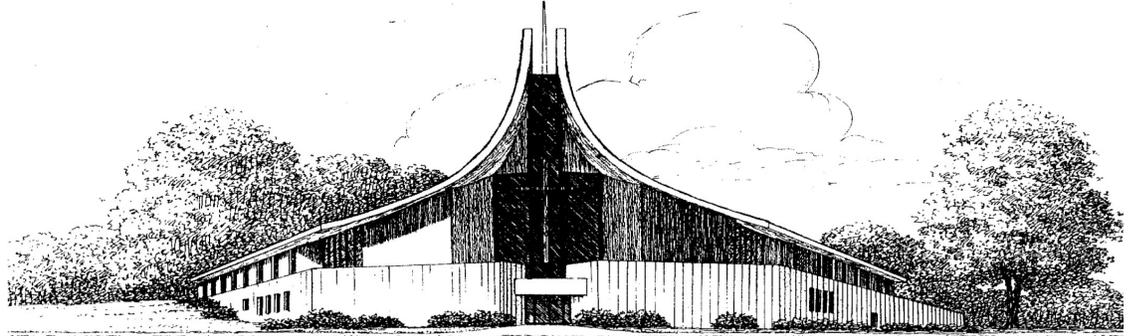




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APRIL EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm Thursday Night
Life Dinner

Saturday, April 1

10:00am ASP Basic Training

Sunday, April 2

11:30am Visitation Meeting
12:00pm ASP Car Wash

Monday, April 3

7:00pm UMM Dinner @
Mangia Mangia, Brookfield

Wednesday, April 5

6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm ASP
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Thursday, April 6

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study

Saturday, April 8

10:00am ASP Car Wash
12:00pm Dorothy Day

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 12

6:00pm Chapel Bells

Thursday, April 13

Maunder Thursday

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 17

UMCD Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, April 19

6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm SPRC Meeting
7:00pm ASP Meeting
7:30pm Church Council

Saturday, April 22

10:00am ASP Car Wash

Sunday, April 23

12:00pm ASP Training

Tuesday, April 25

7:30pm Pumpkin Fest Meeting

Wednesday, April 26

6:00pm Chapel Bells
7:00pm Finance Meeting

Saturday, April 29

10:00am ASP Car Wash

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

One of the great things about being a pastor is that sometimes you get to witness dramatic change in people. Most of us change and grow in incremental ways and that is wonderful. But I'm talking about the person who is plodding along in life, minding their own business, keeping their head down, trying to keep it all low key, when somehow God reaches in, grabs them, shakes them up, and they, despite themselves, are different as a result.

But as people who celebrate Easter, should we really be surprised? A God who would raise someone from the dead after three days in the tomb is just the sort of God who wouldn't mind shaking up folks who like everything nice and quiet. I think immediately of the late Christian writer CS Lewis who spoke of his life before his conversion as that "time before God closed in on me." He writes of the experience of being converted by God as a moment when we was "surprised by joy."

Most of us experience the Christian life as a process or progression: attend church, develop our faith, attend Bible studies, follow spiritual disciplines, take on a leadership role, etc. But sometimes, by the sheer surprising grace of God, someone gets grabbed; God closes in, claims, calls, converts, kind of like Saul (St. Paul) on the Damascus Rd. Remember Saul, Church Enemy Number 1, persecutor of the church? He was struck down on the Damascus Rd., blinded by the light, made humble by the vision of Christ that he saw. He went on to become St. Paul, great missionary to the Gentiles, church planter, and writer of all those letters we find in the second half of our New Testament.

We are just two weeks away from Easter, that wondrous day when we will again celebrate the stone being rolled away from the tomb and the risen Christ bursting the bonds of death. Are our lives any different because of Easter? How could they not be? Jesus is raised from the dead, brought from death to life, after all. A gift to us: grace and salvation and love.

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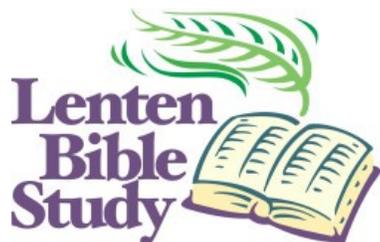
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Most of us don't really like to change. And yet deep in our hearts we need the story of Easter to heal our lives, to heal the world. We may not like to be lurched and jolted, but we long for something more and so we resonate with the story of a man who got knocked down, blinded by the light on the Damascus Rd., a story that challenges all characterizations of the Christian life as a continuous progression from point A to point B with no jerks or jolts along the way. But sometimes, by the grace of God, while we're on our way, suddenly a light surprises, God gets to us, grabs us, blinds us, and we DO change.

And I pray that we will let ourselves BE changed by Jesus Christ who gave it all for you and me. Just like John Wesley whose heart was strangely warmed by a conversion experience at a worship service; just like CS Lewis who was surprised by joy; just like Saul who was blinded and then made whole on the Damascus Rd.; just like every person who is willing to let his or her life be turned around by a God who wakes the sleeping and raises the dead.

Easter blessings to you!

Pastor Kim



Lent Study on Forgiveness

Forgiveness is essential to our lives.

Without it, relationships, churches, and even society could not be sustained. An inescapable fact of human nature is that we are bound to hurt others and others are bound to hurt us.

During this season of Lent, we are offering a weekly study group on Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go. Join us as we meet each Thursday at 7:00pm (in the Pink room) for a video segment, some Bible study, and group discussion on the topic of forgiveness.

We will take an in-depth look at how freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness.

Men's Bible Study



Please come join Marti Foster and Jim Teer at 9:30am Sunday mornings in Room 3 for Bible study and discussion. The session is informal and we enjoy learning more of the Bible with interesting discussions to better understand what the passages meant when they were written and what they mean to us today.

This is not a Sunday School class, best yet, there are no tests or homework!

We study the Old and New Testaments. Books we have studied include Genesis, Exodus, Psalms and Acts. We also use supplemental materials, other Bible versions and the Internet to enhance our discussions.

Learn how we are, to quote Jones UMC: "Shaped by God's word, Serving God's World".

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM

WORSHIP - SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

10:30AM

WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30PM

COMMUNION SERVICE

OBSERVING THE LAST SUPPER OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE

DRAMATIC READINGS AND MUSIC



SUNDAY, APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM

EARLY SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

INFORMAL SERVICE OFFERING COMMUNION AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER

8:00AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

10:30AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILD CARE PROVIDED DURING 10:30 SERVICE

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

OUTDOOR EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Meeting Changes Due to Holy Week

Please note that both the SPR Committee and Administrative Council, previously scheduled to meet April 12, will be moving to their meetings to Wednesday, April 19, in order to avoid meeting during Holy Week.

Our Church Council meets the second Wednesday of each month to plan and implement programs of nurture, outreach and witness, as well as deal with the administrative issues of the church. If you are curious about or interested in how the Church Council works, you are always welcome and encouraged to attend a meeting.

Currently we are in need of people to work in the following areas.

- ◆ Communications is a vital aspect of any organization and the Church is no different. If you have any interest in this area, we would be grateful for your help.
- ◆ The Youth Team is another area in need of leadership. If you enjoy working with youth there is an opportunity to be of service.

I find it difficult to ask people to get involved. I know life is hectic and people are busy. People don't feel as though they are "qualified" or they are hesitant to take on more responsibility. I know all of these things because I have felt all of these things. I can say that my involvement in this church has helped me feel like a part of a church family. I have met people and gotten to know people, I have felt a sense of accomplishment and community, of being of service. These are the things that make my life meaningful. It really is all about relationships, with people and our God.

If you feel called to any area of involvement, however small, I encourage you to reach out. We will be very grateful!

Grace and Peace,
Phyllis Tranzillo
Council Chair





**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, April 3 at 7:00pm
Mangia, Mangia
371 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield, CT



We would like to start off with a heart bursting with pride for the cards all our Sunday school students made for Valentine's Day. We have heard back from so many people who were grateful for your well wishes and love. You all brought so much light to others through these cards. Though the quantity of our students is small, the impact they have on their family, their church, their community and the world is GREAT!

We hope you enjoyed our Lenten Program on Sunday, April 2. We made crafts and goodies to enjoy at home or share with those in our community.



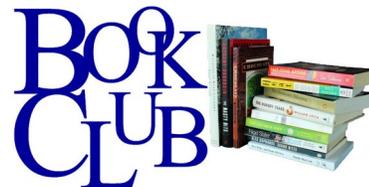
The Visitation Committee met on Sunday, April 2, 2017 after worship in Fellowship Hall.

The Committee signed Easter cards and planned to visit to our home-bound members for Easter greetings.

Under the blanket of snow, flowers will be popping out, and the birds are singing, the days are getting longer and the grass will soon be green. Who provides us with all this beauty?
Well, God does.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

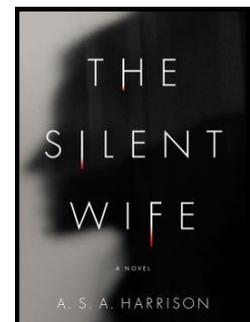
May the beauty of spring and all it's awakenings fill your heart with joy.



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

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 18, 7:30pm** at the home of Karlene Lombardo, 70 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury. Please meet at the church at 7:00pm to carpool.

April's Book Selection:
The Silent Wife
by **A.S.A. Harrison**



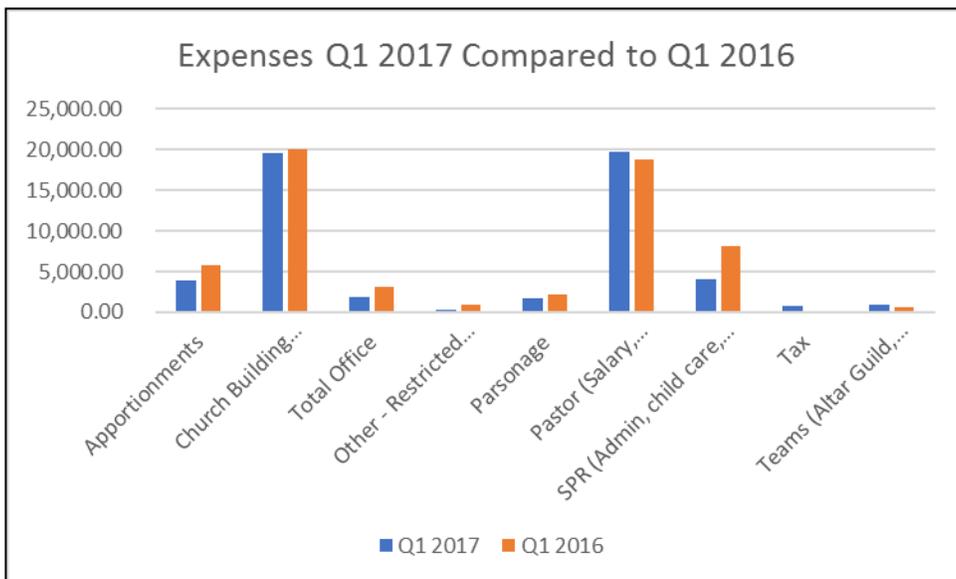
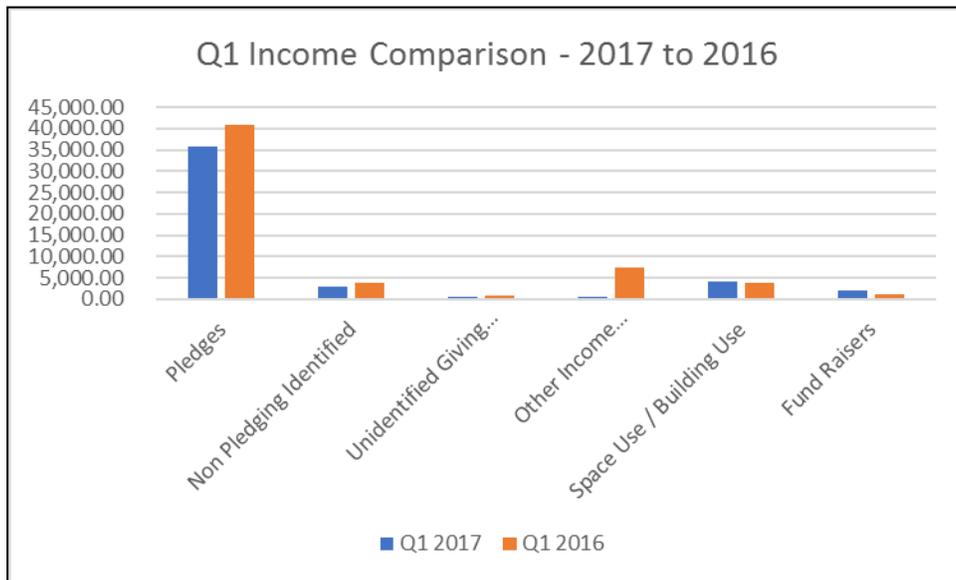
1st Quarter (Q1) 2017 Financial Update

Danbury UMC closed the Q1 2017 with quarterly income of \$45.9K and expenses of \$52.9K for the operating budget. This represents a Q1 net loss of \$6.9K. Q1 is always our most challenging quarter with the high winter bills (electric, oil, etc) and we typically run a deficit but this is ~\$5K worse than we experienced in Q1 of 2016.

The immediate impact of this is that we are very tight on being able to pay our bills week to week. With this it is very important that everyone try to keep up with pledging on a timely basis.

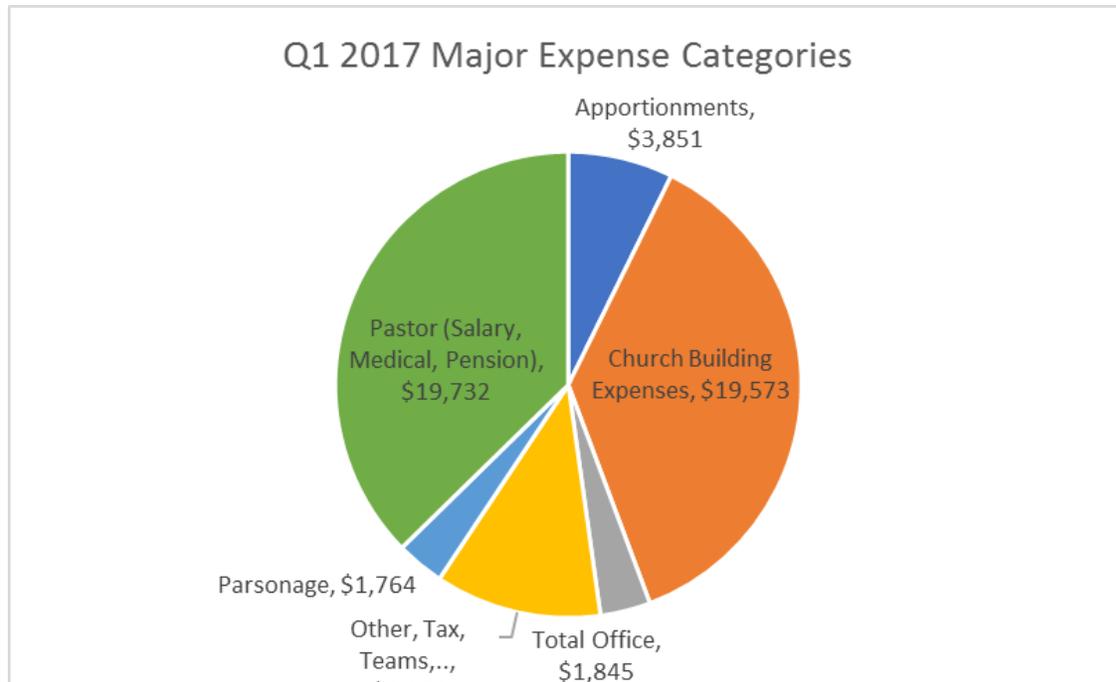
We need to be able to keep current with our bills and obligations. Thank you!

Below are reports that show our Income and Expenses for Q1 2017, compared to Q1 2016. The drop in income (\$11.8K decline year over year) is the driver of the decline in year to year profit (loss). Expenses year over year for Q1 were \$6.9K less in 2017 than 2016. Note: Part of the reason for the drop in income and expenses year to year is due to heavy roof fund raising and expenses in Q1 2016. Below is a chart that shows the major expense categories for Q1 2017.



1st Quarter (Q1) 2017 Financial Update

Below is a chart that shows the major expense categories for Q1 2017.

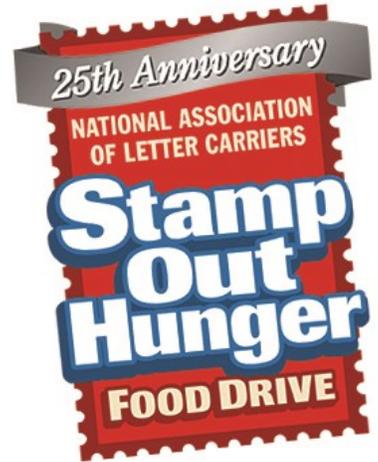


We estimate we saved \$2,000 on electric bills by using the down stairs again this year. Thank you all that helped and supported this effort again this year! However, due to an increased use of fellowship hall and some facility users leaving heat on the total electric bill went up year to year by \$1,900. The Trustees have been and will continue to work on options to address this.

The detailed YTD reports will be posted outside of the office on the board.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Finance Chair Keith Goodwin, email: k2goodwin77yahoo.com.

faith and
finances



On Saturday, May 13, Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food (soup, juice, vegetables, pasta sauce etc.). Put your donation next to your mailbox on May 13 and your Letter Carrier will pick it up.

If you have questions you can call Dennis Sideopoulos, Food Drive Coordinator 203-217-8775.



Bev Anderson will be speaking about the "face" of the homeless in Danbury at the annual fund raising breakfast for Renewal House on Friday, May 5.

The church will have a table for ten people to attend. If you are interested in attending please see Bev Anderson for more information.



THURSDAY NIGHT LIFE MENU

**DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00-6:30PM**

Thursday Night Life is an informal, affordable dinner served buffet style. Cost is only \$3 per person with a family maximum of \$15.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

- Thursday, April 6 Pasta
- Maundy Thursday, April 13 Soup & Sandwich
- Thursday, April 20 Chicken
- Thursday, April 27 Picnic!
Hot Dogs & Burgers



Altar Flowers

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***

Contact Val Bose for more information

203-744-5712

FUNDRAISER FOR APRIL

Glenn

Hairstylist, Glenn Thiele will donate 25% of the cost of your haircut, color, or any service to The United Methodist Church of Danbury during the month of April.

Mention the church when make an appointment or stop in to his salon. Glenn is located in Salons by JC in the Toys r Us shopping Center, 15 Backus Avenue, Danbury

Call today for an appointment 203 241-6358 and make money for our Church!

thank you!



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

A BIG thank you to all those that helped set up, serve and clean up!!!

It couldn't be done without you!

To date, we've raised \$601.00 from the dinner!



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** 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.



United Methodist Women's Meeting

The United Methodist Women met on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the church.

Jane Barr, from Green Chimneys, was our speaker. The program was very well received.

Birds of Prey Day will be held at Green Chimneys on Sunday, June 4, from 10am-4:30pm. Additional details can be found at: www.greenchimneys.org/preyday.

THANK YOU to:

Valerie Stagen, Minnie Rouse, Beverly Anderson, Deb Davis, Lois Bornemeier and Don Demouth who all helped to make things run smoothly. Thank you all!



**Books
for the
Pumpkin
Festival**

Don't wait!

Start sorting your books for the festival now. We are ready to accept them in Room 1 at the church. Please place them on the shelves. If you have a box of books leave it on the floor, in front of the shelves.

From non-fiction and fiction to mysteries to children's books. We are accepting them all. You may also donate DVD's, CD's and audio books.

Our own very special book table will be set up the 3rd week in September. Everyone loves to browse and buy at the Book Room. Please donate and make our sale special on Saturday, October 7th's Pumpkin Festival.

For more information please contact:
Karlene Lombardo at lombardok@gmail.com



Appalachia Service Project News



ASP Car Washes in April

Come and get that road salt washed off your car and help support Appalachia Service Project.

There are several car washes scheduled in April:

Sunday, April 2 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday, April 8 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday, April 22 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday, April 29 10:00am - 2:00pm

***Tell your friends and neighbors to
come out and get their
cars cleaned also!***



Pumpkin Seed Campaign

On March 12th "Farmer Brown" gave a presentation about the need for Seed Money for our upcoming Pumpkin Festival which will be held on October 7th. We are currently 40% closer to the goal that has been set for this campaign.

Going forward you may use the special "Pumpkin Seed \$" envelopes that you have saved, or you may write a check and put Pumpkin Seed in the memo space.

On any Sunday you may put your designated contribution in the offering plate.

From pocket change to checks...It all adds up!

Thank you to all who are supporting these early efforts for our Pumpkin Festival.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Working with our students are teachers:
Phyllis Tranzillo, Lorena Tesbir and Penny McKown.

Making Valentines at
the Sunday School
Valentine's Day Party.





CAN YOU SPARE ONE HOUR EVERY 6 WEEKS?

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU

Serve the Lord and Our Church - Join us Now!

The Altar Guild Schedule is created once a year from April through March of the following year. Fifty church members are currently serving on the Altar Guild. Each week a "Head of the Week" serves with you and provides training and guidance - you are never alone! The Head of the Week is either the chairperson or one of the assistants. An email reminder is sent to you the week you are scheduled to serve. The Altar Guild committees are set up so that you only have to serve once every six weeks.

Here are the Altar Guild Committees and a description of their duties.

Saturday Committee: One person and the "Head of the Week" prepare the sanctuary for Sunday Worship. Flowers are arranged, altar area is dusted, oil candles filled, hymn boards are changed. In addition, appropriate items are placed on the Altar.

Sunday Committee: One person stays after church and assists the Head of the Week. They put away all items used in the sanctuary during worship.

Homebound Delivery Service: One person takes flowers to a homebound member and visits with them. Easter and Christmas are the busiest times. This is a very special ministry.

Communion Committee: Two people arrive early on Communion Sunday to set everything in place for the communion service. They also stay a few minutes after worship to clean and store the communion ware.

Bread Bakers: One person bakes a loaf of bread or provides pita bread for Communion Sunday. Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. In addition bread may also be needed for special worship services.

Communion Cushions: Two people arrive early to take the cushions out of storage and place them around the altar railing. After worship they remove and store the cushions.

Communion Ushers: Four people bring the communion elements to the altar and usher the congregation during Communion.

Seamstresses: Sew new altar cloths, keep all altar linens in good repair, sew covers for various altar items, create banners and assist with any miscellaneous sewing as needed.

Supporters: Gentlemen who usually serve at Easter and Christmas when muscle power is needed to set up tables and risers for our flowers as well as setting up the Christmas Tree.

Serving on the Altar Guild is an ideal way to serve without making a heavy commitment. It brings a great deal of satisfaction to those who serve, knowing they have played an essential part in the preparation of worship.

It is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and the United Methodist Church of Danbury. Come and join us!

Valerie Bose, Altar Guild Chair (203) 744-5712

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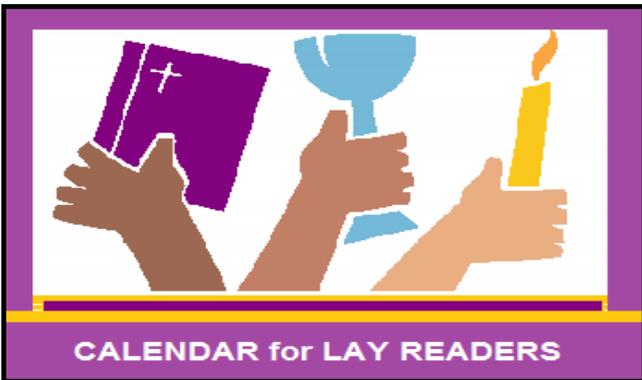
THE ALTAR GUILD 2017-2018

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I would like to serve on the following Committees:

- Saturday Committee Sunday Committee Homebound Delivery Communion Committee
 Bread Bakers Communion Cushions Communion Ushers Seamstresses Supporters

Please complete this form by Sunday, April 9, 2017 and return to
Valerie Bose, Barbara Fulton, Tonya Clark, Marcia Vietrogoski, Barbara Kunicki
Or mail to: Valerie Bose, 8 Hitching Post Lane, Danbury, CT 06811



April 2

Scripture Reader	Chris Russock
People's Prayers	Beverly Anderson
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Will McWilliams

April 9

People's Prayers	PALM SUNDAY Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

April 16

Counters	EASTER SUNDAY Kathy Roig Sue Teer
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April 23

Scripture Reader	Carol Spaulding
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

April 30

Scripture Reader	Phyllis Tranzillo
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Will McWilliams

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



RENEE CHILDS 4/1

KIM GOODWIN 4/2

CHRIS RUSSOCK 4/4

JOSEPH STRIZALKOWSKI 4/7

PETER HORNIK 4/10

MARK PIERCE 4/11

JIM DAVIS 4/15

LOIS BORNEMEIER 4/19

BRIAN KEMPTER 4/27

MARCIA VIETROGOSKI 4/27

MARY MATTONI 4/28

TONYA CLARK 4/30



It's Spring! Time for Geraniums
Celebrating our veterans on Memorial Day -Sunday, May 29

Plants on sale April 17 - May 22

Red only - \$5.00 each (4" pot size)

Sponsored by:

United Methodist Women of Danbury

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 Sunday, May 29.

There will be a special red, white and blue bunting to add to this presentation to honor our veterans.

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

Checks should be made out to:

The United Methodist Women of Danbury (All proceeds go to mission giving.)

DEADLINE : MAY 14, 2017.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Plants: _____

Please check:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Will Keep _____ Will Donate _____

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD
GUIDE YOU, PROTECT YOU AND
SURROUND YOU IN ALL THE DAYS OF
YOUR LIFE.

Happy Easter

The Church Council and Board of Trustees

Pastor Kim Bosley

Patti Cohen-Hecht, Administrator

Wish you and your Family a Blessed Easter

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

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

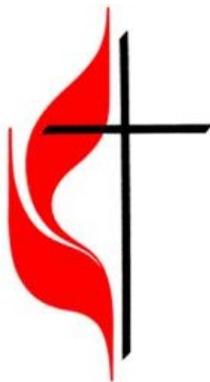
Tasks include:

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

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



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DEADLINE FOR MAY FLAME IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017.