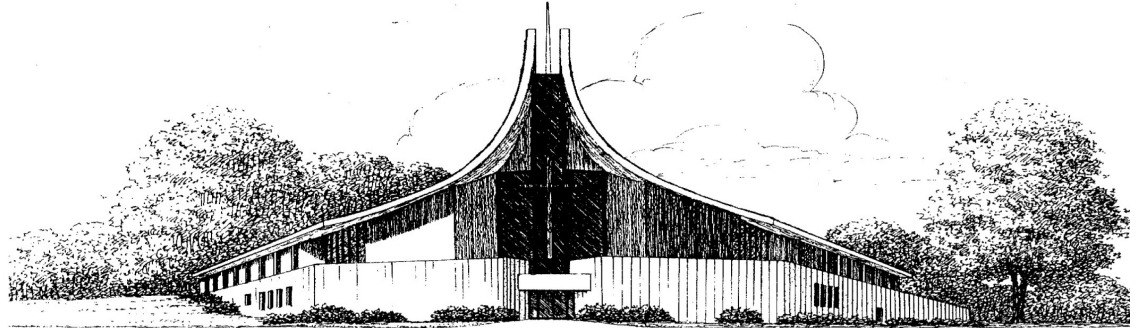




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NOVEMBER EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY 6PM
Thursday Night Life

Saturday, November 2

9:00am UMW District Meeting
12:30pm Music & Worship Meeting

Sunday, November 3

12:00pm SPRC Meeting
12:30pm Annual Church Conference

Monday, November 4

7:00pm UMM Dinner

Tuesday, November 5

7:00pm Advent Auction Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Saturday, November 9

12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, November 10

No Sunday School
12:00pm Education Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm SPR Committee
7:30pm Church Council

Monday, November 18

7:00pm Baby Clothing Bank Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, November 20

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm ASP Meeting

Thursday, November 21

6:30pm 50th Anniv. Meeting

Sunday, November 24

12:00pm Visitation Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, November 27

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:30pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, November 28-

Friday, November 29

THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY

UMCD OFFICE CLOSED

TOP TEN THINGS THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY IS THANKFUL FOR:

- #10. **Our Wonderfully Successful Annual Pumpkin Festival and our weekly Thursday Night Life Dinners.**
- # 9. **Our Terrific Music Ministry, including our Chancel and Bell Choirs.**
- # 8. **Our Dedicated Clergy and Professionals: Pastor Kim Bosley, Music Director, Andrew Levine and Church Administrator, Patti Cohen-Hecht**
- # 7. **Our Supportive United Methodist Women and Men.**
- # 6. **Our Visionary Leaders on our Church Administrative Council, including all of our hard working committees.**
- # 5. **Our Engaged and active Board of Trustees, Finance Team and Treasurer, and Staff Parish Relations Committee.**
- # 4. **Our Vital Religious Education Program, including Sunday school and Bible Study.**
- # 3. **OUR VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS!**
We are blessed with an engaged faith community who put both their time and treasures to work for our church.
- # 2. **Our Beautiful and Welcoming Sanctuary and our Altar Guild who keeps it that way.**

AND THE #1 THING WE ARE THANKFUL FOR:

- # 1. **God's unconditional love and grace.**



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:30pm

This year's Annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, at 12:30pm. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Riss, will preside. The Conference is held annually in every church in order to allow every member of the congregation to have a voice and vote in matters pertaining to the church. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.**



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 11¹/₂ Reams of White Paper
- ◆ Postage: Forever Postage Stamps



JOIN US FOR NOVEMBER



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, REV. TIM RISS PREACHING
12:00PM SPR COMMITTEE MEETING WITH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
12:30PM ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM WORSHIP
12:00PM EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHILDREN'S SABBATH: "UNITING HEARTS AND VOICES TO END CHILD POVERTY"

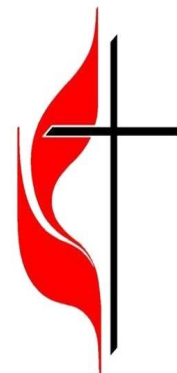
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP
MINNIE ROUSE PREACHING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES

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



2019 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, Chair



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

2019



Photos by Chris Russock



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 \$9.00 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 17. 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 see Kim Cain– Moreira or Lorena Tesbir.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

You don't have to be an opera singer. You don't have to be a famous recording artist. You don't have to be in the church choir. You don't even need to know how to carry a tune. You just need to want to share your Christmas spirit and share the love Christ to those in our church family that can't always make it out to worship with us on Sundays. **On Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 - 3:00pm** we hope to have two small groups of people to visit 2 or 3 locations and share their Christmas cheer.

For more information speak to Minnie Rouse, Kim Cain-Moreira or Lorena Tesbir



CHILDREN'S SABBATH NOVEMBER 17, 2019 10:30AM

The United Methodist Women are planning a special service on Sunday, November 17. Please join us in this national observance of Children's Sabbath which is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. The theme for this year is: "Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty". 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 28th 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 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. However, it is a moral disgrace and an economic threat that nearly 1 in 5 children is poor in the wealthiest nation on earth. Permitting more than 12.8 million children to struggle in poverty when we have the means to prevent it is unjust and costly.

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. Ending child poverty in America requires persistent and united efforts. How can each of us make a difference today?



Mission **SPOTLIGHT**

MISSION SPOTLIGHT A HEART FOR HELPING FAMILIES IN BLUEFIELD, WV

The UMW of Danbury have been sending donations of books for children and young mothers for the last six years to Mary's Cradle. They assist young families with basic needs. Lately this resource center has been inundated with greater and more urgent requests. This is a project of the United Methodist Church. Five churches in the area work together. The workers and volunteers at Mary's Cradle believe that when Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," He was talking to them and giving support to what they do at the center. They continue to serve some of the smallest and most vulnerable members of the Bluefield, WV community.

We are happy to be donating 3 boxes of books this year. Thank you to all that have supported the cost of mailing these books. A special thanks goes to Judy Vogt, Mary Lou Heyel, Sue Teer and Karlene Lombardo for their generosity of spirit!



WESLEY VILLAGE 2019

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 10 through December 1 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 December 1 by Karlene and Donald Lombardo. For more information please contact Karlene Lombardo: lombardodk@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

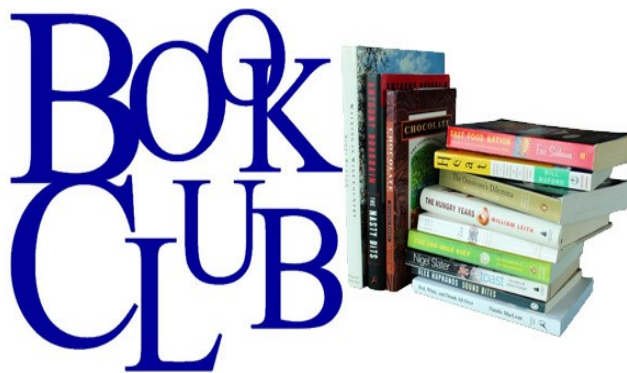
Monday, November 4 at 7:00pm

Royal Buffet and Grill
132 Danbury Road, New Milford, CT



Visitation Committee Meeting

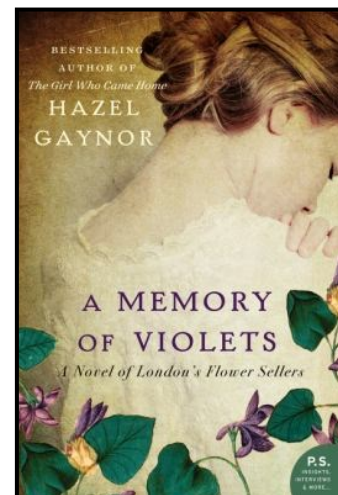
The Visitation Committee will meet on Sunday, November 24 following worship. The committee will be signing Thanksgiving cards. Please remember that we are a church family, and we show this by visiting our home bound members, with a phone call or a card.



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

The October meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 19 - 7:30pm** at the home of Karlene Lombardo **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Book Selection:
A Memory of Violets
By Hazel Gaynor



Save the Date

Saturday, December 7 - 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!*



4th 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!



Thanks to the generosity of our church family twenty students began their school year better prepared. We were able to deliver 20 filled backpacks to DCF (department of children & family). Our social worker was so excited, she was visiting a family that afternoon with school age children and could now bring them school supplies.

Thank you to all those who participated. Your participation not only helped children and families but also helped us work toward our mission of serving our community. We are so grateful for our loving church family.

Project Chair, Phyllis Tranzillo sends her heartfelt appreciation for your help in making this project a success.



Covenant to Care November brings one of our favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. There are so many things to be grateful for as we sit down to our Thanksgiving feast. One of the things we can be grateful for is the opportunity to help others be able to celebrate with a dinner. We are referring to our annual Thanksgiving Food Bag Project. This project is a wonderful opportunity for our Church and your family to demonstrate our commitment to help at-risk families in the Danbury community. Every year our generous congregation has filled bags with food to create a Thanksgiving dinner. In order to make the expense more manageable, 2 or 3 families may work together to fill a bag. This is a tangible way for us to share God's love. Shopping bags with a suggested shopping list attached and an envelope for a grocery store gift card will be available in the Narthex the 1st Sunday in November. Since Thanksgiving is late this year, we have until Sunday November 17 to return the filled bags. We will deliver them to our Covenant to Care partner at DCF (department of Children & Families) to distribute to families in need. We are grateful to be a part of this caring congregation and want to thank you for all the support you have given to this and other outreach projects over the years. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Tranzillo at 203-743-4342.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY



COVENANT TO CARE *Thanksgiving Food Bag Project*

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family and our Church to demonstrate our commitment to help at-risk families in the Danbury community and share our blessings. In order to make the expense more manageable, 2 or 3 families may work together to fill a bag.

**FILLED BAGS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE
NARTHEX BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

1 package - Stove Top Stuffing

1 can - Cranberry Sauce

1 can - Corn

1 can - Peas

1 can - Sweet Potatoes or Yams

Small bag of potatoes or 1 package of

1 can - Turkey or Chicken Gravy

1 Apple Juice in Plastic Bottle

6 Fresh Apples

1 package - Cookies

1 - \$10 Gift Card from any supermarket.

This card will be used by each family to apply towards the purchase of meat

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PHYLLIS TRANZILLO 203-743-4342**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT



The United Methodist Church of Danbury is currently working with a team of volunteers to develop a Baby and Toddler Clothing Bank here at UMCD. We will be seeking donations of new and gently used Baby and Toddler Clothing, in addition to financial contributions to stock our new endeavor.

Prior to accepting donations we will need:



- ◆ To accept donations once a month (time to be determined)
- ◆ Wash and fold the clothing

If you are interested in helping with this vital project, please contact our Church Administrator, Patti Cohen-Hecht at 203-743-1503 or danburyumc@sbcglobal.net

The Baby/Toddler Clothing Bank will benefit at-risk families in our community.



NOVEMBER 3

Greeters	Kim Goodwin Keith Goodwin
Scripture Reader	Chris Russock
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

NOVEMBER 10

Greeters	Sandy Esposito Frank Esposito
Scripture Reader	Carol Spaulding
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Bev Anderson

NOVEMBER 17

Greeters	Coralee DeMouth Don DeMouth
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

NOVEMBER 24

Greeters	Kim Goodwin Keith Goodwin
Scripture Reader	Phyllis Tranzillo
People's Prayers	Bev 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
Penny McKown	November 9
Robert Preston	November 14
Harold Banks	November 15
Emily McWilliams	November 18
Joyce Morrison	November 21
Barbara Kunicki	November 23
Jade Cain	November 24
Julius Rouse	November 25
Elaine Zahara	November 26





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 MISSION

**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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