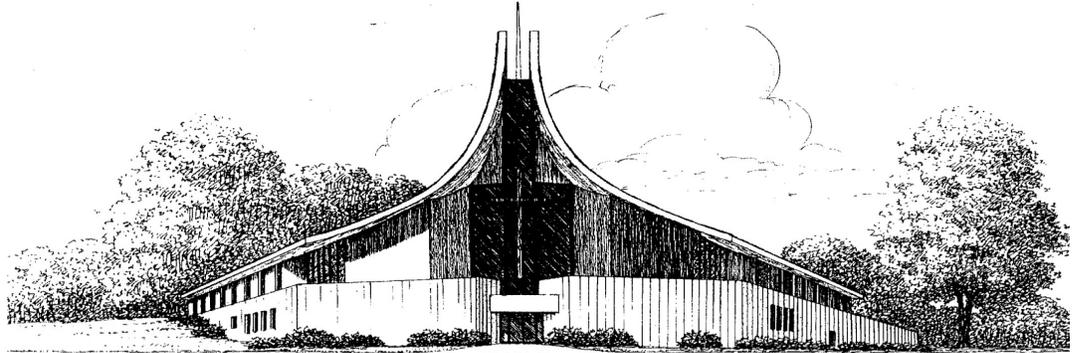




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DECEMBER EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY
6:00pm Thursday Night
Life Dinner

Thursday, December 1
10:00am Helping Hands
7:00pm Bible Study

Monday, December 5
7:00pm UMM Dinner @
Pepe's Pizzeria in Danbury

Wednesday, December 7
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Trustees Meeting
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10
12:00pm Dorothy Day
Ministry

Wednesday, December 14
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Church Council

Thursday, December 15
7:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, December 20
7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, December 21
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm ASP Meeting
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

MERRY CHRISTMAS
UMCD Office will be closed
on Monday, December 26

Wednesday, December 28
6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Finance Meeting
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00PM

FAMILY SERVICE

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MESSAGE; CANDLELIGHT & CAROLS

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

7:30PM

CAROL, CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

PASTOR KIM'S MESSAGE: "COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

ALL WELCOME - PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30AM

INFORMAL WORSHIP WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM



Dear Friends,

Visions are hard to sustain. Isaiah's vision of a peaceable kingdom is often replaced by other realities. When I was very young and living in a rural area of West Virginia, I used to ride my bicycle down to a meadow where I could be all alone. I would lie on the grass, looking up at the sky and was sure that God was coming down to me in the sunbeams that streaked the blueness of the sky with gold. Later, I was not so sure.

Annie Dillard, poet of nature, wrote of a young woman who had her sight surgically restored after being blind from birth:

"When her doctor took her bandages off and led her into the garden, the girl who was no longer blind said, 'the tree with the lights in it!' It was for this tree I searched through the peach orchards of summer, in the forests of fall and down winter and spring for years. Then one day I was walking along Tinker Creek thinking of nothing at all and I saw the tree with the lights in it. I saw the backyard cedar where the mourning doves roost charged and transfigured, each cell buzzing with flames. I stood on the grass with the lights in it, grass that was wholly fire, utterly focused and utterly dreamed. It was less like seeing than like being for the first time seen, knocked breathless by a powerful glance. The flood of the fire abated, but I'm still spending the power."



Visions don't last, but that doesn't mean they aren't real. You may have sensed God's presence in a special way in a time of silence, in the midst of nature's beauty, or in the midst of a great tragedy. It was your "tree with the lights in it." Remember it. Hold it close. Moses saw the burning bush only once - and the vision didn't last long. Moses had to go on to another place, but the mystery of his vision gave meaning to his daily world the rest of his life. Mystery often does that. May you open your eyes to mystery this Advent season. May you leave room to find or remember your own "tree with the lights in it."

Pastor Kim

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM

WORSHIP; COMMUNION WITH CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMUNION LITURGY

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING, PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SERMON: "WHAT WAITING REVEALS ABOUT US"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM

WORSHIP; ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SERMON: "FINDING A JOY DEEPER THAN ALL OUR TROUBLES"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM

WORSHIP; ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING;

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT,

"THE BIRTHDAY OF THE KING"

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10:30AM

INFORMAL WORSHIP WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



**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, December 5 at Pepe's Pizzeria
59 Federal Road, Danbury



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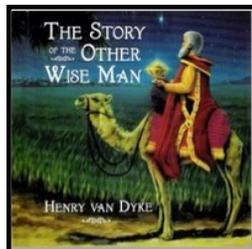


**The United Methodist Church Book Club
meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 20**, 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

December's Book Selection:

**The Story of the Other
Wise Man
by Henry Van Dyke**



Everyone is welcome to attend!



**COME TO THE
HOLIDAY GATHERING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Join the United Methodist Women at their Annual Holiday Gathering on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm at the home of Val Bose, 8 Hitchingpost Lane, Danbury, Connecticut



The afternoon will feature:

- ◆ *Christmas Tea (sign-up in the Narthex for tea sandwiches, cookies and appetizers)*
- ◆ *"Chinese Auction" grab bag gift exchange will be part of the festivities. The gift for the exchange should cost no more than \$10*
- ◆ *Again this year they will be signing cards for our friends who have a difficult time getting to church*

Please plan to attend this time of fun, music and fellowship. This meeting is open to **all women** of our church and in our community.

Bring a friend!

The United Methodist Women will also be collecting hot cocoa mix or hand warmers for the **Shelter from the Cold** program.

If you would like to get a ride from the church or you have any concerns call: Karlene Lombardo at (203) 743-1260



CHRISTMAS BASKET FOR DOROTHY DAY SHELTER

Our Outreach Team is collecting items for the homeless shelter for Christmas Eve. Please consider donating to our Christmas Basket in the Narthex. We are accepting donations until December 24.

Here is a suggested list of items:

- Gloves, Hats, Scarves
- Warm Socks, Hair Combs
- Hand Warmers
- Chocolate or other candy
- Dunkin Donut gift cards
- Small memo pads, pencils and pens
- Pocket size tissues
- Gently used backpacks



**If you have any questions please contact
Bev Anderson 203-746-4800**



COVENANT TO CARE

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAG PROJECT

Thank you to Phyllis Tranzillo for leading this vital outreach program and to everyone who participated in this wonderful project.



The United Methodist Church of Danbury demonstrated our commitment to help at-risk families in the Danbury community and share our blessings. By sharing our gifts we show God’s love to others.



Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who brought in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals have begun for this year’s Christmas Pageant. The Pageant will be on Sunday, December 18. While we have most of the speaking parts filled, we are still in need for angels, shepherds and some innkeepers. If you haven’t received your part, don’t worry, we’ll be rehearsing for the pageant every Sunday during Sunday school through December 18.

Weekly Devotionals for Middle/High School & Elementary School

Starting this Advent season we will be posting a weekly devotional on the Sunday School page of our church website.

Random Acts of Kindness

Our young disciples had the pleasure of speaking with Kaitlin Roig-DeBellis to learn that kindness, compassion and empathy help to create positive changes for others. Not only did our young disciples have excellent suggestions of how they can be kind to others, but they had many examples of how they have actively shown or been shown kindness. We would like to invite our Sunday School class members, no matter your age, to make actively choosing kindness a part of their everyday lives. We will create some space on the bulletin board in the hall for you to tack on some suggestions or examples of how you have chosen kindness.

Remember, “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” ~Aesop

If you have any questions:
Please contact Kim Cain-Moreira, Sunday School Co-Chair

**CAROLING WITH
IMMANUEL
LUTHERN CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
4:00PM**



We are once again joining our friends at Immanuel Lutheran church for caroling. Everyone is invited to attend, both youth and their parents. It is a rewarding time as we spread the Christmas spirit.

We will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church, (18 Clapboard Ridge Road), on Sunday, December 4 at 4pm. We will share cookies and cocoa and then split into groups to visit our church family members. Songbooks are provided and you don't need to be able to sing. The event wraps up around 6:30pm.



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An easy way to let others know about all the good things going on at UMC of Danbury is to **LIKE** and **SHARE** 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**”. If you also click the “**Share**” button, you can help spread the word about our church with other Facebook users.

This will ensure that you will see updates and photos posted to our page.

THANKS !



*Advent
Auction
2016*

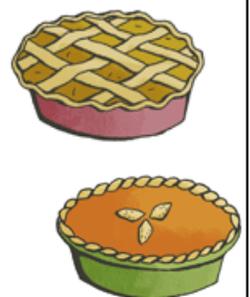
THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated auctions items, attended the Advent Auction and bid and purchased them!

Thank you to the entire committee for a delightful evening. The church raised over \$4,000.00 (including expenses and in-kind donations)

Thank you for supporting this wonderful event. We hope it will become a new tradition for our holiday season.

**THANK YOU “HOLY ROLLERS”
FOR THE DELICIOUS
THANKSGIVING PIES**





The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to set up the luminaries before the 5pm Christmas Eve service and later take charge of putting them away. (Clean up can be after Christmas)

Our Driveway and walkways look lovely with the lights leading the way into the sanctuary.



Please contact
Barbara Kunicki 203-746-5814
if are willing and able to take
charge of this beautiful service.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

The United Methodist Church of Danbury Office
invites you to consider
becoming an office volunteer.

Tasks include:

- ◆ Each Friday - we compile and fold the Worship Bulletin & Announcements
- ◆ Periodic Membership Mailings
- ◆ Having Fun
- ◆ Sense of Accomplishment
- ◆ Doing something good!

Please contact our
Administrator if you are
interested in becoming
an office volunteer.



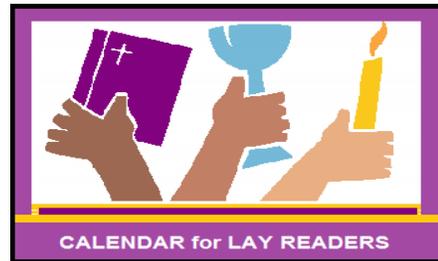
Please consider sponsoring the
Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday.
The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$25.00

This is a wonderful opportunity
to honor your loved ones:

Birthdays
Anniversaries
and Memorials

December openings: December 11 and 18
Beginning January:
All Sundays are Available.

Contact Val Bose for more information



December 4

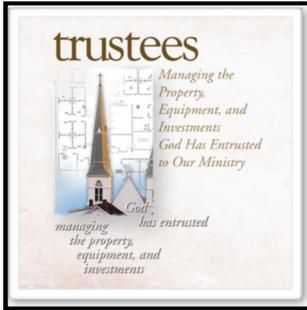
Scripture Reader	Roger Warmbir
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

December 11

Scripture Reader	Beverly Anderson
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Will McWilliams

December 18

Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko



TRUSTEE UPDATE

CHURCH CONCERNS

1. Casa de Oriaco Space User Agreement was completed by Larry and discussed. It was decided that safe sanctuary for children should be in all contracts going forward. After consideration the agreement was accepted as written. We will be monitoring their use of our facilities for the first two months.
2. Chuck Vietrogoski went over the research he has done on the Rosemarie Feeley Memorial plaque. We will continue to research the options in conjunction with the landscaping of the sign area. Mary Lou Heyel will meet with Mike's Landscaping for assistance with plant choice and placement. We are hoping we can complete this project within a budget of \$500.

CHURCH GROUND CONCERNS

1. Grass cutting by Jose has been stopped for the season.
2. Jose will continue as our snow removal provider.
3. He must be notified each year for each of this services.

PARSONAGE CONCERNS

Fall leaf removal and tree trimming will be necessary. Larry will email for volunteers.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

The question of a search for a provider of carpeting for the sanctuary was introduced. Larry has made contact with a vendor and an appointment will be scheduled in the next 2 weeks. Mary Lou Heyel volunteered to begin the search and will attend the meeting with the carpet vendor.

LOCK UP

December – Don Lombardo



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

MANY THANKS

After four years as Chair of the Church Council, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone I had the opportunity to work with.

Some of the issues we dealt with - especially the roof repairs - were very challenging. However, I had an amazing number of smart, hard-working and devoted individuals whose faith made the impossible, possible.

With Phyllis Tranzillo taking over as Chair in January, I know she will bring much energy, insight and gifts to the position and add immeasurably to the future success of our church.

Chris Russock



AASTA MOSER AWARD 2016

To mark the 25th anniversary as a 5 STAR unit the United Methodist Women honored Barbara Fulton and Chris Russock with Special Membership Awards at worship services on Sunday, November 6. Award money was given in their names and used for mission. Our honorees each received a pin and a certificate. The Special Membership Award at the Danbury United Methodist Church is called the Aasta Moser Award. It was named for a former pastor's wife.

Our first honoree, Barbara Fulton is a long-time member of this church, and has made the church the center of her life. She has stepped up to assume many leadership positions. With her special love for children she taught Sunday school for twenty-seven years and was Superintendent for five years. She started the Church Book Club. She regularly checks on the needs of our home-bound members. Her love and caring are a benefit to many. She seems to have boundless energy and shares her talents with her community. Most notably she is the coordinator for Senior Bridge at the Danbury Senior Center, and she has been the Director of the Long Ridge Library for many years.

Our second honoree, Christine Russock, felt drawn to the Danbury Church. Right from the beginning she balanced a full-time job with fervent dedication to the church. Her leadership skills became evident to all who had the privilege to work with her. As chairperson of the Pastor Parish Committee she guided the committee as they had to make several crucial decisions about staffing. Recently she has served as the Chair of the Church Council. Her cool head and encouraging demeanor guided the Council during tough years with budget and capital improvement decisions. Christine also takes time to bring people to church and to the meetings of the United Methodist Women. She quietly helps others and supports the work of many at the Danbury United Methodist Church.

We are honored to have these two fine women working so hard in our church and our community. May God bless both of them!



Minnie Rouse presenting the
2016 Aasta Mosher Award to Chris Russock



Karlene Lombardo presenting the
2016 Aasta Mosher Award to Barbara Fulton



Christmas Poinsettias 2016



The Altar Guild is now taking flower orders for Christmas.

They will be displayed in the Sanctuary on
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 and Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25.

The Beautiful Poinsettias are \$10.00 per plant.

*Remember how spectacular the sanctuary looks when it is elegantly blessed
with multitudes of beautiful poinsettias. Please don't miss this opportunity to
help create such a wonderful sight during Christmas.*

Cash or checks made payable to the United Methodist Church of Danbury may be given directly to
Altar Guild Members: Valerie Bose, Tonya Clark, Barbara Fulton, Barbara Kunicki or Marcia Vietrogoski
by Sunday, December 11, 2016.

You may also mail your order & check payment to Valerie Bose, 8 Hitching Post Lane, Danbury CT 06811.

For additional information, please contact Val at 203-744-5712.

*We request that you take your poinsettia(s) with you after the Christmas Eve service you attend.
If you are not able to attend any of the services, please make arrangements to have someone else
take your plant(s) home. Plants left behind may be damaged by the cold in the church.*

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - DEADLINE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

Your Name _____ Telephone # _____

Pink _____ # Red _____ # White _____ Total # Plants _____

Plants I will keep _____ # Plants I wish to give to a homebound member _____

Name(s) of homebound member(s) _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Flowers given in honor of: _____

Flowers given in memory of: _____



ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH
 COUNCIL, TRUSTEES, LEADERSHIP
 AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 OF DANBURY

WE WISH YOU A
 VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

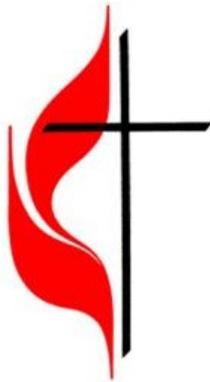
**BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS
 TO THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**



BETTY ZEIGLER	12/1
ALLISON MCWILLIAMS	12/3
DOT GADOCI	12/4
CLARENCE HOLSTON	12/4
ED MARCH	12/4
BISHOP ROUSE	12/4
KATHY CURRAN	12/6
DEBBIE DAVIS	12/6
LESLIE GARTLAND	12/8
BOB FULTON	12/10
PHYLLIS TRANZILLO	12/11
VINCENT KEMPTER	12/12
ROBERT ELWELL	12/16
CAROL SPAULDING	12/16
ZEKE ZAHARA	12/17
JOSEPH ROUSE	12/18
BETTY MARCH	12/23
PASTOR KIM BOSLEY	12/26
CHRIS ZIEGLER	12/27
EMMA PAVAO	12/29
DAVID SLATER	12/30



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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY FLAME IS JANUARY 15.