally clean up outside the Church on Saturday, April 27, 8:00am to 12:00pm. Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrow, and any other tools you think you might need.

We will start at the Church and if there are a enough people a small group will move over to the Parsonage. Thank you!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR STREET SIGN**



Volunteers are needed to change the messages on our outdoor sign in front of the church.

Each volunteer will be matched with a partner for this task. We are hoping to have two or three teams to alternate every few weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Kim or Sue Teer (representing the Trustees)

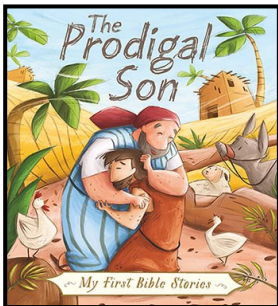
**THANK YOU!**



On Sunday, April 7, 2019, the Sunday School will have its Lenten Fair during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:20am) in the Pink Room. The youth will be learning about the significance of the symbols we use during Lent.



High School youth are starting a mission project that will benefit victims of domestic violence. They will begin collecting gently used or new purses that will be filled with items needed by women who have been subjected to domestic violence.



In the upcoming month, children in Sunday School will learn of some of the teaching of Jesus such as the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. As we move towards Easter they will learn of the Last Supper and of Jesus' night in the Garden of Gethsemane. 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.

The Sunday School is extremely grateful to God for working through the generosity of our congregation to provide funds for 8 of the 10 chairs needed to refurbish the Pre-K through Grade 2 classroom! We need 2 more chairs and funds for an area rug. Thank you for your contributions so far! 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!

Donations for the Sunday School Classroom Fundraiser can make out a check to the United Methodist Church of Danbury with Sunday School Fundraiser written in the memo. Donations can given to Kim Cain-Moreira, Minnie Rouse and Lorena Tesbir or put into the offering plate during worship or mailed into the church office.

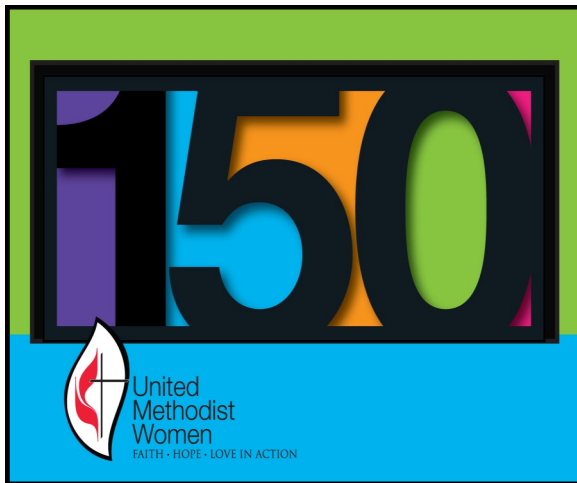




## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

On March 23, 2019, United Methodist Women celebrated 150 years as a membership mission organization serving women, children and youth around the world.

The United Methodist Women has grown to over 800,000 members to become one of the largest women's organizations in the United States.



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DANBURY SPRING MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9 - 7:00pm**



## SPRING MEETING

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women of Danbury will be **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm**. This meeting will be held in Room 8 (the pink room) at the church.

The speaker for the meeting will be Betty Gray "BG" Brown. She is an educator and she serves on the Board of Directors for the Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights (WeCAHR). This agency advocates for the civil and human rights for people with disabilities. BG will share her personal knowledge of how parents started this important advocacy program in 1977. She will talk about WeCAHR and how it helps parents, adults, children and educators today. A dessert social will follow the meeting. Please plan to attend. The UMW are collecting canned vegetables for the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. For more information please contact: Karlene Lombardo: 203-743-1260 or [lombardodk@gmail.com](mailto:lombardodk@gmail.com)



**It's Spring! Time for Geraniums**  
**Celebrating our veterans - Sunday, May 19**

**Plants on sale April 22 - May 12**

Red only - \$5.00 each (4" pot size)

Sponsored by:

***United Methodist Women of Danbury***

The geraniums may be purchased to keep,  
or to be given to a veteran living at a local  
assisted living home.

Each geranium may be given in honor of or in  
memory of a special veteran or a loved one.



These geraniums will be placed around our church altar on Sunday, May 19.

There will be a special red, white and blue bunting to add to this presentation to honor our veterans.

To place orders: Contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260 or [lombardodk@gmail.com](mailto:lombardodk@gmail.com)

Checks should be made out to:

***The United Methodist Women of Danbury*** (All proceeds go to mission giving.)

**DEADLINE : MAY 12, 2019.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

In Honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Will Keep \_\_\_\_\_ Will Donate \_\_\_\_\_





**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Friday May 3**

The Renewal House Annual Breakfast will be held on Friday, May 3 from 7:30am-9:00am at WCSU Student Center. Please consider joining our Outreach Chair Bev Anderson at this fund-raising breakfast at the UMCD table.



Renewal House is a residential program for older persons who have been displaced and are transitioning to independent living. Their mission is to provide transitional housing, counseling, life skills and support services for older men and women (58+) who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bev Anderson: [b\\_anderson00@yahoo.com](mailto:b_anderson00@yahoo.com)



**STAMP OUT HUNGER**  
**FOOD DRIVE**  
**Saturday, May 11**

On Saturday, May 11, Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food (soup, juice, vegetables, pasta sauce etc.).

Put your donation next to your mailbox on May 11 and your Letter Carrier will pick it up.

If you have questions you can call Food Drive Coordinators C.J. Volpe (203) 482-5807 or Paul Nicolaisen (475) 529-6866.



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!



Our participation in the "Safe Sanctuaries" program helps ensure a safe environment for your children and youth as they grow in their faith.

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7 12:00-2:00PM**

All people who work with our children and youth or are interested in working with our children and youth are required to attend this annual training. A light lunch will be served.

For more information, please contact Minnie Rouse: [chezminnie@aol.com](mailto:chezminnie@aol.com)



# TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00pm

Calling all teens to join us for Teen Movie Night on Friday, April 12, at 7:00pm at the home of Carol and Brian Spaulding at 9 Colonial Drive in Danbury.

Refreshments will be served. Come join in an evening of fun at the beginning of spring break week.

Please RSVP to Carol at [carol.spaulding@snet.net](mailto:carol.spaulding@snet.net) or call at 203-778-4066.

Do all the good YOU CAN.

**BY** all the means  you can.

IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.

**IN ALL THE PLACES**  
 YOU CAN.

At all the times YOU CAN.

To **ALL THE PEOPLE**

**AS LONG**  you can.

 as you ever can.

john wesley

## PAPER AND OFFICE SUPPLY DRIVE UPDATE



### *THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE 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: 8 x 11½ Reams of Pastel Colored
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps

### **INTERESTED IN LEARNING TRADITIONAL WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING TRADITIONS?**

A six-session weekly workshop exploring the traditions of West African drumming will be offered at UMCD if there is sufficient interest.

The workshop will be taught by a master drummer and teacher who hails from the West African-Caribbean tradition.

The workshop is designed to introduce the music and culture to beginners and to allow advanced beginners and intermediate players a way to continue to develop their skills and understanding of this art form. **Classes will begin on Sunday, April 28 and continue for six consecutive Sundays, following Worship.** If you're interested in registering for the classes, please contact our Music Director, Andrew Levine at [aglevine2@gmail.com](mailto:aglevine2@gmail.com)

You don't need a Drum to participate and all levels are welcome. Cost is \$20.00 per session.







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, April 1 at 7:00pm**

**Whitlock's Restaurant**

273 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT

**Whitlocks Restaurant**

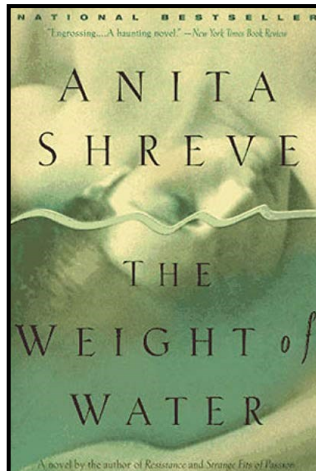
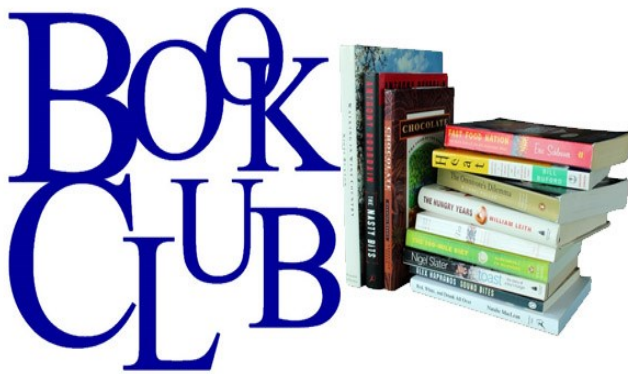


**APRIL  
VISITATION  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

The Visitation Committee will meet on  
**Sunday, April 7**, following worship  
and fellowship. The committee members will  
be signing Easter Cards for our home-bound  
members. What a beautiful time of the year,  
birds are singing, flowers are popping out and  
days are getting longer. Why not brighten a  
home-bound member's day with a visit, and  
some church stories to share.

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

The April meeting will take place on  
**Tuesday, April 16 - 7:30pm**  
at the home of **Karlene Lombardo**  
Everyone is welcome to attend.



Book Selection:  
***The Weight of Water***  
By Anita Shreve

# EASTER CANDY NEEDED

The Easter Bunny has plenty of plastic eggs, but is in need of individually wrapped candy donations for the Easter Egg hunt after services on Easter Sunday.

Please deposit your candy donations in the box in Fellowship Hall.



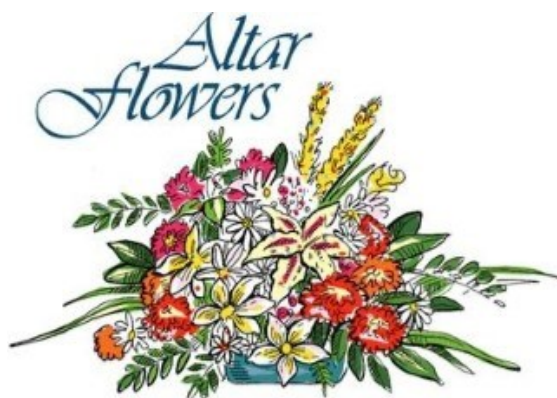
thank you!

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## *From the Finance Committee:*

As we went into this year knowing we were in a tight financial situation, we want to thank all of you for keeping up with your pledges.

We are grateful for the generosity of our members. As we enter the second fiscal quarter, the financial outlook continues to be of concern and we ask for your continued prayers and support for the church.



Please sponsor 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



**April 7**

Greeter	Barbara Fulton
Scripture Reader	Bishop Rouse
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

**April 14**

Greeter	Dr. Lucinda Johnson
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

**April 21**

Greeter	Goodwin Family
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

**April 28**

Greeter	Carla Pierce
Scripture Reader	Phyllis Tranzillo
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

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



Kim Goodwin                      April 2

Christine Russock                April 4

Peter Hornik                      April 10

Mark Pierce                      April 11

Jim Davis                         April 15

Jessica Rutledge                 April 24

Brian Kempter                    April 27

Mary Mattoni                    April 28

Tonya Clark                      April 30



**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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**DEADLINE FOR MAY 2019 FLAME IS MONDAY, APRIL 15.**