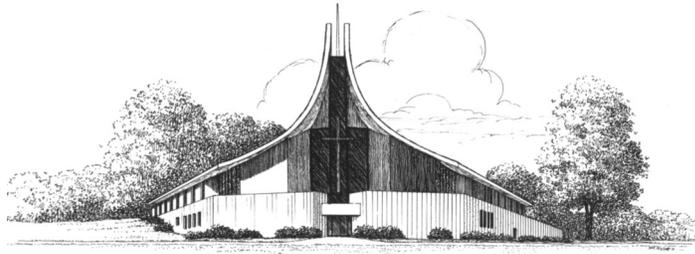




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Men's Club Dinner

3/7 7pm

Corned Beef Dinner

3/11 5-7pm

Youth Group

3/13 4-6pm

Book Club

3/15 7:30pm

Services Resume in Sanctuary

3/20 10:30am



Easter Activities

*** March 27 ***

Sunrise service 7am

Pancake Breakfast
8am

Service in the
Sanctuary 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt
following service

Thursday Night
Dinners

EVERY Thursday
6pm

Message from Pastor Kim

As we continue the journey through Lent, the 40 day season of spiritual preparation for Easter, it's a good time to take stock and ask ourselves the traditional Wesleyan question: "How goes it with your soul?" "How goes it" with your soul as you journey to the cross with Jesus Christ?

As I said in last Sunday's sermon, Lent is a season filled with contradictions. It is a season during which we are invited to take a hard look at our failures, but also one in which we are reminded who we are and where we belong. It is a season during which we are asked to repent but also one during which we are reminded how very much God loves us.

An image that I am finding helpful in my own spiritual journey through Lent this year is that of the Good Shepherd: the shepherd who protects; watches over, and offers abundance. Left to our own devices, we humans get into all manner of difficulties. Facing challenges of all sorts, the journey would be so much more difficult if we were left alone to find our own way. But we are not left alone: we have a shepherd to guide us and lead us through treacherous passes into meadows of comfort.

As I was reflecting on the image of God as our Good Shepherd, I happened upon the 23rd Psalm from The Message translation of the Bible. In my younger days, I was something of a purist in terms of wanting to rely only the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (which I learned in seminary is closest to the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible, respectively). However, I have felt for some time now that whatever avenue gets us closer to God is the avenue we should take, and that avenue may be more contemporary translations of the Bible in our devotional studies. I encourage you to experiment to find the translation that makes God the most accessible to you.

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Along those lines, I offer you the words from the 23rd Psalm from The Message translation of the Bible for your own Lenten contemplation:

Psalm 23 (The Message)

God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley,
I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

Blessings, Pastor Kim

Update from Worship and Music Committee

The Worship and Music committee met in January 31. We have decided to continue with worship service in the fellowship hall thru March 13, partly so we can continue to enjoy the multi media aspect of worship, partly due to lower attendance in the winter months and partly to continue our cost saving efforts. We can symbolically march as the followers of Jesus triumphantly back into the sanctuary to celebrate Palm Sunday!

Thanks for your support during our time in the fellowship hall and an especially big thank you to the chair setting team of Bev Anderson and Debbie, Jim and Cliff Davis.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:30AM
10:30AM

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
HOLY COMMUNION
PASTOR KIM PREACHING.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:30AM
10:30AM

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

9:30AM
10:30AM

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES
WORSHIP BACK IN SANCTUARY
SPECIAL READING OF PASSION NARRATIVE

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:30PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
OBSERVING THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE
DRAMATIC READINGS AND MUSIC

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
INFORMAL SERVICE OFFERING COMMUNION
AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER

8:00AM
10:30AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WORSHIP SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
SPECIAL MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR 10:30 SERVICE
FOLLOWING WORSHIP OUTDOOR EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

Winter Worship Continues in the Fellowship Hall Through March 13th

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for our Winter Worship Format that includes lots of music, audio visuals and a warm and friendly atmosphere

Child care is provided during 10:30 am service

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



Sunday School News

Heifer International

Every Sunday during Lent the Sunday school will be **collecting pocket change** as part of their Lenten project. This change will go to the Heifer international project to help end hunger and poverty.

Heifer International is an organization that empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity by providing them with the tools they need to achieve self-reliance. It was inspired by the “teach a man to fish” philosophy.

(for more information: www.heifer.org)



Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals they provide bring both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs, and honey that can be traded or sold at market.

The “passing on the gift” model means that families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing the family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities!

We are hoping that our church family will support our project to help change a family’s life by donating their pocket change. Together we can help make the world a better place one family at a time.



Easter Egg Hunt



We will be having our traditional “Easter Egg Hunt” after service on **Easter Sunday, March 27**, for children 10 years old and younger. It is always a fun time and we are looking forward to watching the children gather their eggs.

Hope you will be able to join us!

Candy Collection

The Easter Bunny could use help collecting individually wrapped candy for the children’s Easter egg hunt.



There will be a box for collection put out the **first Sunday in March**.

Thanks for your help.

Blessings, Phyllis Tranzillo

United Methodist Women

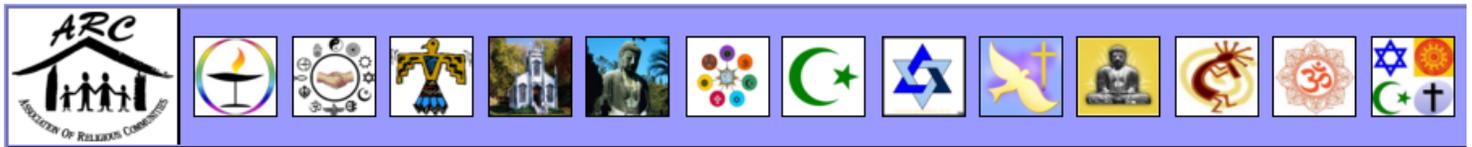
Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm

Presentation by ARC, Association of Religious Communities

On **Tuesday, April 5th**, there will be a United Methodist Women’s meeting at 7 p.m. It will take place in the community room at the Palace View Apartments located at 132 Main Street in Danbury.

The program is entitled “Peace as Action”. There will be a presentation by one of the staff members at ARC for Peace. We will be hearing about the “Peace Camp” that is held each summer for children ages 8-11. This is their thirteenth year of helping young people discover “What Peace Means” to a different world religion. The children have fun as they visit five sacred sites in our community. A dessert social, featuring a special birthday cake to celebrate our twenty-five years as a Five Star Unit will follow the meeting. A collection of non-perishable food items will be received for “Comida” ARC’s food pantry.

Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, or need a ride, contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260 or Shirley Fogle at 203-748-1307.



Visitation Committee

Spring is right around the corner and then comes Easter. Won't it be great to see some flowers popping up and hear the birds sing, and the days getting longer. What a wonderful awakening!

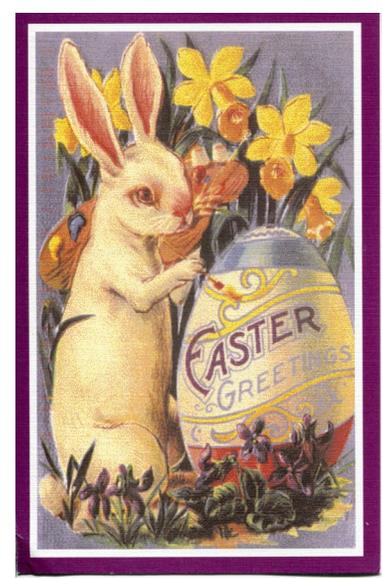
It is now time to spread some Easter blessings to our shut ins by signing some Easter cards. So hop on over after church and let's get those cards in the mail.



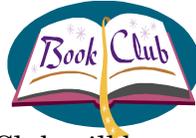
The Visitation Committee will meet on Sunday, March 20th right after church in Room 3.



Please join us....Valerie Stagen.



The Evening Book Club



The next meeting of the UMCD Book Club will be **Tuesday, March 15th**, 7:30pm. Barbara Fulton will be hosting us at her home, 7 Woodland Dr, Danbury. (203-748-7520) This month's selection is The Alchemist, by Pablo Coelho.

If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 7pm.

Come once or every time. All are welcomed.



United Methodist Men

UMM meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm

for comradery, good food, and interesting discussions.

Please Join us for March's Dinner

March. 7th at 7PM



Applebee's, 57 Federal Rd, Danbury

For more information contact Zeke Zahara at elaine7079@aol.com

DOES YOUR CAR NEED A LITTLE LOVE??

| | <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| ASP can help ... | Sat | 3/19/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sat | 3/26/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| Come to the upper parking lot on any of these dates and we will make your car sparkle. | Sat | 4/2/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sat | 4/9/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sun | 4/17/16 | 12:00-4:00 |
| | Sat | 4/23/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| Any donation accepted. | Sun | 5/1/16 | 12:00-4:00 |
| | Sat | 5/7/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sat | 5/14/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sat | 5/21/16 | 10:00-2:00 |
| | Sun | 5/29/16 | 12:00-4:00 |
| | Sat | 6/4/16 | 10:00-2:00 |





ASP Rally -Tuesday , March 8th

Everyone that intends to take part in the trip this summer should plan to attend this meeting. We are always looking for adults and teenagers that are interested. Please pass this on.

A list of orientation dates and responsibilities, required forms, a listing of training and fund raising dates are available on our web site, www.danburymethodist.org/asp. Please bring completed forms or plan to complete them at the Rally.

Thanks, Don Demouth



Scenes from the ASP Spaghetti Dinner



Thank you for supporting the ASP Spaghetti Dinner last month. Our kids and adults served over 110 plates of delicious spaghetti to our wonderful supporters.

You help make our trip possible!

Youth News

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Campfire, singing and s'mores — does it get any better??

That's the plan for the next Youth Group event

Date: Sunday, March 13th, 4-6 pm

Place: The Spaulding's - 9 Colonial Drive, Danbury.

The game plan:

4:00 - arrive and mingle (maybe a short ice breaker since we have not seen each other since January)

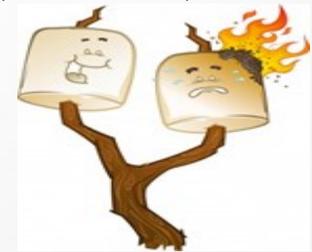
4:15 - Songs

4:45 - snacks around an outside fire

5:15 - Songs continued

5:55 - Wrap up, closing prayer

RSVP by March 6th: Kim Goodwin (203-738-9351) or Carol Spaulding (203-778-4066)



New Leader for our Youth Group Needed

Last Fall our middle and high school kids joined with the kids from Immanuel Lutheran Church to become a very active, inquisitive and fun group. Kim Goodwin has lead this effort, with the help of Brian and Carol Spaulding, David Zeigler and Kevin O'Shea, through the idea and implementation stages. She now has taken on the role of Evangelism Chair and can no longer dedicate the time needed to ensure the group remains successful. As we have the basics in place, the role of Youth Group chairperson will focus on setting up monthly events with ILC and communicating to the youth.

Our youth are the future of this church. Would you be interested in joining the Youth Group Team or becoming the chairperson?

Please contact Kim Goodwin for more information at 203-738-9351 or k2j2goodwin@yahoo.com



Outreach—2 updates from our Outreach Chair

The *Shelter from the Cold* evening program is located at St James AME Church on William Street. It is a very nice location and the congregation has been very welcoming! The Pastor's son, Trevor, volunteers with me on Saturday nights. Trevor is a senior at Wooster.

1. We were open for 31 evenings in January
2. A total of 1,125 folks took advantage of the shelter in January
3. Two hair stylists from New Beginnings Salon in Stony Hill came and gave haircuts in January
4. Guests completed a 1500 piece cereal box puzzle which is now on display at Dorothy Day. It is hanging near the bread shelves. We started a 4000 piece puzzle but did not have a table big enough to put it on, so it went back in the box and the congregation at St. James AME is working on a solution for us!
5. There are some serious domino players!

I would like to thank all those that have helped me with their donations. It isn't easy living on the streets, just imagine walking the streets from 6am till 6 pm every day and having to carry all your belongings with you! The police issue tickets to the homeless for sitting on public benches and for loitering too long by the library. Businesses really frown upon them walking through their establishments. It is very difficult for them to find rest rooms that they can use. It isn't an easy life and I'm thankful that from 5pm to 9pm on Saturday nights we can offer a safe place to sit and rest, Thank you.

Bev Anderson

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." — John Wesley

Fund Raising Breakfast for Renewal House

Please save the date for the Renewal House fund raising breakfast! It will be on May 6 from 7:30am to 9am at the west side campus of Western Ct State . Our church will be one of the churches recognized for 10 years or more of support for Renewal House. Our church will have a table reserved so please let me know if you can attend.



Renewal House is a program for folks that are 58+ and homeless or in danger of being homeless. They are offered a place to stay and programs to help them 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.

Thanks, Bev

Contact me for your reservation and directions at b_anderson00@yahoo.com

or 203-746-4800

Thursday Night Family Dinner 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Menus for March

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| March 3 | Tacos |
| March 10 | Pasta |
| March 17 | St Patrick's  Day - Corned Beef and Cabbage, of course! |
| March 24 | Maundy Thursday - Soup and Sandwich |
| March 31 | Pork Roast |

Reuben Casserole

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| 6 slices rye bread | 1 LB pastrami or corned beef cubed |
| 1 can sauerkraut | 4 Cups cubed Swiss cheese |
| 1 C chopped dill pickles | |
| 1 C milk | 1/3 C Thousand Island dressing |
| 14 C mustard | 2 eggs |

1. Preheat oven to 350 and grease a 9x11 baking dish.
2. Cube four slices of rye bread. The other 2 slices put in food processor in make into bread
3. Cube pastrami and sauerkraut.
4. Whisk together milk, salad dressing, mustard and eggs.
5. Whisk together milk, salad dressing, mustard and eggs.
6. Pour over casserole and top with breadcrumbs.
7. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until bubbly and center is set.

2 new Favorites from Thursday Nite Dinner

Try them at home or request for a future TN Dinner

From Bev Anderson:

"We had soup and sandwiches for dinner and I had wanted to make Rubeens but that would be very time consuming so I found this recipe on Facebook and gave it a shot. We also used it for an appetizer at the Super Bowl Party Sunday. There wasn't any left either time. Same for the peanut butter squares."

Thanks for Sharing Bev!!

Salted Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

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| 12 crushed graham crackers | 2T sugar |
| 1/2 t salt | 1/2 T vanilla |
| 6 t melted butter | |

Topping:

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| 1 - 11 oz pkg chocolate chips |
| 1/2 Cup peanut butter |
| 1/2 Cup chopped dry roasted peanuts |

1. Line an 8x8 baking dish with foil, so that you will be able to pull out the square when set.

3. Firmly press into baking dish.
4. Melt chips and peanut butter until smooth then add chopped nuts.
5. Pour over crust and spread evenly. Sprinkle with sea salt if desired.
6. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

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



| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Mary Holston | 3/1 |
| Adam Rouse | 3/2 |
| Robert Fulton | 3/5 |
| Joe Ponlork | 3/6 |
| Jonathan Rutledge | 3/7 |
| Bev Anderson | 3/8 |
| Madison Cashel | 3/8 |
| P. J. Gebing | 3/8 |
| Peg Slater | 3/8 |
| Kate Jackson | 3/9 |
| Jim Teer | 3/10 |
| Bennett Jasensky | 3/11 |
| Doreen Ackell | 3/13 |
| Mark Pisciotta | 3/13 |
| Lois Darrah | 3/14 |
| Kimberly Clemens | 3/15 |

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SAVE AND SHARE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of DANBURY

**Join us for a
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Friday, March 11**



**Continuous Servings from
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall - Lower Level**

COME ONE, COME ALL!

PRICES:

Adults \$12.00
Seniors (65+) \$10.00
Children \$ 6.00

Dinners to-go - \$100 additional

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