

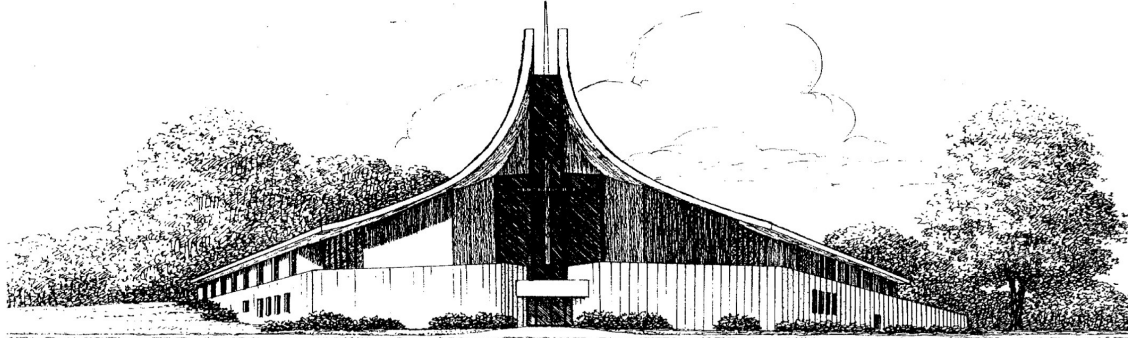


UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

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SUMMER
2018



SUMMER EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY
6:00pm
Thursday Night Life

Wednesday, July 4
UMCD Office closed

Thursday, July 5
10:00am Helping Hands

Saturday, July 14
12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Tuesday, July 17
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, July 18
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Wednesday, July 25
7:00pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, August 1
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Thursday, August 2
10:00am Helping Hands

Wednesday, August 8
6:30pm SPRC Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Saturday, August 11
12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Tuesday, August 14
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, August 22
7:00pm Finance Meeting

2018 NEW YORK CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

Laity and clergy of the New York Conference gathered from June 7-10 at Hofstra University for the 219th annual conference. Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton presided over the session with the theme, "Pathways & Possibilities: Transforming the World."

Bickerton preached at the June 7 opening worship, offering a message charged with some stark realities, but with a clear message of the hope. Relying on the words from Paul in 2 Corinthians 4, he noted the apostle's use of the word heart.

"We live with heartaches every single day. Something pierces our souls everyday. Something to discourage you; something to tempt you to be less than God calls you to be. The miracle of the story is that Paul's faith and love remained intact through it all, Paul never lost heart . . . It's important for us to love each other," Bickerton said. "If you don't feel the spirit in this place today, it's not God's fault! It's all about a heart of faith; trust in God's providential care," the bishop said. "Prison, beatings, and even the foolishness of others could not ultimately harm his soul. We've got a guy in our history like that. John Wesley failed in secular life, and then went to Aldersgate and discovered what he needed," the bishop said.

Bickerton's episcopal address referenced the Lewis and Clark expedition and the book, "Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory," in stressing a new investment in leadership training across the conference. "If we buy into the fact that the world in front of us is uncharted territory that we don't know how to navigate, then we have to learn how to fail," Bickerton said. "It's not all going to work, but if we don't try, we know for sure that we will fail. We can navigate the high mountains by choosing to walk together," Bickerton said lamenting the vicious game of winners and losers that arises in times of conflict and the hate that populates so many social media posts. "We need to use our voice on behalf of another" so that women in ministry are treated with respect, and racism on all levels is declared wrong, that immigrants feel welcome, and the words and actions that have made LGBTQIA people feel less than accepted and loved are stopped, the bishop said.

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2018 NEW YORK CONFERENCE WRAP-UP (continued)

“I don’t have a crystal ball about the special session in February . . . I’m just guessing like you are,” he said, “but of one thing I am certain, the church we love cannot stand still or we will die. How do we find strength? Come to the font. How do we build trust for walking into uncharted territory? Come to the font.”

One of the conference’s key tasks was the election of a new delegation to the 2019 special session of the General Conference. In legislative action, all of the petitions – except one that was tabled – were passed on the consensus calendar. One dealt with the work of GC2019 and reaffirmed the conference stance to remove all language excluding “homosexuals” from the life of the church, and urged consideration of the marginalized in any proposed changes in church structure, even deferring those changes “as long as it may take to discern God’s justice for all the beloved community of the church . . .”

Other petitions were passed concerning government policies threatening the civil rights of immigrants, refugees, African Americans, women and LGBTQ persons; renewed a call for peace on the Korean Peninsula; petitioned Congress to reinstate the Adoptee Citizenship Act; called for a conference policy of 10-12 hours of mandatory training on the challenges of racism each quadrennium for all leaders, from the bishop on down to lay servants; and commended First & Summerfield United Methodist Church in New Haven, Connecticut, for providing sanctuary for immigrants facing deportation.

The conference also:

- ◆ Celebrated the “passing of the mantle” from the retirement class to the commissioning class. The retirement class of 25 had given 702 years of combined service. Eight were commissioned as provisional elders, and one as a provisional deacon. Fifteen local pastors were also licensed at that service
- ◆ Remembered 44 people who had died in the last year at a memorial service. They included clergy, spouses of clergy, widows and widowers of clergy, children of clergy, and laity.
- ◆ Remembered the harm caused by the segregation of the Central Jurisdiction and repented from the church’s complicity in the institutional injustice.
- ◆ Signed a covenant with the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico to continue support of the island’s recovery from Hurricane Maria.
- ◆ Voted again on Constitutional Amendment I, with the corrected language.
- ◆ Passed a 2019 budget of \$8,419,242, a one percent decrease from the 2018 spending plan.
- ◆ Collected 4235 hygiene kits and \$5,760 for UMCOR, along with 308 school kits, 25 birthing kits, 11 layette, and one sewing kit, and 14 cleaning buckets.
- ◆ Received offerings totaling nearly \$53,000. Young Clergy Debt Assistance: \$22,886; Puerto Rico Response: \$11,070; Black College Fund: \$8,564; Bishop’s Partners in Mission: \$8,282.
- ◆ Discussed in plenary the new fees for visitors to GC2019 which prompted an offering of \$2,196 for travel expenses.
- ◆ Hosted 125 youth and adults to pack 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.
- ◆ Sent eight volunteers to work on UMARMY projects at three homes on Long Island as a pre-conference mission activity.

Membership for 2017: 96,425; down 2,001 or 2 percent from 2016

Worship attendance for 2017: 29,344; down 29 or less than 1 percent from 2016

Online worship attendance for 2017: 2,225; new accounting for 2017

Church school attendance: 6,928; up 527 or 8 percent from 2016

Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2017: 1,709; up 123 or 8 percent from 2016

Adults and young adults in small groups for 2017: 13,667; up 31 or less than 1 percent from 2016

Worshippers engaged in mission for 2017: 10,565; up 1,913 or 22 percent from 2016

Submitted by: Rev. Joanne S. Utley, NYAC Communications Coordinator,
Editor, The NYAC Vision newspaper

JOIN US FOR



SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 1 - 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP

**LAY SPEAKER MINNIE ROUSE WILL OFFER THE MESSAGE
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

SUNDAY, JULY 8 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP

LAY SPEAKER MINNIE ROUSE WILL OFFER THE MESSAGE

SUNDAY, JULY 15 - 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - ASP RECOGNITION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 22 - 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SCRIPTURE: OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 15:12-21

GOSPEL: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

SERMON: "IT'S ALL ABOUT PRAISE"

SUNDAY, JULY 29 - 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SCRIPTURE: GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21

SERMON: "A TRUE MIRACLE OF ABUNDANCE"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 - 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 - 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 - 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 - 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM - WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**Thank you to all of
our office
volunteers
for their
time, talents
and treasures!**

*Jan Elwell
Mary Holston
Chris Russock
Sue Teer
Roger Warmbir*

*Visitation
Ministry*

**JULY MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 8**

The Visitation Committee will be meeting on Sunday, July 8 immediately following Worship in Room #3.

Summer is a busy time, but some things we just have to make time for. Let one of them be visiting our homebound members. This puts a bright spot in their day and they are to happy to hear some church news and see a familiar face. This will also put a bright spot in your day, as you do a good deed.

LIKE UMC OF DANBURY ON FACEBOOK

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.



Altar Flowers

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



COVENANT TO CARE

The United Methodist Church of Danbury delivered over 1,000 diapers to the Department of Children & Families! We unloaded 13 various size packages containing a variety of diaper sizes. One of the social workers exclaimed "It's Christmas in June!"

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Diaper Drive by either bringing in disposable diapers or contributing toward us purchasing diapers. There will be some very grateful Moms and babies because of our generosity.

You know that raising a family isn't easy and for those struggling in our community it can be very stressful. Through your thoughtfulness, we are able to make things a little easier. We are putting our faith into action by reaching out to those in need. As always, we are very thankful to be part of a faith family that shares God's love through serving their neighbors.



July and August is time for our **Backpack/School Supplies Project!**

As many of you know, the project involves collecting backpacks and school supplies to be distributed to children in need. You can donate a backpack, school supplies or backpacks filled with school supplies. We have a list of supplies if anyone needs a guide. You can donate a backpack appropriate for elementary students or for older students.

As usual, if you would like to participate and can't shop or are short on time, we are very willing to accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you.

Because our social worker needs time to distribute the backpacks, we need to have them by the 3rd week in August which makes August 20th the last date to bring in any contributions.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Phyllis Tranzillo at 203-743-4342.

The continued generosity of our congregation is a blessing to our community and our church.

Many Thanks to Phyllis Tranzillo for chairing these vital projects.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

5 CLAPBOARD RIDGE ROAD, DANBURY, CT

Vacation Bible School

GALACTIC

BOOM!



MONDAY, JULY 23 ~ THURSDAY, JULY 26

9:00AM ~ 11:30AM

\$3.00 CHILD/PER SESSION ~ INCLUDES BREAKFAST

JOIN US FOR THE VBS KICK-OFF COOKOUT ON SUNDAY, JULY 22 AT 3:00PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME (YOU DON'T HAVE TO VBS TO ATTEND)



**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF DANBURY**

Vacation Bible School

**MONDAY, JULY 23 ~
THURSDAY, JULY 26**

THIS IS A SAFE SANCTUARY

Name(s): _____

Name of siblings attending VBS: _____ Age(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email : _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name Emergency Contact (other than parent): _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name of person(s) who will transport to/from VBS: _____

Food Allergies, Medical Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Doctor Phone #: _____

School grade just completed: _____ Birthday _____ Age _____

Name of home church (if any) _____

Check off Sessions Attending : Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

\$3.00 per session/per person \$12.00 maximum per session/per family

\$ _____ **Total Payment attached**

Please return completed registration form and payment to:

United Methodist Church of Danbury, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811

www.danburymethodist.org

danburyumc@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME BACK!



Photo by Chris Russock

Rev. Terry Pfeiffer, our UMCD Pastor from 1977-1988 preached on Father's Day Sunday, June 17. The fellowship hour was in honor of Rev. Pfeiffer and his wife, Margey.

WELCOME BACK TERRY AND MARGEY!



Former UMCD pastors Rev. Karen Eiler and Rev. Terry Pfeiffer and present pastor Rev. Kim Bosley connect and celebrate at the 90th birthday party of Shirley Fogle.



Photo by Mary Lou Heyel

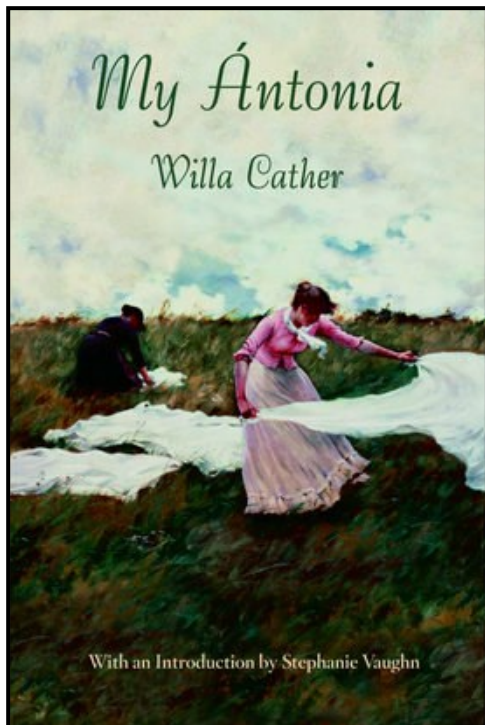
**The United Methodist
Church Book Club
meets the 3rd Tuesday
of each month.**

The July meeting will take place on
Tuesday, July 17, 7:30pm
at the home of **Bev Anderson.**

July Book Selection:

My Antonia

by Willa Cather



**BOOK
CLUB**



The August meeting will take place on
Tuesday, August 21, 7:30pm
at the home of **Barbara Fulton.**

August Book Selection:

Dandelion Summer

By Lisa Wingate





**Our newest Fundraiser
Parking for the Greek Festival.**

We raised \$6,600!

**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped and
to Peter Eaton and the Board of Trustees for
organizing this great project.**



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July 1

Greeter	Minnie Rouse
Scripture Reader	Bev Anderson
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Shirley Bucko

July 8

Greeter	Minnie Rouse
Scripture Reader	Phyllis Tranzillo
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

July 15

Greeter	Lucinda Johnson
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Mark Pierce
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

July 22

Greeter	Carla Pierce
Scripture Reader	David Johnson V
People's Prayers	Lucinda Johnson
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Will McWilliams

July 29

Greeter	Coralee DeMouth
Scripture Reader	Mary Lou Heyel
People's Prayers	Carol Spaulding
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Shirley Bucko

**BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS
TO THOSE**



Ronald Slater	July 3
Larry Bornemeier	July 5
Keith Goodwin	July 6
Amanda Sutor	July 7
Janet Kempter	July 11
Ellen Basso	July 14
Lorena Tesbir	July 14
Kenneth Darrah	July 15
Carla Pierce	July 15
Michele Tesbir	July 16
John Ziegler	July 20
Madison Zeigler	July 23
Laura Dibble	July 24
Melody Bucko	July 26
Skye Cain	July 26
Patrick Curran	July 27
Michelle Kempter	July 27



August 5

Scripture Reader	Carol Spaulding
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Star Auer Sue Teer

August 12

Scripture Reader	Roger Warmbir
People's Prayers	Bev Anderson
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

August 19

Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Will McWilliams

August 26

Scripture Reader	Coralee DeMouth
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

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



Kaylyn Clemens	August 1
Star Auer	August 2
Loren Euvrard	August 2
Jacob Hornik	August 10
Mary Lou Heyel	August 14
Valerie Stagen	August 14
Steven Basso	August 15
Lori Capri	August 15
Kim Cain-Moreira	August 17
Catherine Bennett	August 18
Keith Darrah	August 18
Justin Rutledge	August 18
Nicole Sutor	August 22
Nathaniel Hornik	August 23
Coralee DeMouth	August 24
Gianna Campbell	August 25
Anna Spaulding	August 26
Nan Salamon	August 29
Meghan DeMouth	August 30
Christina Heyel-Sabine	August 31



**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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