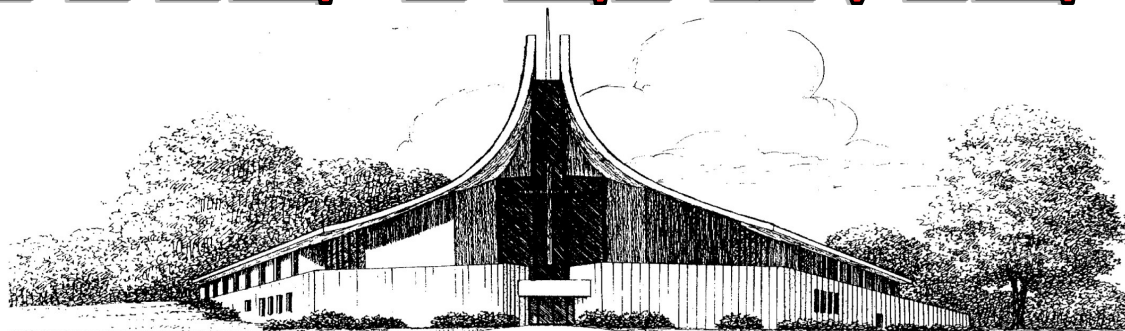




UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

# THE FLAME

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## AUGUST EVENTS

*EVERY THURSDAY 6PM  
Thursday Night Life*

**Thursday, August 1**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Monday, August 5 -  
Friday, August 9**  
9:00-11:30am  
Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, August 7**  
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, August 8**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Saturday, August 10**  
12:00pm Dorothy Day  
Ministry

**Wednesday, August 14**  
6:30pm SPR Committee  
7:30pm Church Council

**Thursday, August 15**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Sunday, August 18**  
11:00am Education  
Committee Meeting  
11:00am Welcome &  
Evangelism Committee

**Tuesday, August 20**  
7:30pm UMM Book Club

**Wednesday, August 21**  
7:00pm ASP Meeting  
7:00pm Mission In-Site  
Meeting

**Thursday, August 22**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Tuesday, August 27**  
7:00pm Pumpkin Festival  
Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 28**  
7:00pm Finance  
Committee Meeting

**Thursday, August 29**  
6:30pm Craft Group

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*EVERY THURSDAY 6PM  
Thursday Night Life*

**Sunday, September 1**  
11:00am Education  
Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 2**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**UMCD Office is closed**

**Wednesday, September 4**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, September 5**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Monday, September 9**  
7:00pm UMM Dinner

**Wednesday, September 11**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm SPR Committee  
7:30pm Church Council

**Thursday, September 12**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Saturday, September 14**  
12:00pm Dorothy Day  
Ministry

**Sunday, September 15**  
12:00pm Education  
Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17**  
7:30pm UMM Book Club

**Wednesday, September 18**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm ASP Meeting

**Thursday, September 19**  
6:30pm Craft Group

**Wednesday, September 25**  
6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm Finance  
Committee Meeting

**Thursday, September 26**  
6:30pm Craft Group

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

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope that each and every one of you is enjoying a restful summer.

I am back to work this week, and just wanted you to know I am looking forward to seeing you and to our continued ministry. I am grateful to you as a congregation for respecting my time away and wanted to let you know something of how I spent the last 10 weeks.

As I indicated prior to leaving, I had planned 4 five day retreats away, for the purpose of Christian meditation, reading, prayer and reflection. I was able to do these as planned and I looked forward to each one and found them renewing and uplifting.

I also spent an additional 10 days on the coast of Maine, visiting friends, reading, and enjoying spectacular sunsets and fresh seafood.

Two things happened that I had not planned for. A good friend of mine from upstate NY had what turned out to be a minor stroke, and I was able to visit and assist her for the better part of a week. She is now doing very well and is pretty much back to normal. I was very grateful to be free to go and spend some time with her.

The second unexpected thing was a lot more mundane, but took some time to suddenly prepare for: Honda of Danbury called and offered to buy me out of my car lease 10 months early.

Because I projected that I would be over my mileage allotment, I jumped at the chance. So after having cleaned out my other car and spent what felt like hours dealing with the mounds of paperwork over at the dealer, I am driving a new car for the same monthly fee as my old one.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

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Probably a little over half of the time was spent at home at the parsonage. During these times at home, I continued my program of reading and meditating but also tackled a few projects that I never seem to get to: cleaning out a pantry, organizing upstairs closets and bureaus, and I started the project of organizing over 20 years worth of photographs (mostly nature photography, one of my hobbies).

During the time away, I read at least one book a week: some light fiction, some theological reading, a few memoirs, some serious fiction. Ever since I was a kid, reading has always felt like a very renewing and relaxing activity. Having that kind of time to just read was a real treat.

In the middle of all of this, in mid-June, was Annual Conference. It felt and was different this year, with the specter of all that is hanging over our head as a denomination as per our theological differences ie: the full inclusion of the LGBTQ community. We will talk more about this at a later time and in greater detail. I would urge you to go online to the New York Annual Conference website and click on the links for Annual Conference 19 to view videos of Conference. I would particularly recommend Bishop Bickerton's sermons and State of the Church address.

Finally, though I have been on leave, I have seen and had contact with many of you. Several of you invited me to lunch or dinner, and if it was a week I was around and we could work it out schedule wise, it was my privilege to join you. While in Maine, I spent time with Marti, Penny, and Hannah, who have a family home in the Boothbay region. I experienced all of these times as social, and we did not discuss church matters. I also attended two Finance meetings and a Trustee meeting, as they were at times I was around. All of this is a way of saying that though I personally and professionally benefitted from having a "time apart" from church responsibilities, I continued to enjoy seeing you when possible and have kept each of you in prayer.

Lastly, I am grateful to the team who kept things going while I was out. I especially thank Chris Russock, our Lay Leader, who I was in contact with as needed, and who did more behind the scenes these past few months than most people will ever know. I also thank leaders Peter Eaton, Dee Skidmore, Phyllis Tranzillo, and Tonya Clark, all of whom very skillfully kept things moving ahead in the administrative areas for which they have responsibility. Special thanks to our wonderful church administrator Patti Cohen-Hecht, with whom I also kept in touch as needed and who kept the office running with her usual competence and flair.

I am also grateful to all of you who continued to attend church regularly. I have heard that the guest preachers did very well, and I am not surprised, since they were all chosen carefully. Thank you for welcoming them.

I will look forward to seeing each of you this Sunday.

Blessings in Christ,

*Pastor Kim*



Many thanks to our congregants who recently donated the funds to replace the flooring in Room 3. It's certainly been obvious for some time that Room 3 was in dire need of a "face lift"; and these good stewards happily made the improvements. Not only was their financial contribution outstanding, but also the amount of time that was spent researching different types of flooring; obtaining approvals from the Trustees; and overseeing the installation.

We are most grateful for their on-going devotion to our church, as well as their belief in the importance of our building, so as to be reflective of our role as a welcoming family of disciples.



# JOIN US FOR AUGUST



## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 - 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION**

**REV. KAREN EILER WILL PREACH & SERVE COMMUNION**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM WORSHIP**

**PASTOR KIM BOSLEY PREACHING**

**SERMON: MONSTERS IN THE CLOSET: "DEAR GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?"**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 - 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM WORSHIP**

**PASTOR KIM BOSLEY PREACHING**

**SERMON: FORGIVENESS SERMON SERIES: PART 1 "SIN NUMBER 8"**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 - 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM WORSHIP - CELEBRATIONS OF AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**PASTOR KIM BOSLEY PREACHING**

**SERMON: FORGIVENESS SERMON SERIES: PART 2 "THE DEBT CRISIS"**

**CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES**

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



# JOIN US FOR SEPTEMBER



## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM**    **WORSHIP - COMMUNION**  
**PASTOR KIM PREACHING**

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30AM**    **WORSHIP - CELEBRATIONS OF SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**  
**PASTOR KIM PREACHING**

**CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES**

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# GREEK FESTIVAL PARKING FUNDRAISER



Thank you to the Trustees and all of the volunteers who helped to make this a successful fundraising project. This year we raised over \$7,000.



Photos by Chris Russock



# ASP

## Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT <sup>SM</sup>

### ASP SEND OFF

Photos by Chris Russock





**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**AUGUST 5-9, 2019**



Photos by Pastor Kim Bosley

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



It is said that it is not fun to listen in church about finances, and yes, sometimes it feels like we do talk about it a lot. But, Jesus mentioned money quite often in the Gospels.

Finances are what we stress about, think about, and need to manage in our daily lives so it seems unfair that when we go to church we have to hear about it. But a church has many practical needs that require funding, like keeping the lights on, paying salaries, plowing snow, etc.

Keeping a church functioning also provides for spiritual needs; a place to renew ourselves, to praise God with music, with fellowship, and a place to give back to the community through donations. Being able to send a group to Appalachia, to offer meeting space to groups who work with those suffering from addiction, or families coping with addiction - is what our church is about.

The Finance Committee would like to thank our congregation for keeping up with their pledges and for giving their time and talents to keep our church strong. We ask as your summer progresses, please remember to keep up with your pledging.

The Finance Committee has also requested the office to utilize email more in order to save on postage costs, so if your email is not accurate, please tell us at [danburyumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danburyumc@sbcglobal.net)

We are researching the ability to send in your offerings online, and we will have more information shortly. Enjoy your summer.

*Tonya Clark*

Chair, Finance Committee

## PAY A BILL (OR PART OF A BILL)

*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 2Corinthians 9:11-12*



These are challenging financial times. In light of that, the Finance Committee has decided to bring back a program that has worked well several times in past years: The Pay-A-Bill program. On the bulletin board outside the sanctuary are copies of various bills for the church. Please consider making a donation to cover the cost of one of our bills (or a portion of one). It's simple: Just take one of the copies of the bills from the bulletin board and attach your donation. You can place in the offering on Sunday or bring into our office. Even a portion of a bill paid would be a large help to us. If you have further questions about how this works, please feel free to talk to Finance Chair Tonya Clark.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**





It is that time of year again. The newspaper ads are filled with "back to school" sales and we are getting ready to collect school supplies & backpacks for our Covenant to Care partner at DCF.

The Department of Children and Families serves Danbury families that are in need of support. This project is an excellent way for our church to reach out to those in our community who are struggling. We help children get off to a good start to the school year and we get to do God's work and share God's love!

We have all the details in the Narthex. If you would like to get started now, all you need to do is to purchase either a backpack or school supplies or you can fill a backpack with school supplies! You can choose what age level you would like to buy for, elementary or secondary school. There will be lists of suggested needs but the standard supplies are always a good start.

We usually deliver the backpacks in the middle of August so our social worker has time to distribute them. As always, if you would like to participate but have difficulty shopping or finding time to shop, we are willing to shop for you!

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Tranzillo at 203-743-4342 or email: [ptranszillo@comcast.net](mailto:ptranszillo@comcast.net)

**"The Best Thing About Life is that we never stop learning. Whether we are young or old, we always have someone to learn from."** That's a quotation from my Facebook page, author unknown. It is a cute reminder that life is so large and we are so small, we will never know it all. Each new day comes with new experiences. Each new experience provokes new questions, and new behaviors.

How do we get so complacent that we stop seeking answers? I, for one, want to know what "thus saith the Lord?" when situations occur. I know where the answers are. I know how to find them. Do you?

I invite you to join us in 'continuing the learn' in God's Word. Bring your children and grandchildren with you to Sunday School. Invite your teenage neighbors to join our Youth Group. Besides Sunday School, adults also a chance to learn more at Thursday Night Life Bible Study. God's Word is full of answers, promises and faith stories. We never stop learning. Let's learn of God's love together.

In Love,

*Minnie Rouse*

Education Chairperson



CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION



## PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Can you believe it? Our Pumpkin Festival is less than 2 months away! With summer flying by fast we're asking all congregants to help with our ad booklet which will be given to all those who come on October 5 to enjoy the fun and festivities.

Last year, several of you either signed up for an ad yourself or generously helped by getting someone else to advertise. Your efforts allowed us to raise \$2,000 just from the ad booklet alone. So, let's try to see if we can beat that record this year.

To help, just go to our website [www.danburymethodist.org](http://www.danburymethodist.org) and click on the link which will take you to a simple form you can print out and complete, or pass on to one of the many businesses or service providers you frequent. Either a sponsorship ad or an actual quarter page ad costs as little as \$25. Just keep in mind that the completed form must be received at the church along with any ad copy and artwork as well as your payment no later than September 8. We need a few weeks to create, print and assemble the booklet for the hundreds of people we expect to attend our Pumpkin Fest.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris Russock ([russockc@snet.net](mailto:russockc@snet.net)) or Patti Cohen-Hecht ([danburyUMC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danburyUMC@sbcglobal.net)). In advance, thanks so much for your help.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL CAFÉ**

Please consider donating the following items:

Small Bottles of Water (8 oz.)	Cans of Pepsi and Diet Pepsi	Cans of Ginger Ale
Juice boxes	Small (6") paper plates	Small Bags of Potato Chips
Cans of chopped clams	Ketchup-Mustard-Relish	Napkins

### **CALLING ALL CRAFT VENDORS**

Craft vendor space is available for a fee is \$50. Complimentary valet parking with unloading and loading assistance is available for vendors. All craft vendor spaces are first come, first served.

Please feel free to invite your friends and family that may want to sell their crafts.

For more information and an application, visit [www.DanburyMethodist.org](http://www.DanburyMethodist.org) or contact the church office at 203-743-1503 or email [PumpkinFestivalUMCD@gmail.com](mailto:PumpkinFestivalUMCD@gmail.com)



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, September 9 at 7:00pm**

**JK's Restaurant**

126 South Street, Danbury



## JOIN THE CRAFT GROUP

Join the Craft Group on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and work on various crafts to sell at our Pumpkin Festival. We are an informal group and welcome you to join.

We are always interested in new craft ideas (especially with a fall theme) you may have to add variety to the craft table at the Pumpkin Festival.

If you have any questions or new craft ideas, please contact Coralee DeMouth at 203 730-8103. Everyone and their ideas are welcome.



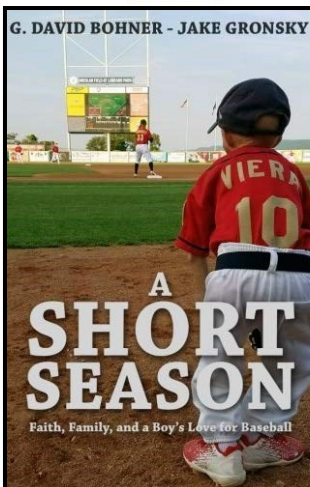
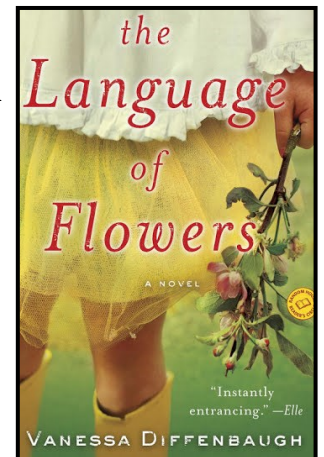
# BOOK CLUB



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

The August meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 20 - 7:30pm** at the United Methodist Church of Danbury **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Book Selection:  
***The Language of Flowers***  
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh



The September meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 17 - 7:30pm** at the United Methodist Church of Danbury **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Book Selection:  
***A Short Season***  
By G. David Bohner and Jake Gronsky



**AUGUST 4**

Greeter	Kim Goodwin
Scripture Reader	David Johnson V
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Sue Teer
	Norma Bucko

**AUGUST 11**

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

**AUGUST 18**

Greeter	Minnie Rouse
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

**AUGUST 25**

Greeter	Minnie Rouse
Scripture Reader	Shirley Fogle
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



**SEPTEMBER 1**

Greeter	Barbara Fulton
Scripture Reader	Maureen Zahara
People's Prayers	Dr. Lucinda Johnson
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

**SEPTEMBER 8**

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Coralee DeMouth
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

**SEPTEMBER 15**

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

**SEPTEMBER 22**

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Joey Masood
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

**SEPTEMBER 29**

Greeter	
Scripture Reader	Roger Warmbir
People's Prayers	Beverly Anderson
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

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



Brian Miller September 1

Benjamin Zahara September 1

Peter Hornik September 8

Robert Bose September 9

Marcia Lowe September 11

Anthony Mazza September 11

Valerie Bose September 15

Ann Mitchell September 15

Amanda Clark September 16

Ashley Clemens September 16

Kathy Roig September 21

Deana Skidmore September 24

Minnie Rouse September 26

Edward Clark September 27

Michael Rogowski September 27



**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

**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.**



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