



Volume 17, Issue 10
October, 2016

At a Glance...

Men's Club Dinner

10/3 7:00pm

Trustees Meeting

10/5 7:00pm

Book Club

10/18 7:30pm

**Church Charge
Conference**

10/19 7:30pm

Children's Sabbath

10/23 10:30am

UMW Meeting

11/1 7:00pm

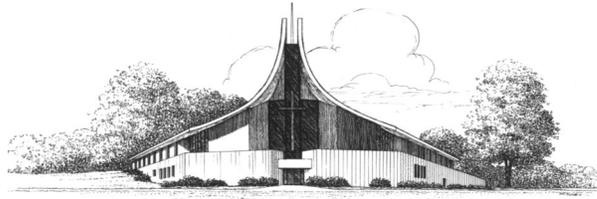
Advent Bible Study

11/13- 12/8 7:00pm

**Thursday Night
Dinner and Fellowship**

6:00pm

THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

Message from Pastor Kim

Does Prayer Really Help?

Sermon Series on Prayer, Part 3

“Ask and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.” Luke 11:

A young woman from the congregation I served before coming to Danbury asked me a question regarding prayer. “Why should I pray? Does it really help? If God is in charge anyway, it’s all going to work out the way God wants it to work out. So why pray?” Another person said to me: “Doesn’t God have more important things to do than just listen to me and my issues?”

Many of us have probably wondered the same thing at some point. Perhaps you have prayed about an important issue in your life: a health matter, a relationship issue, a financial concern. You have prayed and prayed about it, and nothing seems to have happened and you wonder: “Why pray?” Does prayer really help?

I am in the midst of a sermon series on prayer, and have been reflecting on different aspects of prayer. For this article, I want to remind us that there are different prayers for different occasions. Sometimes we fall into thinking that prayer is asking God for something, and that is one type of prayer. But there are actually five major types of prayers: adoration; confession; thanksgiving; intercession; and petition. Here is a brief summary on each type of prayer:

Adoration: A prayer of adoration acknowledges the majesty and greatness of God. For example in the Lord’s Prayer, we say “Hallowed be thy name.” Often we start our prayers with adoration, and in acknowledging God’s magnificence, we lift ourselves beyond ourselves into the presence of the Creator God. The Psalms are a good place to look in the Bible for prayers of adoration: “Bless the Lord, O my soul.” “The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty.” “Praise is due to you, O God.”

(continued on page 2)

(continued from page 1)

Confession: Confession lets you and me receive the forgiveness of sins. Jesus died for our sins, but unless we confess our sins, we won't experience the gift of forgiveness. A prayer of confession is offered to God when we honestly come to grips with our sins and shortcomings. The Lord's Prayer includes a confessional prayer when it says: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Each Sunday in worship, we also say a prayer of confession. Back to the question: Does prayer really help? It sure does. When we pray words of confession, we always receive God's forgiveness.

Thanksgiving: What could be more refreshing to God than a grateful spirit? This is simply saying thank you to God for all of our blessings. I once heard someone say if the only prayer we say to God is "Thank you, God," each and every time we feel blessed, that would be enough. "Count your many blessings; name them one by one; and see what God has done."

Does prayer really help? Yes, it puts things in perspective, reminding us that everything we have is a gift from God. This realization helps us be more generous, and generosity itself brings us closer to God.

Intercession: Do you have a prayer list with the names of other people on it? If so, then you are offering a Prayer of Intercession. Intercessory Prayer is simply the act of praying for other people. We are seeking the presence of God on another's behalf. This is especially important since there are times when people are so distressed they have difficulty praying for themselves. Each Sunday in church we experience intercessory prayer during the Prayers of the People. Does prayer help? I can only say that when a colleague with whom I am close told me she prays for me every morning at 7:30, I was deeply touched. It is wonderful to be prayed for. And it is a privilege to offer a prayer on behalf of others.

Petition: This is the most common type of prayer. It is asking for something for one's self. And there is nothing too big or too small to pray about. It is a tremendous privilege to bring everything before the Lord in prayer. In so doing, talk to God as if you were confiding to a friend. No need to worry about fancy language or the right words. The "right" words are anything you want or need to say to God. Prayer is a conversation with God. I have a colleague who in his younger years did not feel he had "the gift of prayer." But as time went on he continued to make prayer part of his daily routine. He continued praying even when answers didn't come. His relationship with God entered a whole new dimension as he came to understand that praying itself was the answer to his prayers, because it brought him closer to God. God had always been there. Prayer helped him feel that spiritual connection that had been missing. And the closer we get to God, the more whole and complete we feel in our lives.

Pastor Kim

Oh yes, it was fun!!! Dumpkin Festival 2016





OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	10:30AM	WORSHIP - HOLY COMMUNION SERVED
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		PASTOR KIM PREACHING
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9		STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "TREASURE" BEGINS
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
	10:30AM	WORSHIP
		GOSPEL THEME: MATTHEW 6:19-24
		"TREASURES IN HEAVEN"
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16		STEWARDSHIP FOCUS ON TREASURE
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
	10:30AM	WORSHIP
		GOSPEL THEME: MATTHEW 6:25-34
		"DO NOT WORRY"
		STEWARDSHIP CHAIR, CARLA PIERCE
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23		CHILDREN'S SABBATH
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
	10:30AM	WORSHIP
		CHILDREN'S SABBATH
		MINNIE ROUSE PREACHING
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30		STEWARDSHIP FOCUS ON TREASURE
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
	10:30AM	WORSHIP
		GOSPEL THEME: MATTHEW 6:1-6
		GUEST SPEAKER ON STEWARDSHIP:
		SERGE KARPOW

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES.
JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Children's Sabbath at the United Methodist Church of Danbury

October 23, 2016 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary of the church

The United Methodist Women are planning a special service on **Sunday, October 23rd**. Please join us in this national observance of Children's Sabbath (October 21st-23rd) which is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. The theme for this year is "Children of Promise: Closing Opportunity Gaps". 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 25th Annual National Observance of 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. One in every five children lives in poverty, and one in nine is at risk of hunger in our rich nation. Nearly half of all children in poverty are not ready to start school, and nearly one in five children drop out of high school. When we think of making a difference for our nation's children we must not become overwhelmed. We should continue to work individually and as a congregation to ensure that each child has a strong foundation for success.

Karlene Lombardo, UMW President



Children's Defense Fund

A strong, effective, independent voice for *all* the children of America

For more information go to: www.childrensdefense.org



On Sunday, September 25th, we rejoiced in welcoming new members to our church family. Please give them your personal welcome as you see them around church.



Joan and Peter Eaton



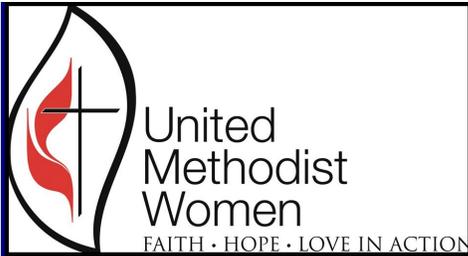
Star Auer
with her husband, Tim



Sandy and Frank Esposito



Carlos Ferreira



UMW November Meeting

On **Tuesday, November 1st, 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.) There will be a dessert social following the meeting, Shirley Fogle and Karlene Lombardo are the hostesses for this event.

Beverly Anderson will give a presentation about her experiences at Mission U. There will be a time of worship, fellowship and also a short business meeting. This meeting is open to everyone. Please feel free to bring a friend.

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

Aasta Moser Award 2016 UMW Special Membership Award

Each year the United Methodist Women give a donation in the name of the recipient of the Aasta Moser Award. This special membership award money is forwarded to the Women's Division. Our honoree also receives a pin and a certificate. This year's presentation will be on **Sunday, November 6th** during our worship service.

The recipient for 2015 was Cliff Davis. In keeping with our unit's celebration of twenty-five years as a 5 Star Unit, we will be awarding **two awards in 2016**. Plan to come and celebrate these fine members of our congregation, and all of the spiritual gifts that we receive from them.

Yes, there will be a special cake!

Karlene Lombardo, UMW President

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2, 2016

"God created us and placed us on the earth to be stewards of all living things; therefore let us proclaim the glory of our creator saying, O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands."



September Trustee's Report

Column Update: the column work, speakers and electrical work are completed. New doors and hardware have been installed by Kevin O'Shea. The project has been completed.

Insurance: Larry Bornemeier reported that he has not heard from the insurance company regarding coverage for the column. There have been 3 inspections with 2 structural engineers and initially, the insurance adjustor. We have also had a further inspection by the Fire Marshall for the city of Danbury. Because we have not received any form of settlement and have had a continued delay by the insurance company, we are considering getting in touch with the State Insurance Commissioner.

Update on roof/guarantee: Barrett Roofing has been working on the flat roof portion of our building to make sure all work is perfectly done to ensure that the work will be guaranteed by the manufacturers involved.

Sign Lights: Contact has been made with Eversource to see if they will move the large street light to the pole near our new sign. It was reported that we pay \$25 a month for the light. We will continue to see if this can be done before we go ahead with new lights.

Storage Units: We have received two container storage units for the bottom parking lot. One is for ASP equipment and the other is for storage of church materials. We would like to have church groups organize their current storage areas to evaluate their need for possible storage in the new containers.

Spring Cleanup: The debris from the damaged column needs to be cleaned up except for retention of the "charred" parts. The property maintenance date has been set for September 24th at 9:00 am. Trees, shrubs, and weeding need to be done.

Dedication Service: This is scheduled for September 18 to celebrate all the work that has been accomplished to maintain and preserve our sanctuary and church building. It has required a huge sacrifice of time and resources to accomplish these tasks.

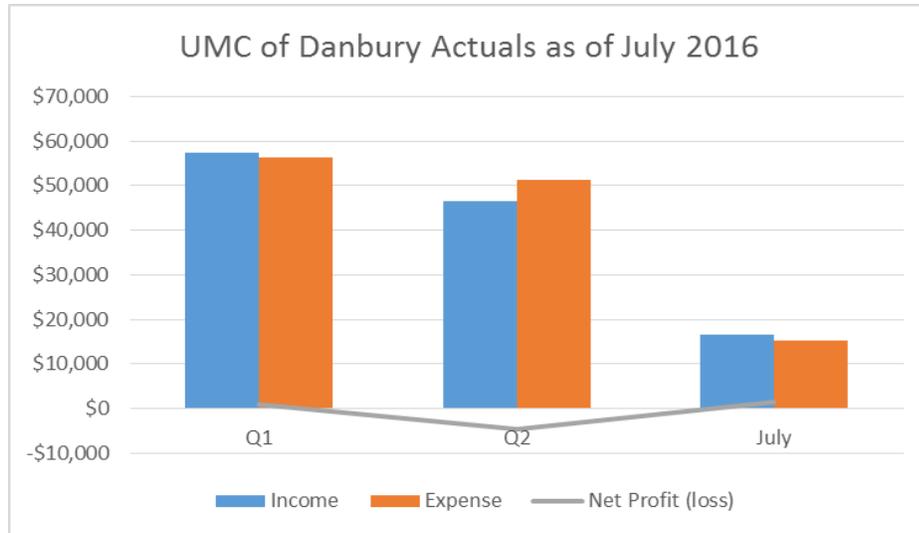
Larry Bornemeier, Trustees Chairman

July 2016 Financial Update

Danbury UMC closed July 2016 with year to date income of \$120.4K and expenses of \$122.8K for the operating budget. This represents a full year net loss of \$2.3K. Q1 saw a net profit of \$1K. Q2 a net loss of \$4.7K and July a net profit of \$1.5K. We remain current on all bills and have protected all restricted funds to date but with less than \$1K of buffer week to week. We do expect expenses to remain lower (e.g. electric, oil, etc) and we have some larger fund raising like the Pumpkin Festival in the fall which should allow a repeat of the July profit for the next few months. Thanks to everyone for staying current with pledging! This was and remains critical to ensure we can cover weekly expenses as we work back to break-even on a full year basis.

(continued on page 7)

(continued from page 6)



The gray line above shows the Net Profit (Loss) for Q1, Q2 and July. The table below is the same information as the chart above but in tabular format so it is easier to read the numbers.

	Q1	Q2	July	Total YD
Income	\$57,266	\$46,527	\$16,645	\$120,438
Expense	\$56,397	\$51,236	\$15,170	\$122,803
Net Profit (loss)	\$869	-\$4,709	\$1,475	-\$2,365

The roof has been a financial burden on the church and the operating expenses as well as additional giving for the roof is included in the numbers above. We have started to transfer funds to the Trustees to pay down the roof and remain current on all interest payments. We transferred \$3.6K to Trustees for roof payments this year and have another \$1.5K pending transfer as of August 7th, 2016. We do intend to pay off the remaining loan (~\$30K) over the next 5 years as we are able.

The table below shows the high level expense categories and the July YTD actual amounts for each.

Expenses - July YTD	Actual
Apportionments	\$13,623
Church Building	\$33,108
Office	\$5,840
Parsonage	\$4,891
Pastor	\$47,586
SPR	\$16,127
Team	\$1,629
Total Expenses	\$122,804

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

Thank you, *Keith Goodwin, Head of Finance Committee*
 email: *k2goodwin@yahoo.com*.



On Sunday, September 18, we joined to dedicate the completion of the installation of the new column, the roofing of the flat roof and the installation of our new road sign. MANY people were thanked for the hours of work given to make these improvements to our church possible. Our tirelessly dedicated chairman of Trustees, Larry Bornemeier was thanked with a standing ovation. The entire congregation was thanked as well, for their generous donations of money to help finance these major projects. A wonderful remembrance of Rosemarie Feeley's life and her love for her church was offered and the opportunity taken to voice the church's appreciation of her bequest. She was a "pillar" of the church and she helped make the new pillar and sign possible.

Church Charge Conference

October 19 at 7:30pm

Each year in the fall, every United Methodist Church in the New York Annual Conference has its annual Church Conference. Rev. Betsy Ott, our District Superintendent, has announced that our Church Conference will be **Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30pm.**

The agenda that day will include, but not be limited to:

- A discussion of how things are going in the life of our congregation. What are our strengths? How can we be more effective at finding and nurturing new disciples?
- Election of officers and committee class members
- Report of the Finance Committee on the financial health of the church
- Approval of Pastor's Salary
- Concerns of the New York Annual Conference

Administrative Council members are expected to attend. But equally as important, is that EVERYONE in our church family participate by attending.

United Methodist Men

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

for comradery, good food, and interesting discussions.

Please join us for October's dinner

October 3 at 7PM



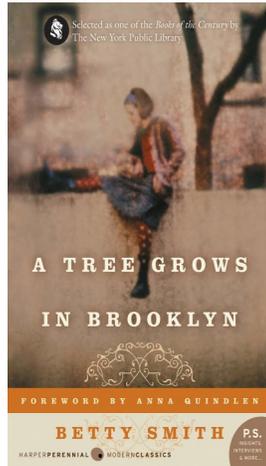
**Widow Brown's, 128 Federal Rd,
Danbury**

The Evening Book Club

The next meeting of the UMCD Book Club will be **Tuesday, October 18**, 7:30pm.at the home of Coralee DeMouth, (203) 730-8103 .

This month's selection is **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 7pm.

All are welcomed to join.



Outreach-Reverse Advent Calendar

What is a "Reverse Advent Calendar" ?? Well it may be your new favorite Christmas Tradition and a beautiful act of kindness.

Each day in Advent you add a food item (or other item on the list) to a box. Then on or close to Christmas Eve you donate the contents to Dorothy Day or any other food bank of your choice.

There will be more details to follow, with a list of needed items.

If you have questions ask *Bev Anderson, Outreach*

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

October

+	Marti Foster	10/1	Will McWilliams	10/11
	Danielle Sutor	10/1	Virginia Altberg	10/12
	Audrey Kunicki	10/5	Dan Lourenco	10/13
	Rufus Sanders	10/5	Don Lombardo	10/18
	Sherry Tyrrell	10/6	Donald Woodin	10/18
	Joanne Hornik	10/7	Cora Mitchell	10/30
	Zachary Kunicki	10/8	Kaitlin DeBellis	10/31
	Pam Clark	10/10	Nicholas Tyrrell	10/31
	Mike Childs	10/11		

If we forgot your birthday, please let the church office know so we can remember you next year!



Oh yes, there were beautiful crafts and delicious food!!!

Dumpkin Festival 2016



Thanks to all of the many hands that made this possible





ADVENT AUCTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

The Auction Committee is planning an exciting program for **Saturday, November 12**. Although this is a fund-raising event for the general budget of our church, we plan to keep the “fun” in fund-raising. We are planning for entertainment, a dessert party, and a lively auction with some wonderful things to bid on.

For those who may not be aware, a silent auction is a process where goods and/or services are auctioned off and where participants openly bid against one another (in writing), with each subsequent bid higher than the previous bid. Each item would have a minimum bid in order for it to be sold. Our goal is to have a variety of things available with a range of prices, so that everyone can join in the fun.

In addition, we are planning to have a few larger items that we auction off LIVE, with some of our congregation members as the auctioneers!

In order to make this successful, we need your help and generosity in two ways: Right now we are seeking members to donate goods and services that we can auction off. At this time, we are requesting that items have a value that can be auctioned off at least \$10 or higher. Our committee is now making phone calls to members to help get the process going. In addition, you can get the process going on your own by filling out the attached Advent Auction Donation Form and returning it to us as soon as possible.

We also realize many of you have strong relationships with employers and other businesses that may be willing to donate goods/ services/ and/or gift cards. Could you please reach out to them to see if they might be willing to offer something?

The attached form will give you some ideas of things that can be auctioned off. Here are some things that have been offered so far:

- 2 dozen Christmas cookies
- a weekend of pet sitting
- 2 nights in December at a Wyndham property in Newport, RI
- 1 night in December at a Wyndham property in NYC
- an indoor/outdoor rug
- a dessert buffet
- Christmas gift wrapping services
- round trip transportation to one of the major NY airports

So friends, we are off and running, and we are counting on you to join us. Everyone can offer something.

In addition, **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOV. 12 AT 3 P.M.** We also need you to come and support the auction. Bring your friends. We are confident you will experience something new and have a great and festive time with your church family.

WE NEED YOUR COMPLETED AUCTION DONATION FORMS BY OCT. 17. YOU MAY GIVE THEM TO PATTI COHEN-HECHT, PASTOR KIM, OR KATHY ROIG.

ADVENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER: (BEST NUMBER TO REACH YOU)	
ITEM OR SERVICE BEING DONATED:	
ANY DATE RESTRICTIONS? (EXAMPLE: TIME SHARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR A SPECIFIC WEEK)	
ESTIMATED VALUE:	
SUGGESTED MINIMUM BID:	

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO KATHY ROIG, KIM BOSLEY, OR PATTI COHEN-HECHT
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 17

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

(OTHER DONATIONS TYPES MAY BE ACCEPTED)

ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT (HARTFORD, WHITE PLAINS, LAGUARDIA, KENNEDY)	GIFT BASKETS TEAS - COFFEE - CHOCOLATES - SNACK ITEMS - DIP MIXES THEME - MOVIE NIGHT: DVD, MICROWAVE POPCORN, CHIPS AND SALSA
TIME SHARE OR VACATION HOME USE	GIFT CARDS TO RESTAURANTS, STORES, ETC
CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING SERVICES	HOMEMADE DINNER FOR FOUR
EVENING OF BABYSITTING	SNOW SHOVELING - SIDEWALK - STEPS
HANDYMAN SERVICES: MAN WITH A CHAINSAW FOR 2 HOURS/ MAN WITH A TRUCK / MUSCLE FOR HALF DAY	HOLIDAY COOKIES
PET SITTING - DOG WALKING	HANDMADE ITEMS
TICKETS TO MUSEUM, ATTRACTIONS, MOVIE, THEATER, CONCERT, SPORTING EVENT	SERVER FOR HOLIDAY PARTY
COOKING LESSONS WITH CHILDREN	CROCHET LESSONS - KNITTING LESSONS
SOUP, DESSERT, MEAL OF THE MONTH (1-3 MONTHS)	CHILDREN'S TOYS, BOOKS AND MOVIES BASKET
WINDOW WASHING	LESSONS FOR ????
LEGAL SERVICES – WILLS	MYSTERY BOX
SPA SERVICES	MEMORABILIA SIGNED BY CELEBRITY

Stewardship News

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

On **Sunday, October 9, 2016**, we will begin our Stewardship Campaign. The campaign will run the next four weeks ending with consecration **Sunday October 30, 2016**. We will make our pledges and celebrate the campaign with a church wide lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Our emphasis called *Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money*. The study will be based on Jesus’ words, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

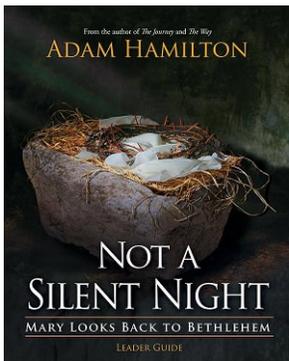
On Sunday October 2, we will be handing out a book of daily devotional readings. I really hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to read, and thoughtfully and prayerfully decide what personal commitment of your offering to give back to God through our church in the coming year.

Over a period of four weeks, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We will consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We will see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. If you have stress related to money or feel there may be more that God is calling you to do with your resources, this will be a helpful study.

We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God’s treasure.

Carla Pierce, Stewardship Chair

Advent/Christmas Bible Study



Advent is a holy time of preparation for Christmas, a time to take a break from the hectic commercialism and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas for Christians.

This fall, Pastor Kim will be leading “Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem”, an Advent Bible study written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton.

The 5 week study will begin on **Thursday, Nov. 3**, at 7 p.m. and conclude on **Thursday, Dec. 8**.

Course description: No one was closer to Jesus than Mary, and no human being loved him more or paid a bigger price for his birth, life, and death than his mother. In the face of pain and adversity, Mary would magnify the Lord and rejoice in God her Savior. The five sessions of the study will recount Mary’s story. Participants will gain a new perspective of the beloved Christmas story and its connection to Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

Each session will include a video presentation, Bible study, and discussion.

If you would like to participate, **PLEASE SIGN UP BY NOV. 15**, so that Pastor Kim can order enough materials.

REMINDER OF SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER

	Oct. 2	Oct. 09	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
Counters	Kathy Roig	Carla Pierce	Phyllis Tranzillo	Myra Tesbir	Kathy Roig
	Kevin O'Shea	Don DeMouth	Will McWilliams	Norma Bucko	Kevin O'Shea
Scripture Readers	Kevin O'Shea	Carla Pierce	Rev Kim Bosley	Bishop Rouse	Minnie Rouse
Prayer Leaders	Beverly Anderson	Rev Kim Bosley	Carol Spaulding	Phyllis Tranzillo	Jim Davis

Like UMC of Danbury on Facebook!

An easy way to let others know about all the good things going on at UMC of Danbury is to LIKE us on Facebook.

Go to www.facebook.com/danburymethodist and click on the "Like" button at the top of the page. Then, in the box that appears, click on "All Notifications". This will ensure that you see updates and photos posted to our page...Thanks!

If you are not currently receiving our newsletter by email or know someone who might like to receive it, please let the church office know!

Phone: 203-743-1503
danburyumc@sbcglobal.net

The United Methodist Church of Danbury

5 Clapboard Ridge Road • Danbury, CT 06811

Phone: 203-743-1503 • Fax: 203-743-1533
danburyumc@sbcglobal.net



A Safe Sanctuary for Children

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Kimberly A. Bosley

Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding



This October Flame was made possible by:

Editors..... Kathy O'Shea

Contributors Pastor Kim, Karlene Lombardo, Keith Goodwin, Larry Borne-meier, Carla Pierce and Patti Cohen-Hecht

Deadline for the November 2016 Flame is October 22

Email: danburyumcflame@sbcglobal.net