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At a Glance...

**Summer Worship
Hour Starts**

7/5 9:30am

ASP Homecoming

7/5 ~5pm

**ASP Sunday
& Ice Cream Social**

7/12



Visitation Committee

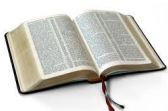
7/12 after church

Pumpkin Meeting

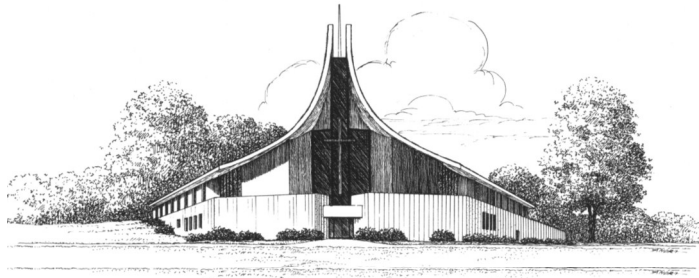
7/17 at 7pm

Book Club

7/21 at 7:30pm



THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

Message from Chris Russock, Church Council Chair.

An Article of Faith

For those of you who have seen the movie, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, I'm sure you will remember the character, Queenie. She is a young, single woman working in a retirement home in New Orleans during the 1920s. One night, Queenie finds the infant Benjamin abandoned on the back steps of the home. Being the loving soul that she is, Queenie decides to keep the baby and raise him as her own despite Benjamin's frightful physical appearance. Queenie says, "You as ugly as an old pot, but you still a child of God..." Benjamin, you see, looks like a very old man but he's the size of an infant. A 'curious' human being who will age backwards.

Queenie remains a constant in Benjamin's life, raising him with great devotion as he grows from an old man into an exceptionally handsome young man. (He is, after all, played by Brad Pitt.) She wonderfully sums up her life experience and that of the folks she cares for when she says, "You never know what's comin' for ya." It's a simple yet profound expression describing the time we all pass here on earth; the serendipity of our experiences and the surprises – good or bad – that come from our relationships along the way.

This movie actually made me think of our church. Though it was once a lively presence in downtown Danbury, a place where people worshipped, sang in the choir, and shared both happy and challenging times, there came a point when we were called to walk up the hill to a new place. And even though that congregation made the journey up Main Street to a brand new building, the fellowship and faith remained a constant. Each time this congregation extends a welcome to a new face, we honor all those who stood by the front door and held it open in the past. And, when the roof leaks or support beams lose their resilience – all those things you never know are "comin' for ya", we choose to redouble our efforts and persevere. We owe this to both the Emma Pavaos of this place as well as the Carrie Tesbirs; all the congregants and friends who have and continue to flourish here. And though there are days we sometimes wish our building could age backwards, it unfortunately won't. Those are the days when I'm sure the Trustees mumble some rough equivalent of "you're as ugly as an old pot." However, they and the rest of our congregation will somehow find the money to patch, scrape, repair and rebuild this place like all the church families of the past did because we need to be mindful that it and you are "still a child of God."



Thank you to Chris Russock for these great postcards of the old DUMC.
Some of us have never seen how it looked .

July Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 5	6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall Holy Communion served Pastor Jim Stinson preaching
Sunday, July 12	7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall ASP Celebration Sunday Worship Service Ice Cream Social and ASP Slide Show to follow
Sunday, July 19	8 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall Pastor Kim Bosley preaching
Sunday, July 26	9 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Worship in Fellowship Hall Pastor Kim Bosley preaching

Early Summer Services

July 5th through Labor Day

Throughout the summer months we will be worshipping an hour earlier.
Join us at 9:30 am while it is still cool, leaving you the rest of the day for your summer activities.

Trustees Report from the June Meeting

Report on the roof fund- \$21,000 has been received and \$17,000 distributed to the Trustees that is still being held until final completion of the new roof. The first roof loan interest bill was \$71.00 and will reduce as payments are made.

Report on the support beam-The insurance company unfortunately denied our claim for the damaged roof support beam. We will be moving forward and considering numerous options, possibly having a temporary support installed that may permit us to reopen the Sanctuary while exploring other options for a permanent replacement of the roof support beam. Updates will be given as information is gathered.

Roof replacement- As of this June meeting, Barrett Roofing has almost finished replacing the flat roof and is waiting on receipt of the new sky lights and installation. Once the support beam has been replaced Barrett has agreed to complete flashing on the new beam

New Dogwood tree-A Dogwood Tree has been donated and planted by Eileen Kline in memory of Lester Miller.
Larry Bornemeier

United Methodist Women

On June 2nd there were twenty-eight people at the home of Donald and Karlene Lombardo. It was our summer meeting and also our observance of the World Thank Offering. We collected \$52 for this special offering. We acknowledged that Beverly Anderson had received a \$150 scholarship to Mission U. Have a great time, Beverly!

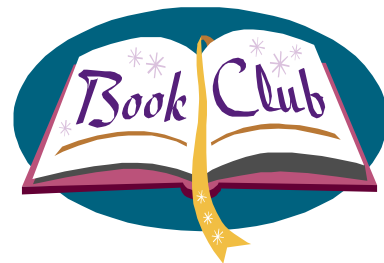
May was our fund raising month. We collected \$403 from the Mother's Day Bake Sale. Thank you, all you bakers and buyers. We also collected over \$500 with our Memorial Geranium Sale. We are still accepting pledges and donations for our mission giving for 2015. (All checks should be made out to Danbury UMW and sent to Karlene Lombardo, 70 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT.)

Finally, I encourage everyone to submit a name for the Aasta Moser Award. It is given yearly by our UMW unit to someone who has demonstrated outstanding service to our church and our community. The 2014 recipient was Barbara Kunicki. *Please* submit names to me at: lombardodk@gmail.com. Our next UMW meeting will be in September. See you then, Karlene Lombardo.



Visitation Committee

The committee will have a brief meeting Sunday, July 12 right after church in Room 3. It will be a time to catch up on our visits and see how all those needing our service are doing. I hope everyone is paying them some visits, many of them get very few visitors and look forward to seeing our church members and catching up on news from church. Remember to do good is to feel good... Hope to see you then.....Val Stagen



Join the group

Come once-come every time-everyone is welcome

Tuesday, July 21, we will be reviewing *Tender To The Touch*, by Nicole Rouse.

Minnie Rouse will be hosting this month at her home, 107 King Sreet, Danbury, 203-778-3842.

The UMCD Book Club meets at 7:30 pm, once a month. Please meet at the Church at 7:00 pm to carpool.

Sunday School News



Congratulations and Blessings to our 2015 High school graduates:

Kimberly Clemens
Katherine Curran
Hannah Foster

Kaitlyne Gebing
Ann Mitchell
Mai Othman



BIKE AND BUILD



2015 — Year 7

They were a great group of college students! I wish they could have stayed for two nights! This year the trip started in New Haven and we were their first stop.

Our “cheer leaders” were greatly appreciated! Judy, Carla, Anna, Tiffany, and Carrie were out by the street cheering on the bike riders. The bikers loved the signs and cheers, it gave them that extra burst of energy for that last bit of hill.

The Davis family helped with setting up Fellowship Hall and Cliff got all the air mattresses blown up. Ryan and Rachel, from Bike and Build, did the grilling and then Jacob pitched in to clean up the kitchen and we all got to visit with the riders.

It was an amazing evening! You will have to see the scrapbook page with their thank you notes on it.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation that made hosting Bike and Build possible.

Bev Anderson and Mark Pierce

ASP News

ASP 2015 Return from West Virginia ...July 5th

Please join the ASP and church families in welcoming back the crews after a week working in Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier. The crews will be back to the church around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 5th.

Sunday, July 12th will be ASP Sunday. The service will be run by the youth who attended this year. A highlight during the service is the time of sharing, when several youth and adults take a few moments to tell us what this mission trip has meant to them. It is a time of both humor and poignancy.

We are proud of *all* the people involved—those that travel, those that give so many hours at home, and those who donate their money.

Come join us at 9:30am & after service for ICE CREAM



Best Wishes and God’s Blessings To those celebrating birthdays in



Larry Bornemeier	7/5
Jean Walker	7/5
Keith Goodwin	7/6
Amanda Sutor	7/7
Barbara McWilliams	7/11
Ellen Basso	7/14
Lorena Tesbir	7/14
Kenneth Darrah, Jr.	7/15
Carla Pierce	7/15
Michele Tesbir	7/16
John Ziegler	7/20
Madison Zeigler	7/23
Laura Dibble	7/24
Melody Bucko	7/26
Skye Cain	7/26
Patrick Curran	7/26

Pumpkin Festival News: Things To Do Over The Summer



Come join the Craft Group!

We are making crafts for the Pumpkin Festival!



We meet on Thursdays, starting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We will meet July 16th, 23rd and 30th. All skill levels welcome. Also, any new ideas for crafts to sell, would be greatly appreciated. Or perhaps you have a craft skill that you could share with the group.

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact Coralee at 203 730-8103.

PUMPKIN RIDDLE

Q: What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A: A pumpkin patch.

Save your books, puzzles and games for the Pumpkin Festival

Summertime is a great time to set aside those gently used books, games, puzzles, and quiet time activities that we can sell during the **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**.

Our *Quiet Pastimes* room buzzed with activity last year. People love to browse! We are collecting items for children, teens and adults. You may bring items to room 1. I will check in periodically and keep things neat. If you need assistance please contact me at: lombardodk@gmail.com or call me: 203-743-1260. Leave your name and phone number. Let's start now preparing for the festival!

Karlene Lombardo

Next Meeting: Friday, July 17th at 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited.

We need your ideas and enthusiasm

For more information contact this year's

Festival Chairmen (ladies)

Lucinda Johnson, Bev Anderson, Kim Caine

Calling all bakers, canners, candy makers!

It's that time of year when thoughts of the beach turn to thoughts of the Pumpkin Festival. Our pumpkin festival is Saturday October 3.

Please start thinking what you can create to donate to the baked goods/canned goods table. Last year our jams and jellies sold very well and we would like to sell those again. Any pickle makers out there? Or relish? We'll sell whatever you make! Smaller size containers sell better than larger ones – think half pint and pint.



Any questions, please see Marcia Vietrogowski or Barbara Kunicki.



Who is that man
and where did he get that pumpkin???



DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 10am ~ 4pm
5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT I-84, EXIT 5
ADMISSION IS FREE

For more information and application contact:
DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
203.743.1503 or danburyumc@sbcglobal.net
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Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding

Church Administrator: Patti Cohen-Hecht

Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler

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