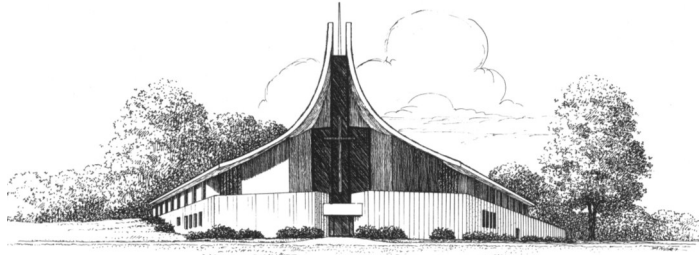




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

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Message from Pastor Kim

Confirmation: A Journey in Faith

On Sunday, May 17, four youth (three 8th graders and one 10th grader) will be confirmed as Christians at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Since Danbury UMC has not had a Confirmation class in some years, I wanted to say a word about what Confirmation means. When these young persons were baptized, their parents took a vow to do everything in their power to raise their children in the Christian faith. On May 17, they will make a public commitment to embrace Christianity for themselves. Although the Confirmation service will follow a year during which the Confirmands studied scripture, the basis for Christianity, and the foundation of the United Methodist Church, the truth is that they have been preparing for this moment since they were small children. They have attended Sunday school and worship at our church for years; thus, they grew up as children of our church. When they stand up and make their commitment to serve Jesus Christ, I would anticipate that it would be a moment of great pride for our entire church family, who actively participated in their Christian upbringing.

The Confirmation students were required to complete a brief project at the end of the year. Most chose to write an essay on their faith journey. As we discussed this in class, I was impressed with how free they felt to ask questions and to admit that there were many things about the Christian journey they still weren't sure about. One student ended his essay by saying, "I still have so many questions." And that is as it should be. Confirmation is intended to be the beginning, and not the end, of their faith walk. Their questions should be a reminder to all of us that our Christian journey is about feeling free to ask questions and not assuming that we have or should know all the answers.

As I told the class, "God never minds us asking questions." Asking questions of God, within the context of a faith community, is how we grow and mature in our faith. I really liked it when one of the Confirmands said: "I can safely say my faith journey has just begun; on the road to becoming a firm believer, I'm looking forward to everything I have left to learn."

Message from Pastor Kim (continued)

As four youth from our church family make their public commitment to serve Jesus Christ, I hope and pray that each one of you will see this year's Confirmation Service on May 17 as an opportunity to renew your own faith commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ; to reflect on and ask any questions that arise for you in your faith journey; and to understand that wherever you are in your life, that you will open your heart in new ways to the spiritual invitation for a closer walk with God and with all who are members of the body of Christ.

**Blessings In Christ,
Pastor Kim**

Special Note from Pastor Kim:

Though I sent an email through our email contact list about this matter, I realize not everyone gets email. I wanted to be sure that everyone has gotten the information that after a recent consultation with an orthopedic surgeon, I learned that I will need a joint replacement on my left knee. The surgery will take place on May 28 at the Hospital for Special Surgery (an orthopedic hospital) in New York City. It is anticipated that I will be away from work approximately 4 to 5 weeks. I have already let our District Superintendent know of the situation. In addition, I have arranged for Rev Jim Stinson to preach during the Sundays I will be out. I am grateful for his graciousness in being willing to continue to serve. I will be working with the SPR committee at our May meeting to address any other logistical concerns. In advance, I will be grateful for your prayers during the time of my surgery and recovery.

Worship Schedule for May 2015

May 3 Pastor Kim preaching	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion .
May 10 Pastor Kim preaching	<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship UMW Mother's Day Bake Sale during Fellowship time
May 17 Pastor Kim preaching	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship; Confirmation Service Special Confirmation Reception during Fellowship
May 24 Pastor Kim preaching	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship
May 31 Jim Stinson preaching	<i>1st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Worship



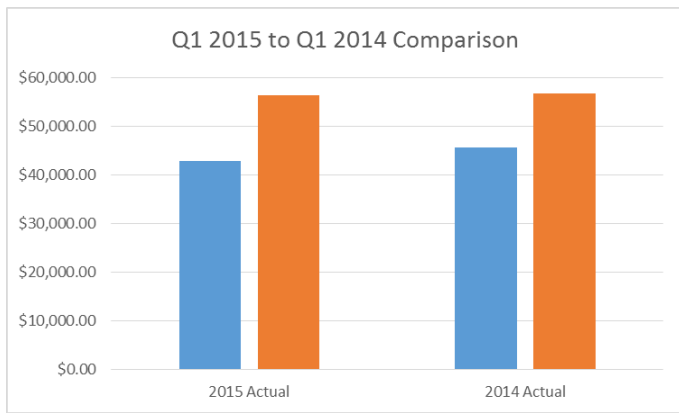
Child care is provided during 10:30am service

Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following 10:30 services

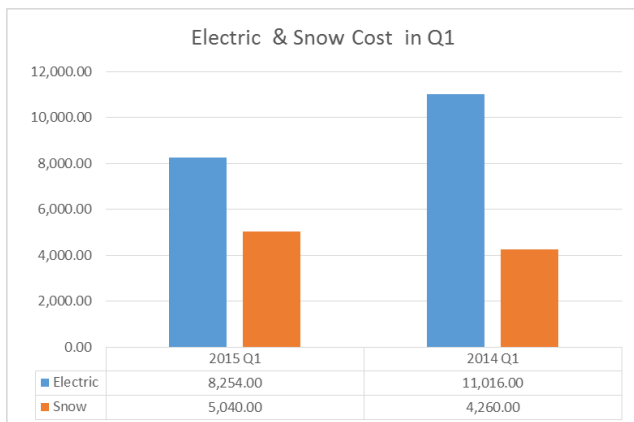
Financial Report

Q1 2015 Financial Update

Danbury UMC closed out Q1 2015 with income of \$42.8K and expenses of \$56.4K. This represents a \$2.7K decline in year-to-year income and \$300 decline in expenses. Q1 always has the highest expenses with heat/electric and plowing cost the highest in this quarter so it is not unusual to have much higher expenses than income in Q1. The chart below shows this year to year comparison for Q1. In addition, we missed one Sunday due to weather this year which also has had some impact on income.



So, how much did we save by having services down stairs this year? It has proven very difficult to know that for sure since the temperatures and weather have significant impact to electric bills and the biggest factor is the weather during Sunday morning. We do know that the temperatures were much colder this year with the month of February over 10 degrees colder on average than last year. Even with this we saved \$3.2K year to year on electric in Q1 as the chart below shows. Accounting for the colder winter I believe (not scientific here...) the real savings are closer to \$5K which is a very significant saving.



(Financial Report continued)

I will be posting detailed Q1 reports outside of the office on the board by the end of the month and am available for any questions or suggestions.

Keith Goodwin, email: k2goodwin@yahoo.co

Trustees April Report

Larry Bornemeier and Don Lombardo met with the Union Savings Bank concerning the final details of the loan for the roof replacement. The bank agreed that as the loan is reduced by a like amount of the CD's held for collateral would be available. Also, throughout the life of the loan, the CD's will still be subject to our discretion regarding the terms of maturity.

The time between giving Barrett Roofing the down payment and start of the job will be minimal, preferably in May.

Approximately \$8300 has been received toward the new roof and \$1,000 in future pledges received.

Kevin O'Shea mentioned that current four vent fans in the roof should be confirmed to be in working order by us as the project commences. Repair expenses should be minimal, estimated at \$200 average per fan.

The storage units we were to receive at no cost are still in use by the company and will not be available for the foreseeable future.

The new exterior Church doors will be painted as the weather warms up including the lower level doors.

A general cleanup of the grounds had to be rescheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday May 9th.

The parsonage needs include power washing the patio.

NOTE: The next Trustees Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday May 12 rather than the normal schedule of May 6th.

Larry Bornemeier

Sunday School News



MOTHER'S DAY IS
May 10th

The Sunday school kids will be preparing Coffee Hour for Mother's Day. We will meet downstairs in the kitchen/fellowship hall at 9:30am.

There will be no Sunday school on May 24th , the weekend of Memorial Day



Confirmation Update



Thank you to our Confirmation class for such an animated and I informative presentation on "Imagine No More Malaria" on Sunday, April 19th. Our church goal is to raise \$1000. What a great step towards bringing change in the world.

Our Confirmation Class along with mentors and family joined with the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Youth on April 19th for some outdoor fun. They played Wiffleball and roasted marshmallows. A nice afternoon for getting to know each other and our neighboring church's youth.



Women's Sunday School

The Women's Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings in Room 1 from 9:30-10:15am. (We rarely finish by 10:15). The purpose of the class is to study the Bible. We dig into the scriptures to see what the author was saying to his audience. That means we look at the happenings and we look at the author's response (teachings). Then we examine the text to see what it is saying today. What relevance does it have in our lives now? How can we avoid making the same mistakes? Studying the Bible helps us to learn about God: who is He and what does He want for us? It also enhances our lives by helping us to live more holy and living in service to God so that He is shown through us.

I read an article once entitled "Sunday School is for Life". Certainly, learning of God and living for Jesus is a lifetime endeavor. I've been in Sunday School almost all of my life and I invite you to join us on Sunday mornings. We are a small group but we have fun, we work hard and we love our Lord. As a matter of fact, this group will be giving a presentation on the Women of the Bible on June 14 during worship service.

Join us then, also. Minnie Rouse



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Pumpkin Festival News



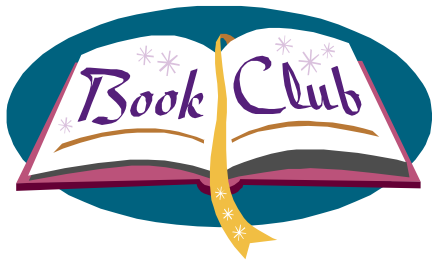
Plans are moving along

We have our co-leaders for the festival!!

***Lucinda Johnson, Kim Cain
and Bev Anderson***

Everyone is needed to make this another great festival. Please be watching for ways to help.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 15th at 7:00 pm



On Tuesday, May 19, we will be reviewing *Your Life Calling*, by Jane Pauley. Barbara Fulton will be hosting this month at her home, 7 Woodland Dr, Danbury, 203-748-7520

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

Thursday Night Dinners

May Menu

- May 7 Pork Roast
- May 14 Chicken
- May 21 Pasta
- May 28 Tacos

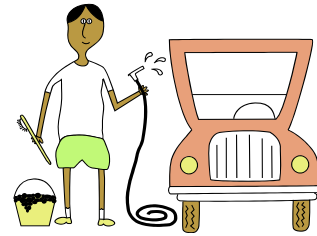


Dinners are from 6:00-6:30 PM
in the Fellowship Hall

\$3.00 per person

ASP News

A Good Car Wash for a Good Cause



Let your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors know about these great car washes.

- ◆ Sunday, May 3rd from 12 - 4
- ◆ Saturday, May 9th from 10 - 2
- ◆ Saturday, May 16th from 10 - 2
- ◆ Saturday, May 23rd from 10 - 2
- ◆ Sunday, May 31st from 12 - 4.



Men's Club Dinner

May 4th 7pm

DinerLuxe

108 Danbury Rd, New Milford

Join us on the 1st Monday evening of the month for food and fellowship.

For more information talk to Zeke Zahara
elaine7079@aol.com

Message to our Scripture Readers and Prayer Leaders from Mary Lou Heyel.....

The schedule for the coming year is being assembled. I am assuming that you will be continuing unless I hear otherwise.

If anyone would like to be added to the list, we would love to include you.

My number is 203-743-4330 or email me at mheyel55@sbcglobal.net



May 9th- An Activity for Everyone!!

➔ CHURCH YARD SPRING CLEAN UP

9am-Noon

Spring is finally here and it is time to spruce up the church grounds. We will be weeding, raking, mulching & trimming and *we need everyone's help*. If you bring your rakes, gloves and kids, we will bring the coffee and donuts! See you there--- YOUR Trustees

➔ CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS BY THE POUND

9am-2pm

We are working with clothingdrivefundraiser.com and we'll receive a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect. Please bring all types of used wearable clothing. All sneakers and shoes. Blankets, sheets, bedspreads, pillows, drapery, curtains, tablecloths, bath rugs, towels, comforters, Toys i.e. stuffed animals, cars, planes, blocks, etc. PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS but DO NOT DROP OFF UNTIL May 9th

For more info, call Minnie Rouse (203-312-3740)

➔ SECURE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

10am-1pm

This is our Second Annual Paper Shredding event to benefit our church. ProShred of Wallingford, CT, will have their secure truck in the upper parking lot. The cost will be \$10 for every standard "archive" box (approximately 15" X 12" X 10") full of paper. For larger boxes, the price will increase \$5.00 per size according to the container.

Take advantage of the convenience and security of having your personal and business documents disposed of by the pros. Tell your neighbors and family.

For more info, contact Chris Russock (860-799-7878)

➔ ASP CAR WASH

10am-2pm

Adults and kids will be hand washing and drying your car. All proceeds will benefit the Danbury ASP trip to Appalachia this summer to help make homes Warmer, Safer and Drier.

➔ BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION

10am-2pm

Bring your deposit bottles and cans to the Appalachia Service Project car wash. All proceeds will benefit the Danbury ASP trip to Appalachia this summer to help make homes Warmer, Safer and Drier.

United Methodist Women



Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale

May 10th, immediately after church service

Calling all bakers— ladies, men, kids --to bake cookies, brownies, small quick

bread, cakes or pies. <<It would be great if Ethel Rogers could make her famous bread that is always a big hit>>

Please package the cookies 6 to a zip bag, and brownies 4 to a bag. If you would like to drop off your baked goods on Saturday, May 9th. The church kitchen will be open from 10am-11am. Thank you to all our bakers, remember this is a bake and take event.

Any questions, see Val Stagen (203-792-9641) or Myra Tesbir (203-746-2262)

June UMW Meeting

On **Tuesday, June 2nd**, there will be a United Methodist Women's meeting at the home of Donald and Karlene Lombardo. This meeting will start at 6pm. Rather than the usual pot luck the Lombardo's will be providing grilled chicken and hot dogs. Starting May 17th there will be a sign-up sheet, I n the Narthex, of the church for sides, desserts, etc. to bring and share.

We will have a brief service to commemorate and collect for the World Thank Offering. We are well on our way to achieving our 24th year as a Five Star Unit! Please bring any labels for education. These will be sent to The Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. They are used to provide much needed items. Please make every effort to attend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship. If you have any questions, or need a ride, contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260.



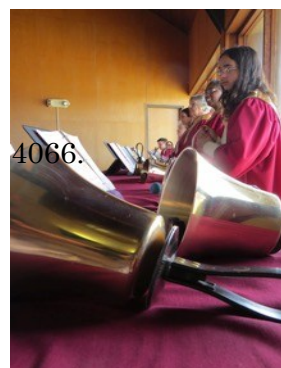
Music at DUMC

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir



At Danbury UMC we have many ways to be part of God's choir—

Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Impulse Choir, Children's Sunday School Choir



For more information, speak to Carol Spaulding, or phone her at 203-778-4066.



"ROCK FOR A CAUSE"

Benefit Concert

An evening of Love, Hope and Faith

Featuring the

Good News Gospel Choir of Weston, CT

SUNDAY, MAY 3 7:00pm

Danbury UMC Sanctuary

Concert is to benefit a local Danbury family through the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Tickets: \$20, senior/student \$15 & families of 3 or more \$30.



Outreach



May it just around the corner and so is Mother's Day. For Covenant to Care that means DIAPERS!

For the last couple of years we have assisted our social worker partner with supplying diapers for Mom's in need of help. Last year we decided to do our Diaper Drive in May. It seemed like a natural connection. So for the month of May I will be collecting disposable diapers in any and all sizes. There will be a container/basket in the Narthex the first Sunday in May and through out the month.

As always if you would like to participate and don't have the time to shop, I will gladly accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you. Otherwise watch for sales and coupons, diapers are much more expensive than I remember!

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help and for your generosity. Blessings, Phyllis Tranzillo

Fund Raising Breakfast for Renewal House.



Please join me for breakfast at WCSU Westside Campus for Renewal House, from 7:30am to 9am. This is the major fund raiser for Renewal House. Renewal House is a program for folks that are 58+ and homeless or in danger of being homeless. We offer them a place to stay and help them with programs, that they need to recapture their independence. Some need help getting medical care, get on waiting lists for housing, learning to balance a check book, these are a few of the things that help is needed with. Renewal House has a 93% success rate. When folks "graduate" from the program, Renewal House is still there to help along the way.

Here is an idea of where and how much money is spent on: one hour of individual counseling \$25; two weeks of case management service \$60; one month of meals for a resident \$125 and for one month of shelter \$275.

I would love to see you at the breakfast!! The table is paid for, all you need to bring is yourself and a donation, I hope to see you there. Please let me know if you are coming so I can get you at the UMC table and give you directions.

Thanks
Bev Anderson
203-746-4800



Bike & Build

bikeandbuild.org
Pedaling for Affordable Housing

Our group of 31 cyclists arrives on June 14th and will be leaving on the 15th. We provide them a place to spend the night with dinner on Sunday night, the 14th, and breakfast on Monday morning, the 15th.

To accommodate our guests' dietary requirements (10 are vegetarians and one is lactose intolerant) this is what we would like:

Milk, regular and for the lactose-free

cereal (the small individual boxes would be best and easier for them to pack)

Yogurt

Fruit

Juice

Hotdogs and rolls

Salad

Chips and dips

Soda

Hamburgers and rolls

Power bars of any type

Water bottles

We received a donation of veggie burgers and I believe we have enough.

If you have questions you can call Bev Anderson 203-746-4800 or Mark Pierce 203-744-2860



IN BILL'S HONOR

Our UMCD Men's Club is honoring the very deserving Bill Grandison by purchasing a brick in his honor at the Veterans' Walkway at the War Memorial, Rogers Park.

Bill served as a Private First Class in the US Army from 1942-1946. During this time he fought in many of the pinnacles of World War II. His remarkable career transported him from Omaha Beach, to Berlin, to Jersey Isles. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge, Siegfried Line, Roer, Remagen and Rhine, and the Defense of Fusa. His final role was as an Inspirations Ambassador in Germany.

The Grandison Family has been a member of our congregation for 50 years! Bill, at the very spry age of 90, resides near his daughter in New York State. Your note of appreciation will put a familiar smile on this cherished veteran:

William Grandison,
Ingersoll Place, Assisted Living #235,
3359 Consaul Road,
Niskayuna, NY 12304

New bricks will be installed in Veterans' Walk by Memorial Day. Congratulations to our Men's Club for their tribute to this hero! For more information about to Veteran's Walk of Honor at the Danbury War Memorial, go to <http://veteranswalkwayofhonor.org>

Memorial Day Geraniums To celebrate our veterans on Memorial Day Sunday (May 24th)

The geraniums may be purchased to keep, or to be given to a veteran living at a local assisted living home. Each geranium may be given in honor of or in memory of a special veteran or a loved one. These geraniums will be placed around our church altar on the 24th of May. There will be a special red, white and blue bunting to add to this presentation for our veterans.

*** Plants on sale April 19th to May 17th ***

Red only; \$5.00 each (4" size)


Sponsored by: The United Methodist Women of Danbury

To place orders: Contact Karlene Lombardo personally, at 203-743-1260, or lombardodk@netzero.com.

Checks should be made out to The United Methodist Women of Danbury (All proceeds go to mission giving.)



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