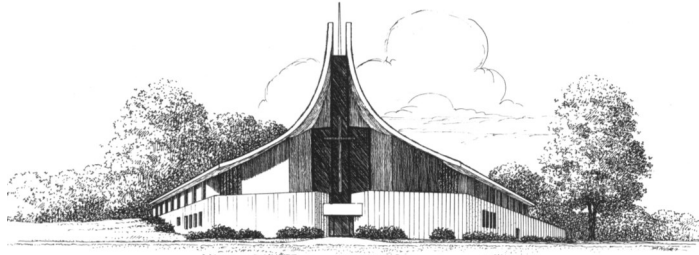




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Pumpkin Festival!

Saturday, the 3rd
10AM to 4 PM

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, the 4th
1:30 PM

Dorothy Day

Saturday, the 10th
Noon

Church Council

Wednesday, the 14th
7:30 PM

Bible Study

Thursday, the 15th
7:00 PM

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, the 18th
10:30 Worship

UMW Fall Meeting

Tuesday, the 27th
7:00 PM

Message from Pastor Kim

This Day....Protect Your "Miracle" Vision

"Morning in a New Land"

"In trees still dripping night some nameless birds
Woke, shook out their arrowy wings, and sang,
Slowly, like finches sifting through a dream.
The pink sun fell, like glass, into the fields.
Two chestnuts, and a dapple gray,
Their shoulders wet with light, their dark hair streaming,
Climbed the hill. The last mist fell away.

And under the trees, beyond time's brittle drift,
I stood like Adam in his lonely garden
On that first morning, shaken out of sleep,
Rubbing his eyes, listening, parting the leaves,
Like tissue on some vast incredible gift."

Mary Oliver

In coming upon this lovely poem, I was reminded of the gift God gives us in each new day. Each day we wake up and receive a new beginning of sorts: a clean slate, a chance to begin again or try something new. We have no way of knowing what the day will bring. Will it bring a surprise? Will it bring more problems? Do we feel hope or do we feel dread?

What each day will bring is to a great extent out of our hands. But what we bring to the day is very much in our hands. It is a wonderful spiritual discipline to begin the day with some prayer time. Your prayer can be as simple as asking God to be with you throughout the day. In this way, you can be sure that whatever the day brings you, you can bring God with you as you make your way through it.

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Worship Schedule for October

Oct. 4th



World Communion Sunday

- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 Worship; Holy Communion served;
 Pastor Kim preaching.
- 1:30 Blessing of the Animals:
 Grassy island in parking lot.

Oct. 11th

20th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 Worship; Pastor Kim preaching.

Oct. 18th

Children's Sabbath

- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 Worship; Special Music and Message
 for Children's Sabbath; Minnie Rouse
 preaching.

Oct. 25th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 Worship; Pastor Kim preaching.

Child care is provided during our 10:30 am service

Join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the 10:30 service.

Pastor Kim: "Your Miracle Vision"

I also like to begin the day by simply thanking God for the gift of **this** day. When we pause to give thanks, it helps us keep in perspective that whatever our physical limitations, whatever our challenges, whatever our anxieties, **this** day is a gift. It is enough to be alive. To be able to draw a breath. To be able to greet a neighbor. To be able to enjoy the little miracles that are always there for the seeing. Protect your "miracle" vision. Don't let a busy schedule or a preoccupation with problems blind you. "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Pastor Kim

Children's Sabbath

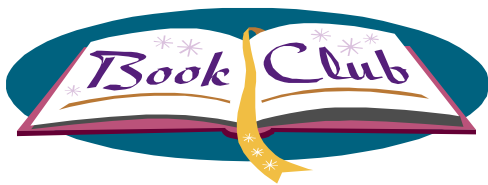
Special Worship on October 18th

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 "How Long Must I Cry for Help". 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. There will be festive and meaningful decorations. Come and plan to stay for a time of fellowship after the service.

A prayer by Marian Wright Edelman:

O God, grant us Your vision in our time. Help us to write it so large that even a runner can see it. Make it so compelling that even a cynic will pause, so convincing that a skeptic will risk trying to bring hope to others, and so inspiring that the committed will stand courageously in faith, leaving the results to You.

- Karlene Lombardo



The next Book Club will be hosted by Joyce Morrison and Karlene Lombardo. It will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at the Lombardo's, 70 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury.* It will start at 7:30PM. The book is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Plan to be there and join in on the discussion.

**Please note that this is a different location than what is on our list.*

Please Join Us This Fall For "The Call"

What would lead a 1st century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and land....to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately killed for his faith? It was a **call**. A **call** from God. A **call** to follow Jesus Christ. A **call** to turn the world upside down.

This is the story of the apostle Paul, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, whose writings continue to shape the lives of 1/3 of the world's population, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Join us this fall as we re-trace Paul's journey and we study the remarkable life and life-changing message of the apostle Paul. "The Call", is a six week study developed by UM pastor Rev. Adam Hamilton, featuring a weekly DVD presentation, Bible study, and group discussion. You will learn a lot and enjoy the fellowship and company of fellow Christians.

The Call will start on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. and continue through Thursday, Nov. 19. Each session will last an hour and a half. Everyone is welcome and no prior knowledge is required. But we do need to know you are planning to attend in order to prepare materials. Please see Pastor Kim to sign up.



Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.
We are the people of the
United Methodist Church.

Trustees

In lieu of a regular trustee meeting, a special meeting was held on September 15th to hear a presentation by Darin Meny, Principal with Cenaxo Construction Company regarding the column replacement. Several options and cost values were presented. After the presentation the trustees continued the meeting to discuss various payment/financing proposal options.

We are to receive a second proposal later in September from Petra Construction Company. Once the second proposal is received, the trustees will review both proposals and make a recommendation to the church council and then to the congregation for approval prior to making any commitment.

-Larry Bornemeier

Visitation

There will be a brief meeting following church on Oct 18th.in room 3.This will be a busy time as we will be signing Thanksgiving cards for the shut ins as well as discussing a small Christmas gift for them. The next time we will meet will be in December, and I will distribute your gifts to deliver to the shut ins. Get your pens ready to sign those cards..

- Val Stagen

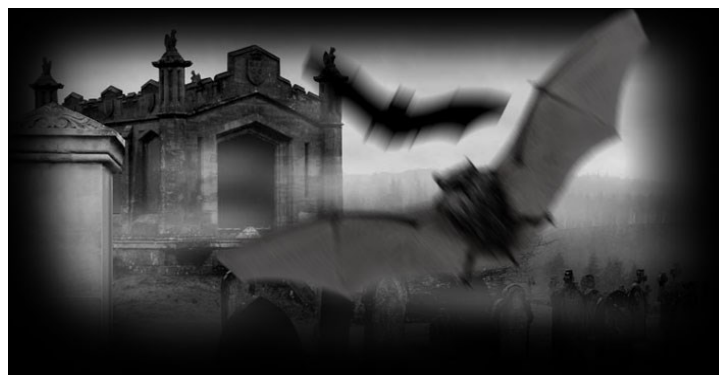
Youth Group News



Ten youth from our church joined other 8th to 12th graders from Immanuel Lutheran at their kick-off picnic on September 20th. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed yummy food and got to know each other.

Next up is a Lake Compounce Fall Outing on October 24th from 5 to 11 pm. After pizza at Immanuel Lutheran, the group will carpool to Compounce to enjoy their scary Fall festivities. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

BAT CAVE



BE THERE AND BE SCARED!!!



**A Vital Congregation
Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the
Transformation of the World!**



**Men's Club Dinner
October 5th @ 7pm
Widow Brown's**

Join us on the 1st Monday evening of teach month for food and fellowship. For more information talk to Zeke Zahara (203-746-2043).

Last Day to Order: October 3



Our Flowerpower fundraiser is in its last week. Select from their beautiful offerings including Spring bulbs, herbs, a calendar and a cookbook. The Church receives 50% of orders.

How to order

By Computer: Flowerpowerfundraising.com. Click in the upper right corner, Type in Danbury United Methodist and you will go to our church's order page.

By Paper: Order Forms are in the Narthex. Fill out and return to Sue Teer.

Pork Roast Dinners

Due to the lack of support for these fellowship and fundraising events, the dinners scheduled for October and November have been canceled.



Do you like to Sing????

DUMC has 2 ways to participate—

Chancel Choir and Impulse Choir.

Choose EITHER or BOTH!

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 and again on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. It is a wonderful way to share your talents, learn new music and have fun. All types of voices have a place in God's choir! No experience necessary.

Impulse Choir

If you are unable to make a long term commitment, this is for you... The Impluse Choir practices at 9:30 before they sing at worship service; usually every 6 weeks or so. The songs are quick to learn. Its exciting to praise the Lord with song. Come and give it a try any time!

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



THANKSGIVING PIES BY THE "UMC HOLY ROLLERS"

Keep this part for pickup!

Pies will be baked and frozen by the Holy Rollers. The pies are delicious!!! The Holy Rollers will be baking pumpkin and apples pies for you to order. Please fill out this order form, and return to: Myra Tesbir or Bev Anderson by **October 25**. Pick up on Sunday November 22, in the kitchen or make arrangements with Bev Anderson.

Apple pie how many? _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Pumpkin How many? _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Return this portion to: Myra Tesbir or Bev Anderson by **October 25, 2015**.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Apple: # _____ Amount \$ _____

Pumpkin; # _____ Amount \$ _____

IOU _____ Amount \$ _____

Check Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Cash _____ Amount \$ _____

**“What does the LORD
require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness and
to walk humbly with your God.”**

“Micah 6-8”

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women Fall Meeting



On Tuesday, October 27th, at 7PM, there will be a United Methodist Women's meeting in the community room of *The Palace View Apartments* located at 132 Main Street in Danbury. (From Main Street turn right at Bank Street. *The Palace View* is on the left. Please enter at the back of the building. (It is a ground level entry, and there is room for parking.) The theme for this meeting is: "The Heart and Soul of Mission". Beverly Anderson will share her experiences at Mission U which she attended this past July. There will be a speaker from "Healing Hearts" which is a support service for children and families in our area. Shirley Fogle and Karlene Lombardo are the hostesses for this meeting. A dessert social and time of fellowship will follow.

Please make every effort to attend. If you have any questions, or need a ride, contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260.

Pumpkin Festival 2015.....THIS SATURDAY, THE 3RD

Join your sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends as we roam the Pumpkin Patch, shop at our 22 craft vendors, choose a book or two (they are categorized!), if you dare visit Justin's Haunted House, select from a great variety of jams and jellies, decide on what to have for lunch (burger, dog, chowder, grilled cheese, chili.....), shop the driveway for Junk in the Trunk, enjoy the offerings at the Country Store, watch the kids delight in games, select vintage jewelry, try to decide on how many of the wonderful baked goods to take home (sorry, no sampling). Don't forget the Fire Truck and Fire Safety info! You and your friends and neighbors will understand why the United Methodist Church of Danbury's Pumpkin Festival is a GREAT place for families to have fun!



Blessing of the Animals.....

THIS SUNDAY, THE 4TH, at 1:30

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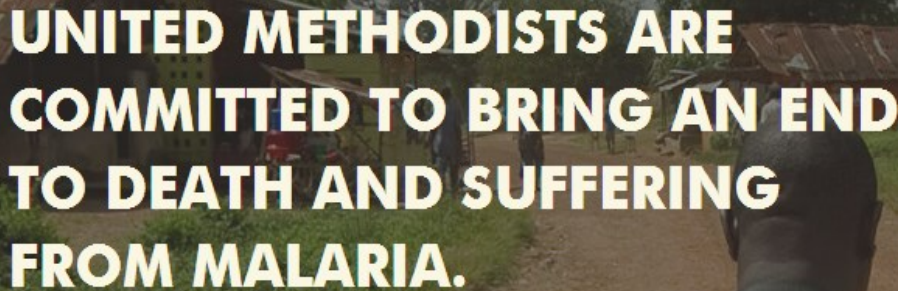
Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding

Church Administrator: Patti Cohen-Hecht

Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler

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Imagine ending millions of lives
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MALARIA 101



**UNITED METHODISTS ARE
COMMITTED TO BRING AN END
TO DEATH AND SUFFERING
FROM MALARIA.**

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Deadline for the November 2015
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