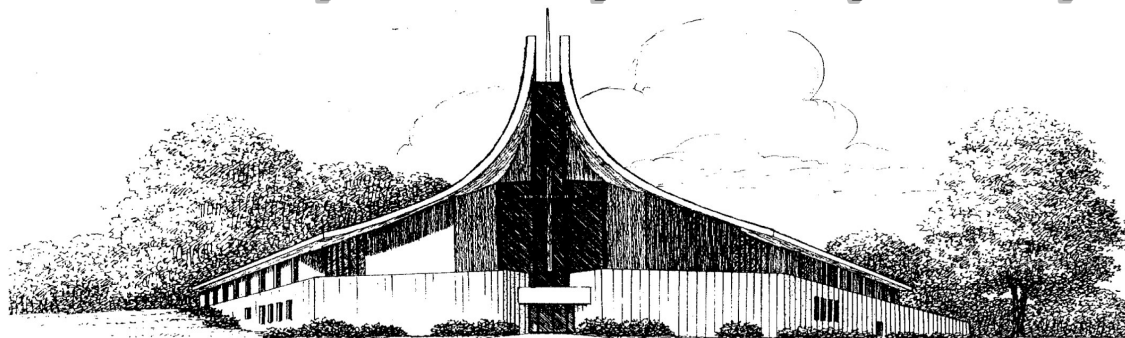




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NOVEMBER EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm

Thursday Night Life

Thursday, November 1

10:00am Helping Hands

7:00pm Bible Study

Sunday, November 4

2:00pm UMW Event

Wednesday, November 7

7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Saturday, November 10

12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, November 11

12:00pm Education

Committee Meeting

Monday, November 12

7:00pm Judaism 101 and

Christian Thought

Tuesday, November 13

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, November 14

6:30pm SPRC Committee

7:30pm Church Council

Thursday, November 15

7:00pm Church Conference

Monday, November 19

7:00pm Interfaith

Thanksgiving Service at

UMCD

Wednesday, November 21

7:00pm ASP Meeting

Thursday, November 22

THANKSGIVING DAY

UMCD Office Closed

Friday, November 23

UMCD Office Closed

Monday, November 26

7:00pm Judaism 101 and

Christian Thought

Tuesday, November 27

5:30pm NY/CT District

Evening with the Bishop

Wednesday, November 28

7:00pm Finance Meeting

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

Dear Friends,

I am including for you to read the sermon our DS. Rev. Betsy Ott, would have given had she been able to be with us on Sunday, October 28. It is an important message about the changes the church is facing, so please give it your full attention.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

“CYCLES OF LIFE—NEW ORCHARDS!”

By Rev. Betsy Ott

Grace and peace to you in the glorious name of the savior, Jesus Christ!

My thanks to your pastor for delivering my church conference message which I intended to bring to you, personally, but I am in Philadelphia helping my daughter and her family as she prepares to deliver her third child. It may be even happening now – or might have arrived overnight – or may be coming later this week. Babies arrive when they arrive and exciting as it is to welcome a new life into the family, it is also an anxious time. A time of change and uncertainty. We don't even know the gender of this baby, let alone the arrival time, or who this person will be or what kind of personality he or she will have. It's all unknown. And so we wait and I ask for your prayers as you are in mine this morning.

And so Kim is delivering my message. And as I worked on what I'd say at the church conferences this year I realized that I've been doing this now for a lot of years – seven completed - to be exact and this is my eighth. And as I think back on the past seven years I'm reminded that lot of things have happened on the district. We've weathered snow storms, hurricanes, wind sheers, multiple changes in pastors and bishops. We've seen members of congregations age out, move out and – die out. Financial health and vitality in most congregations in the district and across the denomination - has declined. “Regular Attendance” is now 1 1/2 times every six to eight weekends. There have been mergers, sales of property and church closings. All these have things have happened – and more that I don't have time to mention. We're seeing continued change in our communities. Longtime residents are leaving. New people are moving in. Perhaps that is part of a normal cycle for you – but perhaps not.

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The demographic shift I predicted 7 years ago when I said millennials would move out of Manhattan and the boroughs is happening – river cities, commuter cities, suburbs and rural areas throughout this part of the Hudson valley and Connecticut - are all experiencing the changes. Recently a condo in Beacon, NY was sold for more than 1.5 million, which would be unimaginable just a short time ago. As new people are arriving – in many places people who've lived in their communities for generations may find themselves priced out. Restaurants are mostly thriving and new ones are being built before our eyes. New residents eat out a lot more than some of the long-timers have done. Newcomers are athletic and they bike and run and enjoy the beauty of this area in ways local residents may not. Newcomers tend to want instant access to everything. And they don't support the same local institutions as old-timers – lodges, VFW's and firehouses are all feeling the shift. And so are churches and denominations - including our own – as nearly all the new people arriving – unless they were church members somewhere else - no longer connect through finding a church and making friends there. It's not even way down on their list of priorities. It's just not there at all. Change is happening and change – as we all know – isn't anything we can control. We can't stop this, friends, even if we want to – people are on the move. Culture is shifting. Or as some of us remember hearing in a distant past – “the times they are a'changing...”.

And certainly we've had changes in our personal lives too. You've had them and I've had them, too. Graduations – high school – college – graduate school – a lot can happen in 7 years. People marry. People divorce. People die. Babies are born. New family connections are made. We lose old friends and make new ones. In my time on the district my daughter married and between my two children and their spouses I have four grandchildren and will soon have or may have had by now a fifth grandchild. Change, change, change....

And through it all – I've come each year and given you a message – something I believed was helpful to us as we charted a vision for this district together over the past few years. Some of you may still remember that my message the first year was on the passage from Jeremiah, “I know the plans have for you”, declares the lord, “plans not to harm you but to prosper you and bring you hope and a future.” And then – I started talking about the apple tree I got for my mom when she turned 91. And each year I added another story about that apple tree and how it has been an example for me of faith and hope in things unseen because my mother was so very excited about that tree! She was hopeful and optimistic about a future yield of apples from that tree - though no one was certain when that would happen since, as we know, it can take a lot of years. But each spring she watched for blossoms and leaves and each fall she hoped for an apple.

Of course – it didn't work out that way. Mom's health issues were wearing her down until last December she just said she was ready to go home. It took her several weeks to get there – and in that time there were some wonderful moments of praying and singing and reading scripture and telling stories. And there were words of hope as we all recited the words of the scripture from 1 Corinthians 13 that have so much meaning at weddings – and other major life events – “faith hope and love these three abide – but the greatest of these is love”. As we affirmed our belief and held on to the truth that love never ends. Then - at the end of January mom passed on to the life eternal.

And that apple tree never did produce any apples before she died.

But...this spring it bloomed again. And there were new leaves on the tree. And with all the rain we had this year – it grew a lot and it's looking stronger than ever.

Now I don't know if you know that I have owned a retirement home in a little place up in the Catskills for a lot of years. It's a house on a hill with a stream nearby and about 4 acres of land with turkeys and deer and eagles – and some other larger and less friendly creatures too. It's quiet there. A place of peace and renewal for me. It's about 2 miles from the house my mom lived in which is in the village. The original plan was that I would retire and we'd spend some time doing things together and I'd be around for her last years – since the doctors all said she'd live to be at least 100. But instead – my brother and I own her house and I have a house on a country road where I'll go to retire. To me - it's a beautiful place and as some of you know – when I finish my term as DS in June 2019 – I intend to retire and to “head for the hills”. And though I've been there many times over the years – I also think that it will be different than I expected. Change – you see – isn't anything we can really completely plan no matter how hard we work at it. Change is surprising and brings the unexpected with it. But what I'm learning about change is – even though we can't control it – we can manage change by learning to accept it. And accepting change is what the scriptures I've chosen for this fall church conference season are all about.

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Let's look first at the passage from Ezekiel where the prophet has been given a beautiful vision of an amazing future. It's amazing because when the prophet had this vision – Israel had been conquered and the people – including Ezekiel, himself – were captives in Babylon. Who was Ezekiel? He was a priest in Jerusalem before the Babylonians arrived and God spoke to him through visions. And those visions were about a need to choose change or accept a change the people didn't choose. And so Ezekiel became a vocal prophet who spoke out about the coming times – as he told the people they were going to suffer dire consequences for their failure to “Stay in love” with God. And he was right. Change came – and it was terrible. The destruction of the city. The end of a way of life. Forced relocation. Death. All the changes we humans fear the most. And the people wept their losses and their failure to listen to God's warnings as they mourned their losses in words we know from the psalms where it says – “by the waters of Babylon we hung up our harps and wept.”

Because change causes grief. All the stages of grief which you probably know – anger, denial, bargaining, depression and acceptance. We know these stages – “I'm so upset this has happened!” “I can't believe this has happened!” “if I do something different maybe things will go back to the way they were!” “I don't have any energy to care anymore. I just give up.” And finally – “change happens and I can't stop it but I can be a part of making things better in new ways.” Any of that sound familiar? Have you heard it or said it here about your church? About the church at large? About what's going on in your life or in the world?

Well – here's some good news. We like good news, don't we?

A few years after the people of Israel were taken captive – Ezekiel begins to have new visions. Visions of a beautiful river flowing out the temple – rebuilt in the city of Jerusalem. An incredible river – especially because Israel is a land with no big rivers – then or now. The Jordan in most places we would call a stream. But this river – the one in Ezekiel's vision – is magnificent. Wide. Clear. Deep and as it flows becoming deeper and deeper. And it has abundant fish and wildlife. And lush trees growing on either side. It would be a blessing – this river – to people and to the creation. Because that's what God does – God loves the world – and all that's in it – and God blesses it all with goodness and mercy and justice and – new life. But this requires change. Change we often try to avoid because something has to change for the new thing God wants to do to happen.

Jesus talks about this kind of change in the Gospel of John where he is speaking to his followers just a short time before his arrest and crucifixion. He's trying to help them to understand that things have to change for new things to happen. And so he says change is like a seed that when it is planted – dies to be reborn as a something new. And the point is that for anything new to happen – something has to give. Something has to die. And the gift of that death – is new life and a new beginning.

And so I ponder all this as I prepare for – not death – but a huge change in my life. My mom was fond of quoting Charles Feidelsen, a writer from the first half of the 20th century, who said “life is a series of little deaths out of which life always returns.” She said she took this to mean – every good-bye, the end of each day, every small change in life was a “little death”. Because it was the end of something. But though death is mentioned – death isn't the point. The point is that “life always returns”. Something new happens when something else passes away.

I think of this as I think of my mom and her apple tree. It's a little death to think she never saw the tree bear fruit but it's a new and positive change to know that one day someone will see fruit on that tree. And so as I thought about this, I have planted my own apple trees on my property. I call it faith's orchard. Right now I have four of her favorite apple trees there – two northern spys and two yellow transparents. I plan to add more. And perhaps I'll see apples there one day – if it's in the plan of things. But the vision is what matters. The vision that out of what is a little death – new life comes.

I don't know what the future will bring for you here in the Danbury UMC. I only know that the times, they are a'changin'. As a denomination, an annual conference, a district and in our local churches – we're looking more and more at ways to evangelize and reach out to the people in our communities and our world – who don't know the good news of the gospel and aren't likely to find their way to church to find out. We're doing table and bar and coffee house ministries in this district and across the denomination. Like old Methodist circuit riders – we're going where the people are to bring them the good news. And we're doing new things inside of our churches – we're changing some of our leadership structure to make it easier to get the administrative stuff out of the way so we can focus on building up the people of God. *(Continued on page 4)*

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We are working on new ways to bring families together for worship with one message for each age and calling it generational worship – designed so that everyone can go home with something in common they learned at church to talk about and focus on during the week. We're working to reconnect with youth and millennials through mission and small group discussion and coffee, kids and chaos - which is a place where children come for activities and play while the older folks talk over coffee about life, challenges, and where god is active in the world around them. We're engaging in dialogue as a denomination about key social issues – full inclusion of GLBTQI persons. The “Me Too” movement. And what to do to address issues of racism and hatred of others that still is so sadly embedded in our culture. It's one of things I'm proud of as a Methodist. It isn't always pretty, but we openly debate our issues. Laity and clergy together. I don't know what will happen at the special general conference next year. I'm hoping we can hold together and continue to work out our challenges – even when we disagree. Because I think that's how things will help us most to shine a light on Christianity as the god way of dealing with little deaths. Because the fear of the little death – the giving up control – the fear of being wrong – the fear of appearing like we don't know what we're doing – the fear of fear itself – holds us back. Until we live into the God-plan that tells us again and again - for the new to arrive – somethings gotta give. We have to live in ways that show how deeply we believe that God has a plan for a mighty river of healing. Deep and wide that river. With orchards of trees bearing fruits for the healing of the people on the banks of that great river. Do we live as though we believe - new orchards will come from “little deaths” that life brings along? Do we? Then we may have to let go of some of the things we hold on to so that God can do the new things God is ready to do. We may have to plant our seeds and let them die so that we can receive the new fruits that are coming.

Friends – it has been a joy to serve among you these past 7 years. And I'm not leaving today – but I will be soon. For the times we did great things for God together I am thankful. For the struggles we've had – I'm also grateful because through struggles we grow and, hopefully, gain understanding. For any large or small way I've helped you and your church – I am blessed. For my failures and lapses and misunderstandings and any unkindness – real or imagined – I ask forgiveness as I offer mine in return. Most of all – I pray that you'll grow to embrace the changes and see change as a “little death” that brings new hope and new beginnings.

That's what I'm going to try to do, myself. And after all the little deaths I'll be watching for the new orchard springing up - and bringing new life! Can't you see it? It's right there – just ahead. A little bit further! Hold on – it's almost here!

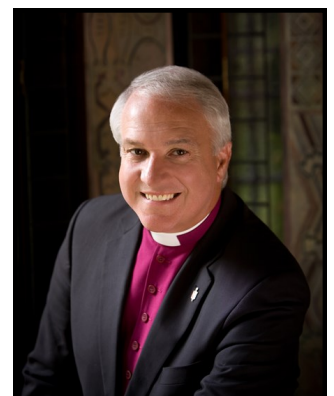
God bless and keep you. Amen.

BISHOP BICKERTON TO COME TO UMC OF DANBURY

We are pleased to announce that our church has been asked to host the Bishop's evening on our district on Tuesday, November 27, at 5:30pm. Clergy and laity from all around our district are welcome. We will begin with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by a presentation by Bishop Bickerton and by Mr. Ross Williams, administrative officer of our Conference.

Since our Bishop oversees hundreds of churches, it is not often that we get the chance to interact with him personally. This will be a good opportunity for the members of our church family to meet Bishop Bickerton and hear a message from him.

Because we will be preparing dinner for the group, each church needs to RSVP the number planning to attend. Please email our church office or speak to Pastor Kim if you can attend no later than Sunday, November 11.



JOIN US FOR



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
FORMER PASTOR KAREN EILER PREACHING
COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHILDREN'S SABBATH

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - CHILDREN'S SABBATH CELEBRATION
LAY SPEAKER MINNIE ROUSE PREACHING
WORSHIP COORDINATORS: PASTOR KIM, KARLENE
LOMBARDO, AND MINNIE ROUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

7:00PM UMC OF DANBURY HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION OF
RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY'S INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - 27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP



Save the Date

Saturday, December 1 - 5:00pm
3rd Annual Advent Auction

Sponsored by
The United Methodist Church
of Danbury

*A Holiday event open
to the public for
Food
Fellowship
Fund Raising*

*Please plan to join us in
Fellowship Hall for an
evening of Fun!*



3rd Annual Advent Auction Donation Form

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Description of Donated Item or Service:

Estimated Value: \$ _____ Restrictions (ie: specific dates, times or expiration):

Please feel free to copy this page and give to your:

**Hairdresser - Dry Cleaner - Favorite Restaurants - Gardener - Bakery - Jeweler
Grocery Store - Nail Salon - Barber - Dentist - Lawyer - ETC....**

For Donations of Goods or Services

Consider donating something you can do such as:

**Cooking a Meal - Yard Work - Hauling Stuff in your truck - Baking Desserts -
Sewing or Knitting Lessons - Babysitting - Pet Sitting**

We Appreciate your support for this "FUN"RAISER!

2018 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



A GIANT THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO:

- ◆ PLANNED
- ◆ SPONSORED
- ◆ SUPPORTED
- ◆ CREATED
- ◆ VOLUNTEERED
- ◆ SHOWED UP
- ◆ DROVE
- ◆ PICKED-UP
- ◆ COOKED
- ◆ BAKED
- ◆ ASSEMBLED
- ◆ CRAFTED
- ◆ FUNDRAISED
- ◆ ORGANIZED
- ◆ SORTED
- ◆ PRICED
- ◆ BOUGHT
- ◆ GREETED

TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Thank you EVERYONE for making our Festival profitable and fun!

It was glorious to have great weather and be able to use the bouncy house!

It looked like everyone was having a great time.

Special thanks is Patti Cohen-Hecht and Chris Russock for organizing our vendors and getting our program book together.

A BIG THANK YOU!

From Bev Anderson and Lucinda Johnson, Co-Chairs



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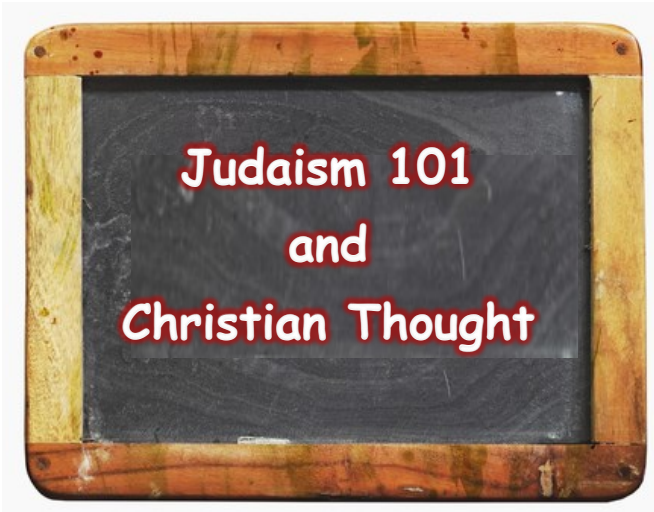


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**ANNUAL
CHURCH CONFERENCE
RE-SCHEDULED : THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 15
7:00pm**

This year's Annual Church Conference has been scheduled for Thursday, November 15 at 7:00pm. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Betsy Ott, will preside. The Conference is held annually in every church in order to allow every member of the congregation to have voice and vote in matters pertaining to the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 &
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

7:00PM - 8:30PM

Gerry Hecht will lead the presentation about the basics of Judaism and its relation to Christianity, Christian theology and Christian history.



There will be two 90-minute programs dealing with God, God's relation to the Jewish people and all humanity.



Saturday, November 10 is the first night for the ***Shelter From The Cold*** evening program. While you are out and about perhaps you can find gloves, hats and socks that the homeless can use!

If you have extra large jackets that you no longer need these can be donated too.



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



Helping Connecticut's Children in Need.

November brings Thanksgiving and our annual Food Bag Drive. Every year our congregation has generously filled bags with food to create a Thanksgiving dinner. These bags are then delivered to our social worker partner at DCF (Department of Children and Families) to be distributed to families in need.

We will have shopping bags with a food list attached as well as an envelope for a grocery store gift card in the Narthex starting the first Sunday of November, along with more details.

This is an opportunity to share our blessings with those who are struggling. We encourage you to use this opportunity as a way of showing God's love and our caring as we reach out to our community.

Blessings,

Phyllis Tranzillo, Chair



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

is a mission through the Samaritan's Purse organization that we participate in. It involves packing shoeboxes with gifts that are then sent out all over the world and presented to needy children in demonstration of God's love in a tangible way and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How can you participate? There are 6 easy steps.

1. Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox.
2. Decide whether your gift is for a boy or girl and the age category: ages 2 – 4; 5 – 9; or 10 - 14.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Select a quality “wow” toy, like a doll, ball or stuffed animal, and then other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.
4. Include a \$7.00 donation to cover shipping and other costs related to delivering shoeboxes overseas. Please write any checks out to the church and keep with the shoebox when dropping off during coffee hour. Or if you choose to give online, www.samaritanspurse.org, you can discover the destination of your shoebox.
5. Pray. Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.
6. Bring your gift to the church on or before November 19th. We will bring the shoeboxes to a drop off location that afternoon.

There are information sheets in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Lorena Tesbir at 203 733-0125.



Dear Friends and Family at the Danbury United Methodist Church,

Many of you may have heard that I am in Bethel Health Care.

I am working very hard to regain my strength. Everyone here is wonderful to me. I feel so blessed. Thank you for all of your support, calls, cards and visits. I greatly appreciate you all. Pray for me that I reach my goal to return home. I'm not going to rush it!

Faithfully yours, ***Dot Gadoci***

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, recognition, reception and gifts on September 30. It meant a lot to me. It has been my very great pleasure to be able to provide music ministry for the last 40 or so years and I have grown during that time with your patience and encouragement.

Blessing to you all. ***Barbara Kunicki***

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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

*Jan Elwell
Mary Holston
Lucinda Johnson
Karlene Lombardo
Joyce Morrison
Chris Russock
Sue Teer*



**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, November 5 at 7:00pm

The Cookhouse

31 Danbury Rd, New Milford, CT



**November Meeting
Sunday, November 11
12:00noon**

The visitation committee will be meeting on
Sunday, November 11 at 12:00pm after worship.

We hope everyone is visiting their
special person, and remembering

“To do good is to feel good.”

We are sure they look forward to seeing you
and that it helps to brighten their day.

We look forward to seeing you at the November
meeting and hope to get some feed back on how
our home bound members are doing.



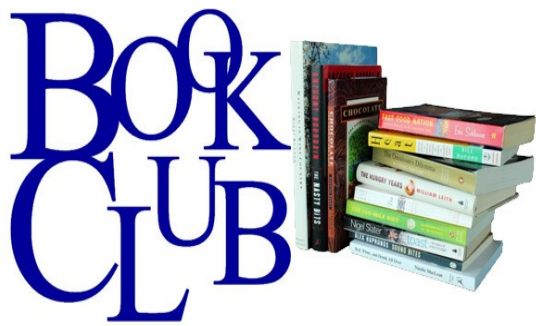
Altar Flowers

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

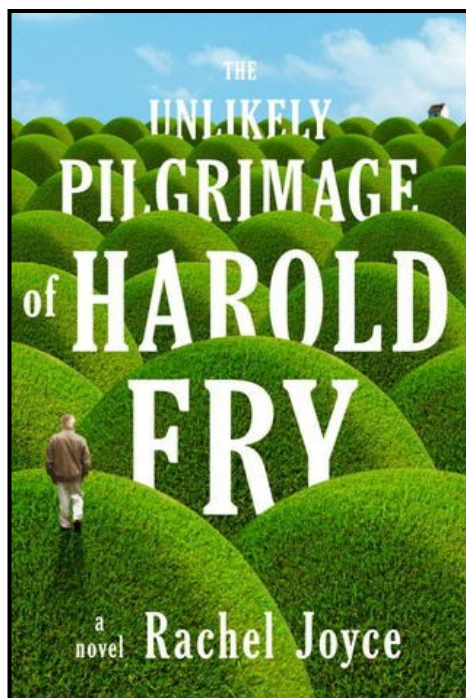


**The United Methodist Church
Book Club meets the
3rd Tuesday of each month.**

**The November meeting will take place on
Tuesday, November 13, 7:30pm
Room #1, UMC of Danbury.**

**Karlene Lombardo and Joyce Morrison
will co-host.**

**November's Book Selection:
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce**



**INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00pm**

This year we are privileged to be hosting the Danbury Interfaith Thanksgiving service, sponsored annually by the Association of Religious Communities. [The theme this year is "Imagining Civility!"](#)

Participants from all faith traditions and many houses of worship will be joining us. In addition to providing a warm welcome to all our visitors, we will be offering refreshments.

Please sign up in the narthex to bring something to share with our guests. (We are looking for finger foods, desserts, fresh fruits, etc.)

Many thanks for your support.



**NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE UMC WOMEN OF DANBURY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 2:30PM**

The November meeting of The United Methodist Women will take place on Sunday, November 4th at 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall at the church. It will be followed by a dessert social. Beverly Anderson will give a presentation about her experiences at Mission U this past summer.

Program: Helping Hands on Horseback.

Lynn Peters, Director of Volunteer Services at *Pegasus* and Candice Sciarrillo, Director of Development at *Pegasus* will give a presentation about therapeutic riding as a method to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and challenges. *Pegasus* is located in Brewster, New York. This program will be of interest to many individuals. Feel free to invite a friend. It is open to the public. Valerie Stagen and Karlene Lombardo will be the hostesses for this meeting. Any questions or concerns you may contact Karlene by calling 203-743-1260.



WESLEY VILLAGE 2018

 **CHRISTMAS WISH-LIST** 

It is getting to be that time of year again and we are requesting donations for Wesley Village. Donations will be collected November 4 through November 25 in the Narthex at church. Look for the specially marked, decorated box. We are collecting:

- ◆ Monetary donations for a beauty shop visit -\$12.00 and a resident outing - \$10.00.
- ◆ Health and Skin Care Products, such as: bar soap, liquid soap, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, lip balm, tissues, hand sanitizer and eyeglass wipes.
- ◆ Writing Supplies: pens and pencils, note paper, greeting cards, and stamps.
- ◆ Large print books, large print word search books and books on CD's – love stories, novels, mysteries.

This program has been renamed “Miracle on Long Hill Avenue”, because our gifts are the foundation of minor miracles. Any checks should be made out to United Methodist Homes. Please be generous. The gifts will be delivered to the Wesley Village Assisted Living Facility in Shelton, Connecticut on November 25 by Donald and Karlene Lombardo.



**CHILDREN'S SABBATH AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY
NOVEMBER 11, 2018 AT 10:30AM**

Please join the United Methodist Women for the national observance of Children's Sabbath, sponsored annually by the Children's Defense Fund. The theme for this year is ***"REALIZING DR. KING'S VISION FOR EVERY CHILD: Lives of Hope, Not Despair"***. We will lift a unified voice of concern for all children, and also celebrate the blessing of children in our midst. Everyone is invited. We will have a special worship and music. Come and plan to stay for a time of fellowship after the service.



On this 27th annual National Observance of the Children's Sabbath we will be joining thousands of places of worship all across the nation as together people of faith affirm that every child is loved by and precious to God. We celebrate fifty years after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. announced the Poor People's Campaign, and at a time that seems more devastating than we would ever have imagined. What would Dr. King say of our nation today in which over 13 million children still live in poverty in our rich nation? What would he say of our nation today when families flee to us in search of safe haven and are rejected, or instead ripped apart heartlessly? We will work for justice and raise a voice of concern with and for children and families in poverty. When we think of making a difference for our nation's children we must not become overwhelmed. How might we show compassion to those children around the world that need our understanding, support and prayers? We should continue to work individually and as a congregation to ensure that each child has a strong foundation, and an opportunity for success.





November 4

Scripture Reader	Carla Pierce
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

November 11

Scripture Reader	Carol Spaulding
People's Prayers	Mark Pierce
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Bev Anderson

November 18

Scripture Reader	David Johnson V
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

November 25

Scripture Reader	Phyllis Tranzillo
People's Prayers	Beverly Anderson
Counters	Star Auer Sue Teer

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



Marjorie Underhill	November 1
Craig Dibble	November 3
James Kunicki	November 4
John Woodin	November 5
Donna Doris	November 8
Penny McKown	November 9
Emily McWilliams	November 18
Joyce Morrison	November 21
Barbara Kunicki	November 23
Jade Cain	November 24
Julius Rouse	November 25
Bradley Vietrogoski	November 25
Elaine Zahara	November 26



Christmas Cookie BAKE SALE

There will be a cookie bake sale on Sunday, December 16 in the Narthex right after church. Would you please consider baking one or two batches of Christmas cookies for our bake sale? This will be a great way to get Christmas cookies for your holiday! Would you please put 4 cookies in a bag. If you have any questions please contact Bev Anderson 203-746-4800.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3





**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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