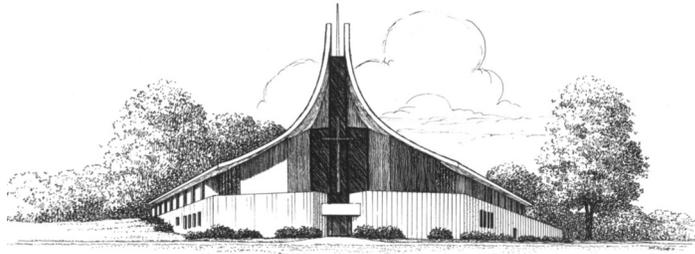




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THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

At a Glance...

Men's Club
6/1 at 7pm

UMW Cookout
6/2 at 6pm

Last ASP Car Wash
6/6 at 10am-2pm



**Teacher
Appreciation
Sunday & Ice Cream
Social**

6/7

Book Club
6/16 at 7:30pm

Pumpkin Meeting
6/19 at 7pm

ASP Send-off
6/27 at 8am

Message from Pastor Kim

The Top Ten Reasons I Love the Church Season of Pentecost

- 10) Pentecost is unexpected and spontaneous. We don't have to plan for it or make it happen. It happens of its own accord.
- 9) The color for Pentecost is red--representing the "tongues of fire" that came to rest on each disciple (according to Acts 2:1-21) when the Holy Spirit visited that day. As such, the cross and flame symbol of United Methodism is an ongoing visual reminder of the meaning of Pentecost.
- 8) Of the 3 major church holidays--Easter, Christmas and Pentecost--only Pentecost has not been commercialized in our culture, thereby allowing us to focus exclusively on its spiritual dimensions.
- 7) Because the day of Pentecost was when the disciples first received the gift of the Spirit, emboldening them to baptize several thousand people, it is widely understood to be the birthday of the church. And birthdays are occasions for celebrations. Happy birthday, Christian Church!
- 6) The only "present" you are asked to give the church on its birthday is your "presence."
- 5) For number 5, you get to add YOUR reason for loving the season of Pentecost. If one doesn't come to mind, pray about it.
- 4) Pentecost never goes out of style. Because it is about being open to the leanings of the Spirit, its message lives on in each of our lives as long as WE are open to the leanings of the Spirit.
- 3) On the day of Pentecost, everyone present understood the message proclaimed in his or her own language. There were no barriers to God's Spirit. The message is clear that God's vision for the church is unity.
- 2) At Pentecost, the Word became flesh in the birth of a new community that would be called the Christian church. We, the Church, become the resurrected body of Christ in the world. Amazing!

1) Pentecost has once again come upon us to remind us that God is always doing a new thing, even if we are stuck in the "old thing." Praise God for fresh opportunities and new experiences!

Blessings In Christ, Pastor Kim

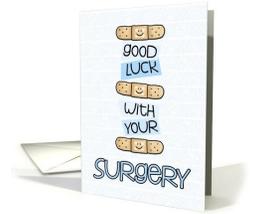
Special Note from Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Pastor Kim's surgery:

Pastor Kim's surgery will take place on May 28 at the Hospital for Special Surgery in NYC. Please keep both she and her surgical team in your prayers on Thursday. She anticipates being in the hospital for 3 days, followed by 6 days at rehab.

Several people have asked how they could assist Pastor Kim after she returns home. Knee replacement surgery requires lots of rest and mobility is limited, so PLEASE call before coming by for a visit. There will be a few weeks when she could use meals and rides to Physical Therapy and lab appointments. When the dates become clear, Pastor Kim will communicate these with Patti, our church administrator. If you would be willing to provide a meal or offer a ride when she returns home, give Patti a call at the church office (203-743-1503), and she will co-ordinate this. And of course, cards are always welcomed.

Many thanks for your kind support!

Carla Pierce, SPR Chairperson



Worship Schedule for June

	June 7th	3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages (last day of Sunday School) 10:30 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall; Holy Communion; Rev. Jim Stinson preaching. Recognition of Sunday School teachers; Recognition of High School graduates. Ice Cream Social for Fellowship (offered by our Sunday School Classes)
	June 14	4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship Theme on "Women and the Bible" in FH. Service coordinated by Minnie Rouse, Lois Bornemeier and the Women's Sunday School class.
	June 21	5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall; Rev. Jim Stinson preaching.
	June 28	6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall; Rev. Jim Stinson preaching.

Child care is provided during 10:30 service

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

Early Summer Services

July 5th through Labor Day

Throughout the summer months we will be worshipping an hour earlier.

Join us at 9:30 am while it is still cool, leaving you the rest of the day for your summer activities.



Women's Sunday School

Good morning. My name is Karlene Lombardo. I am the leader of the UMW at this church. We're not the United Mine Workers. Although we are not afraid to get our hands dirty for mission work! We are definitely not an exclusive club. There is no secret handshake. We are the United Methodist Women. We are part of a national organization that is currently 800,000 members strong. Our meetings and activities are open to all women. We have four quarterly meetings a year. All women can come and enjoy our events without feeling they are making a time consuming commitment. The meetings are advertised in the Flame and in our bulletins well in advance. Our spring and fall meetings are more structured with a speaker or some other special programming. Our meetings in December and June tend to focus on the fellowship aspects of this group. We like to have fun! The size of the gatherings ranges from thirteen to twenty-four woman in attendance. We also prepare and lead the Children's Sabbath (sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund) during worship on the third Sunday in October.

A few Sundays ago I held up our recognition certificate from 2014. I shared that our unit had received our 23rd year 5 Star recognition. This means that for twenty-three years we have given to the five undesignated areas of mission (Through the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church). They are: Pledge to Mission; Gift to Mission; Gift in Memory; World Thank Offering and Special Membership Recognition (Aasta Moser Award). We have already completed two of the stars and the rest will be done by October.

We are primarily a women's fellowship group that is dedicated to mission. We support mission projects in our church, in our community and beyond. Please note the missions that we have been supporting as you visit the UMW Mother's Day Bake Sale, in the Narthex, after church today. Thank you for your support.

The next United Methodist Women's meeting is Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6PM at my home at 70 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury. It will be a cookout....Always fun, and we will have some men attending: Don, Larry and Paul will be our "Master Grillers". I hope to see you there! The best contacts for this organization are Minnie Rouse, Valerie Stagen and me.

Beyond what I have already said the organization of the United Methodist Women does have a Purpose.

It reads:

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know GOD, and to experience freedom as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; To develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Music at DUMC

Thank you to all who supported the wonderful concert given by the Good News Gospel Choir. We raised \$1000 to benefit a local Danbury family coping with the effects of pancreatic cancer. Placement of this donation was arranged with the help of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.



Sunday School News

Teacher Recognition Sunday, June 7th

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and leaders who so lovingly share and engage us in the Word of Our Lord.

Thank you to
Rev. Kim Bosley
Kim Cain-Moreira,
Lorena Tesbir,
Phyllis Tranzillo,
Penny McKown,
David Zeigler,
Carol Spaulding
Minnie Rouse

and Leaders Jim Teer and Marti Foster.

Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and generosity of time and spirit.

Why God Made Teachers

by Kevin William Huff



When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

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Join us June 7th for our annual
Ice Cream Social/ Coffee Hour
following the Worship Service.

This is in celebration of another great year of
Sunday school.

Our last day of Sunday school is June 7th. We will start back
up in the fall.

We had a wonderful celebration of confirmation on May 17th. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a special day:

The confirmands, their mentors, Pastor Kim, their families and friends that attended, the Administrative Council for refreshments and the entire congregation for participating in renewing their own vows.



**SURVEY OF INTEREST IN NEW
DANBURY UMC T-SHIRTS**



I would like to give our church members an opportunity to buy a *Danbury United Methodist Church T-shirt*. There are two shirts that are being worn right now and both are about 10 years old.

The first T-shirts were made to use in the Memorial Day Parade and were red, white or blue with a picture of the church and our church's name. These shirts were made using an iron on decal kit.

The second T-shirts were made by a company that the Rouse's use for their shirts. These were long sleeve gray T-shirts with the Methodist cross and flame, our church's name and the phrase, "open hearts, open minds, open door".

People that have these T-shirts wear them for church functions at our church so people know that they are from our church and are easily identified. They have been worn at previous Pumpkin Festivals, the recent paper, bottle, and clothing drive, church dinners and at our tag sales.

I have found pricing from \$3.99 to \$12.99 to get new shirts made and I would like input for new T-shirts. Such as color, wording, logos, short or long sleeve or a choice and what would be an appropriate price point.

I am going to order a new shirt for myself and would be happy to have input and place orders for others.

Thanks for your help, Beverly Anderson



Men's Club Dinner

June 1st 7pm

Pepe's Pizza

59 Federal Rd, Danbury

This will be our last evening out before we take a break for summer.

Watch for new schedule in September!



**Saturday, June 6th 10am-2pm
LAST CAR WASH OF THE SEASON
A Good Car Wash for a Good Cause**



Thank you to all who have so generously supported us.



Who has been making all of those benches that you have seen in the back parking lot???



This is just a portion of the ASPers who have been working on their carpentry skills. Want to be one of these happy faces next year? There is a spot for you!

ASP 2015 Send Off ... June 27th

There will be a commissioning service to send off the crews traveling to Appalachia to spend a week working to make homes warmer, safer and drier. The service will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday June 27th in the front of the Danbury UMC. All are welcome to join in the service and to wish the 50+ youth and adults well.

ASP 2015 Return ...July 5th

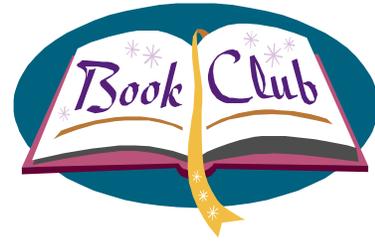
Please join the ASP and church families in welcoming back the crews after a week working in Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier. The crews will be back at around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 5th.

Pumpkin Festival News

Next Meeting: Friday, June 19th at 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited.

We need your ideas and enthusiasm



On Tuesday, June 16, we will be reviewing *The Midwife's Confession*, by Diane Cumberland.

Lois Bornemeier will be hosting this month at her home, 3 Bernlou Drive, Danbury, 203-7790-4616.

The UMCD Book Club meets at 7:30 pm, once a month. Please meet at the Church at 7:00 pm to carpool.

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



Aidan Zeigler	6/4
Audrey Cain	6/6
Alyssa Cormier	6/6
Karlene Lombardo	6/6
Judy Abdalla	6/7
Carlos Barrigas	6/9
Veronica Gebing	6/10
Danielle Mazza	6/13
Jan Elwell	6/17
Michael Vietrogoski	6/17
Joey Masood	6/19
David Zeigler	6/19
Michael Dibble	6/20
Shirley Fogle	6/20
Ethel Rogers	6/23
Sheldon Irving	6/24
Katie DeMouth	6/30

Updating our Flame e-mail distribution list.



Do you know anyone who would like to be receiving our Flame but may not be on our church members email list? Often former members, regular attendees but non-members, college students, etc., would like to keep up with what we are doing.

Please contact Kathy O'Shea to have names added. Thanks!

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Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler

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