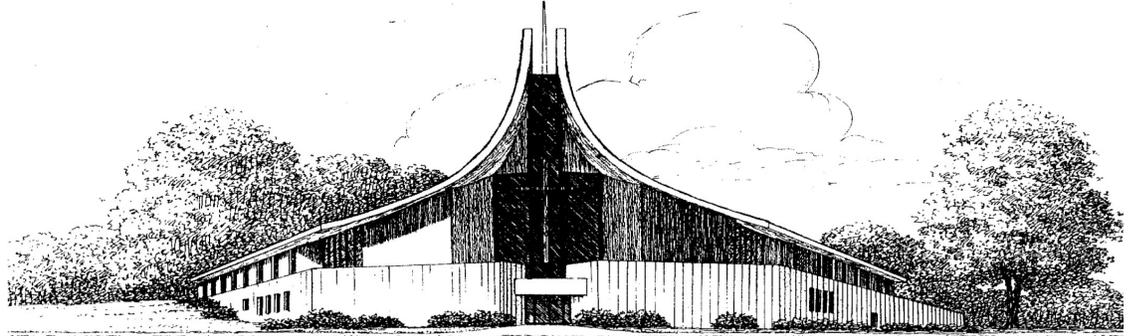




# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY

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## MAY EVENTS

### EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm Thursday Night  
Life Dinner

### Monday, May 1

7:00pm UMM Dinner @  
Blue Colony Diner, Newtown

### Wednesday, May 3

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
6:30pm ASP Orient. 2  
6:45pm ASP New Parent  
Orientation  
7:00pm Trustees Meeting  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 4

10:00am Helping Hands

### Saturday, May 6

8:00am Spring Cleanup  
9:00am ASP Adv. Training

### Sunday, May 7

12:00pm ASP Basic Training  
12:00pm ASP Car Wash

### Wednesday, May 10

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

### Saturday, May 13

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

### Tuesday, May 16

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

### Wednesday, May 17

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm ASP Meeting  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 20

10:00am ASP Car Wash

### Sunday, May 21

12:00pm ASP Adv. Training

### Wednesday, May 24

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 27

10:00am ASP Car Wash

### Monday, May 29

**Memorial Day**  
UMCD Office Closed

### Wednesday, May 31

6:00pm Chapel Bells  
7:00pm Finance Meeting  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

One of the defining features of the United Methodist Church is that we are "connectional": we are related to every other United Methodist church locally, around the country, and even around the world. One way that we support the strength of our connection is through apportioned giving. Every United Methodist church, based on its spending budget, is apportioned a share of money. That share is pooled, and is used to support the ministry of the Annual Conference and missions that the UM Church supports throughout the entire world. Through apportioned giving, our mission projects feed the hungry here and abroad, build churches and other needed facilities in third world countries, provide disaster relief, support agricultural projects in developing countries, among many other urgent issues. As such, our apportionments are a vehicle for bringing God's grace into literally every corner of the world. Please take a moment to read the enclosed note of gratitude we received from Bishop Bickerton regarding our faithful payment of our Conference apportionment.

blessings,

*Pastor Kim*



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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THOMAS J. BICKERTON  
RESIDENT BISHOP

*"Just as you excel in everything...see also that you excel in the grace of giving."*

*2 Corinthians 8:7*

I'm proud of you. I mean that. As your bishop, I'm especially proud of the commitment you have to each other and the way in which you demonstrate your commitment through your payment of Connectional Apportionments. I recently reviewed the giving of each of our local churches and noted that your church paid 100% of your connectional apportionments last year. I am writing today to thank you for that commitment. It has not gone unnoticed and, I know, is a result of intentional hard work on your part.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

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Our United Methodist Book of Discipline clearly states that paying your Connectional Apportionments is every local church's "first benevolent responsibility."

You do that. Because you do I'm proud to write and acknowledge your faithfulness not only to the New York Annual Conference, and not only to the broader connection of The United Methodist Church, but also to the "kingdom work" that God has called us to as faithful disciples.

Well done! Well done indeed!

God is faithful! Faithful is also what God is asking us to be. In the book of II Corinthians, Paul recounts the extreme faithfulness of the church in Macedonia even in the midst of what Paul described as a severe ordeal in the midst of extreme poverty. They were faithful and joyful as they gave themselves to God and to one another. When they did, they gave beyond what the Bible says was their ability to give at all.

God changed the world through them. As we are faithful, I believe God will once again change the world,... through us!

Thank you once again for your faithfulness in paying 100% of your Conference Apportionments. I deeply appreciate it.

The Journey Continues,...

Peace & Joy,

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton



## RECRUITING READERS AND PRAYERS

*Have you ever wondered how to become a  
scripture reader for Sunday Worship?*

**OR**

*Could I participate in Sunday Worship  
and offer the "People's Prayers"?*

Here is your opportunity to share your spiritual voice with your church family.

We are looking for volunteers to join our growing list of readers and prayer leaders for Sunday morning Worship. The only requirement is a willingness to read and to share the good word.

Volunteers will be placed on a rotating schedule and given their reading to practice several days in advance. Our new schedule begins in June.

If you are interested in becoming a Reader and or People's Prayer leader during Worship, please email Mary Lou Heyel: [Mheyel55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mheyel55@sbcglobal.net)

# MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## **SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP - SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **SUNDAY, MAY 14**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

## **SUNDAY, MAY 21**

**9:30AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

## **SUNDAY, MAY 28**

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**10:30AM**

WORSHIP

*CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES*

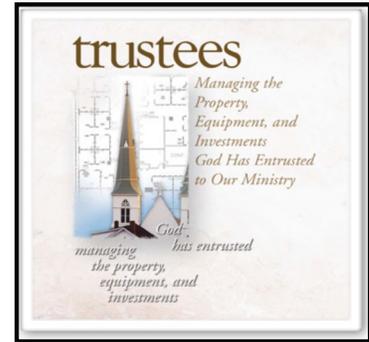
**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**





**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

**8:00AM - 12:00 NOON**



Spring is finally here and it is time to spruce up the church grounds and parsonage.

### **Join us Saturday, May 6 at 8:00am**

We will be weeding, raking, mulching and trimming and we need everyone's help at the church and parsonage on Saturday, May 6 from 8:00am to 12:00noon

We need 8-10 people at the church and 4 at the parsonage

Please bring your rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, hedge trimmers or clippers to cut shrubs.

If anyone has a tree pole saw, or gas powered hedge trimmer, that would be appreciated.

Please contact Chuck Vietrogoski at [chaspbg@aol.com](mailto:chaspbg@aol.com) to RSVP



Get ready for some home-made goodies, we have the best bakers this side of the Mississippi.

If you aren't able to bake, why not take home some nice treats, and who doesn't have a sweet tooth.

Please package as follows: cookies 6 to a plastic bag, and brownies 4 to a bag. Cakes, pies and mini-breads are also welcome. All monies collected will benefit our mission work. The goodies will be available before and after church.



For more information, please contact: Valerie Stagen or Karlene Lombardo.

Thank you to everyone for making our bake sale a success.

Now for sure, your Mother's Day will be extra sweet.

*thank you!*



**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, May 1 at 7:00pm**  
***Blue Colony Diner***

66 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT



The Sunday School children began the Easter season with a Lenten fair. They enjoyed a continental breakfast and participated in activities that taught them the meaning behind many of the symbols we use in church. They learned the importance of the palms that were laid down in anticipation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. They made beautiful crosses made of wire and nails. The cross is symbolic of the sacrifice and suffering Jesus endured for each of us. The empty cross also reminds us of the resurrection of Jesus. Each child created a resurrection garden. Finally, hot cross buns were made and delivered to our church's home-bound members.

Sunday school will meet from 9:30am to 10:15am every Sunday through early June.

There will be NO Sunday School on May 28, the Memorial Day weekend.

**BOOK  
CLUB**



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

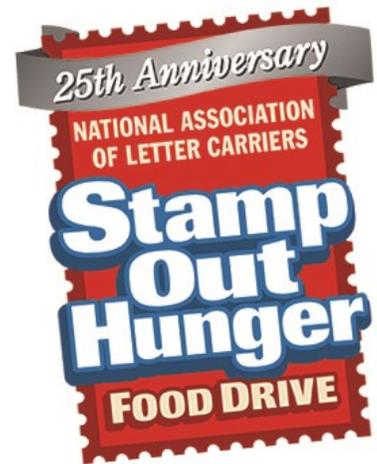
The May meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 16, 7:30pm** at the United Methodist Church, hosted by Judy Vogt and Karlene Lombardo.

May's Book Selection:

***The Adventures of Anna Heininey*  
By Tom Vogt**

**Everyone is welcome!**





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 fundraising breakfast for Renewal House on Friday, May 5.

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

## COVENANT TO CARE

It's May - the month of Mother's Day! Mothers make us think of babies. Babies make us think of many sweet and joyful things and diapers!

It is time for our annual "Diaper Drive". The first Sunday of May you will find a basket in the Narthex to collect assorted sizes of disposable diapers. We deliver these diapers to our Covenant to Care partner at the Department of Children and Family (DCF). They get distributed to families in need.

It has been quite some time since many of us had to purchase diapers for our families, but we can still remember how many those adorable little ones used in a day and how expensive they were and still are. This is one way our church family can reach out to families in our community who are having a difficult time. It is a small way to show God's love.

As always, if you can't get out to shop or you are too busy or if you just don't like to shop, we will be happy to take donations and do the shopping for you! For more information, please contact Phyllis Tranzillo.





**Appalachia**  
SERVICE PROJECT <sup>SM</sup>

## Appalachia Service Project News



### ASP Car Washes in May

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

There are several car washes scheduled in May.

*Sunday, May 7      12:00pm - 4:00pm*

*Saturday, May 13    10:00am - 2:00pm*

*Saturday, May 20    10:00am - 2:00pm*

*Saturday, May 27    10:00am - 2:00pm*

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

## *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.  
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".*



### **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.

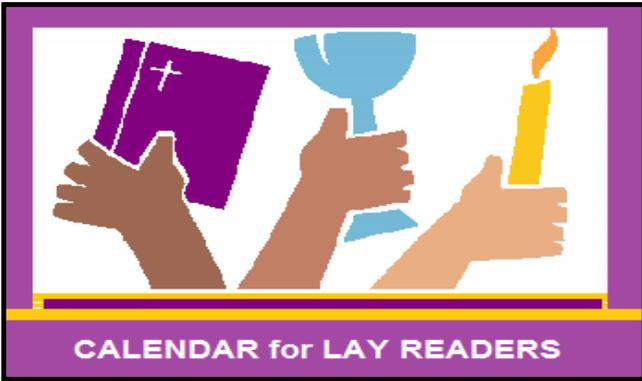
From non-fiction and fiction to mysteries to children's books. We are accepting them all. You may also donate DVD's, CD's and audio books.

Our own very special book table will be set up the third week in September. Everyone loves to browse and buy at the Book Room.

Please donate and make our sale special for our Pumpkin Festival.

For more information please contact:

Karlene Lombardo at [lombardodk@gmail.com](mailto:lombardodk@gmail.com)



**May 7**

Scripture Reader	Roger Warmbir
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

**May 14**

Scripture Reader	Beverly Anderson
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Kathy Roig Sue Teer

**May 21**

Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Carol Spaulding
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

**May 28**

Scripture Reader	Coralee DeMouth
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo Will McWilliams

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



Kwaku Aurelien	5/3
Mark Clemens	5/3
Justin Goodwin	5/6
Kathy Chambers	5/7
Kaitlynn Jackson-Slocum	5/7
Jack Pavao	5/9
Kofi Aurelien	5/11
Brian Spaulding	5/11
Elizabeth Mitchell	5/16
Matthew Salamon	5/20
Laura Zeigler	5/20
Julia Goodwin	5/21
Aiden McAllister	5/21
Doris Pietras	5/30
Dot Treadwell	5/31



**It's Spring! Time for Geraniums**  
**Celebrating our veterans - Sunday, May 21**

**Plants on sale through May 14**

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 21.

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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **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, May 4 Tacos

Thursday, May 18 Pasta

Thursday, May 11 Turkey Dinner

Thursday, May 25 Chicken Dinner

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