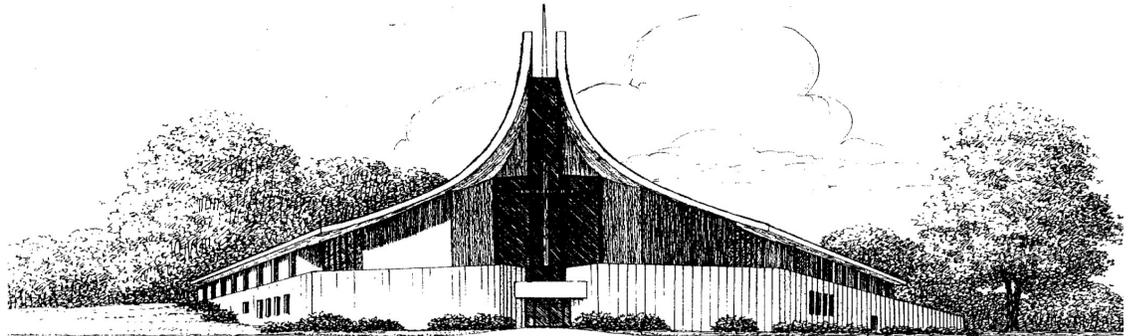




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JUNE EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm Thursday Night
Life Dinner

Thursday, June 1

10:00am Helping Hands

Saturday, June 3

9:00am ASP Adv. Training

Sunday, June 4

12:00pm ASP Car Wash

Monday, June 5

7:00pm UMM Dinner @
99 Restaurant

Wednesday, June 7

6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm ASP Orient. 3
7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Saturday, June 10

9:00am ASP Car Show
12:00pm Dorothy Day

Monday, June 12

6:00pm UMW Meeting

Wednesday, June 14

6:00pm Chapel Bells

Saturday, June 17

10:00am ASP Car Wash

Tuesday, June 20

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, June 21

6:00pm Chapel Bells
6:30pm SPR Meeting
7:00pm ASP Adult
Leader Orientation
7:00pm ASP Meeting
7:30pm Church Council

Wednesday, June 28

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

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

The Gospel of the Holy Spirit

Do you remember the scene that happened on that first Sunday of what we now know as Pentecost? Jesus' friends, about 120 of them, were moping around wondering what they were going to do without Jesus, when they heard a holy hurricane heading their way. Before any of them even had a chance to react, a mighty wind had blown through the entire house, striking sparks that burst into flames above their head - and then every one of them was filled with God's breath, God's Spirit. Then something clamped down on them and they started speaking in languages they didn't even know they knew. Like a room full of bagpipes going off at the same time, the commotion caused such a racket that a crowd gathered. People that were from all over the world for the Festival of Pentecost came leaning in the windows and pushing through the doors, surprised to hear people speaking their own language so far from home.

Before the day was over, the church had grown from 120 to more than 3,000. Shy people had become bold and lost people had found a new sense of direction. The disciples discovered abilities within themselves that they never knew they had. When they spoke, they sounded like Jesus. When they laid their hands on the sick, it was as if Jesus had touched them. In no time at all, they were doing things that they had never seen anyone but Jesus do, and the only explanation seemed to be that they had dared to breathe in the breath of God, or the Spirit of God, on the day of Pentecost.

Pentecost was just the beginning of their story. Their story continues through the Book of Acts in the scriptures, which is why some people call the Book of Acts the gospel of the Holy Spirit. In the first four books of the New Testament - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - we learn the good news of what God did through Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts, we learn the good news of what God did through the Holy Spirit, by spiritually reviving a group of drifting disciples and turning them into a force that changed the history of the world.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

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A question that I ask myself is: Do we still believe in a God who acts like that? Do we still believe in a God who blows through closed doors and sets our minds and hearts aflame? Do we still believe in a God who has the power to transform us, or have we come to an unspoken agreement that God is someone to whom we may address our prayer requests but not anyone we really expect to change our lives?

Do we believe in a God who can blow through our lives, rearrange everything, and create within us the freedom to respond in new ways to old situations? I pray that we do. This Pentecost season, tune your life into the Gospel of the Holy Spirit and watch for what happens next.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim Bosley

P.S. Please wear a red article of clothing to church on Sunday, June 4 (if possible), to create a festive environment in our sanctuary for Pentecost. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, to symbolize the flame of the Holy Spirit.



DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL AND SPR MEETINGS

Please note that the June meeting of the Church Administrative Council has been moved to Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30pm.

The meeting will feature a discussion led by our Welcome and Evangelism Team, as well as any committee reports that we need to hear.

Please also note that Ad Council will take a well deserved break during the month of July. We will start preparing for the fall at our August meeting on Wednesday, August 9.

Please be aware that the June meeting for SPR will also be Wednesday, June 21, at 6:30pm.

COUNTERS NEEDED



The church is in need of a few new volunteer counters. Counters work in teams of two and count money from our offering immediately after church. The process usually takes 30 to 40 minutes. Typically, counters take a turn every 5 weeks or so. Training will be provided.

If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Kim or Patrick Curran, Finance Secretary through the church office (203-7343-1503) or Sue Teer (203-792-1981).

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, JUNE 4 PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM

WORSHIP - SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***PLEASE WEAR A RED ARTICLE OF CLOTHING TO MAKE
OUR SANCTUARY FESTIVE FOR PENTECOST***

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM

WORSHIP

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

12:00PM (AFTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL)

RECEPTION FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

11:00AM

**ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC WITH
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL AT BENNETT PARK, BETHEL**

MUSIC WILL BE COORDINATED BY CAROL SPAULDING. OUR ASP TEAM WILL BE CELEBRATED.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, WE WILL JOIN FOR A FESTIVE PICNIC LUNCH.

ST. JAMES IS PROVIDING MEAT FOR GRILLING;

EVERYONE ELSE IS ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

DRESS IS CASUAL.

PARKING IS LIMITED AT BENNETT PARK; WE WILL CARPOOL FROM THE CHURCH. MEET AT 10:30AM.

WORSHIP AND PICNIC ARE HELD IN THE LARGE GAZEBO, SO WE ARE WEATHER PROTECTED.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:30AM

WORSHIP

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED DURING OUR SERVICES

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP





Join the United Methodist Women for their June meeting and cookout on Monday, June 12, at the home of Karlene and Don Lombardo (70 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury) at 6:00pm. The Lombardo's will be providing grilled chicken and hot dogs. Donald and his crew will be manning the grill. We will have a brief service to commemorate and collect for the World Thank Offering. Please bring any "Labels for Education". The labels will be sent to The Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. All the women and guests of the church are invited. There will be a sign-up for side dishes and desserts in the Narthex. If you have any questions, or need a ride, please contact Karlene Lombardo at 203-743-1260.

Aasta Moser Award 2017

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. The presentation will take place later this year. Please give any nominations to Karlene Lombardo: **lombardodk@gmail.com**
The recipients for 2016 were Barbara Fulton and Christine Russock. In keeping with our unit's celebration of twenty-five years as a 5 Star Unit we gave two awards in 2016. This year there will be one honoree. Take this opportunity to recognize a member of our congregation.



THANK YOU for supporting the two mission fund raisers for the United Methodist Women. The Mother's Day Bake Sale was a success. We raised \$435.00 due to the efforts of our wonderful bakers and our generous church family. Special appreciation is noted for Valerie Stagen and Penny McKown. Great job ladies!

The altar was once again decorated, in red, white and blue, for our special Memorial Day Sunday. The red geraniums made a loving display for our veterans and loved ones. Thank you for your generous support.



We have received a wonderful letter acknowledging our sponsorship of a table at Renewal House's Annual Breakfast. This year, our own Bev Anderson was the featured speaker.



P.O. Box 622
Danbury, CT 06813-0622

renewal-house.org



May 16, 2017

Reverend Kimberly Bosley
United Methodist Church of Danbury
5 Clapboard Ridge Road
Danbury, CT 06811

Dear Reverend Bosley,

Thank you for the generous sponsorship donation of \$250 to the Renewal House program of Shelter of the Cross, Inc. As we focus on providing food, shelter and support to some of the most vulnerable, at risk members of our community – older men and women who are homeless – we are exceedingly grateful for your support. Your contribution not only enables us to address immediate needs for food, shelter and safety; you also enable those we serve to acquire the tools and connections they need to re-establish and sustain stable, productive lives.

Connecticut's population is aging and many seniors do not have the resources they need to support themselves. Housing affordability is a significant problem throughout Fairfield County. The income inequality gap is the worst among the 100 largest metropolitan areas nationwide. Recent research findings consistently show an older population that is growing dramatically and is increasingly at risk when faced with the economic and health challenges that often accompany aging.

Your support for our work makes a real difference in the lives of older individuals who are in crisis. Over the 19 years we have served this community, more than 90% of our program graduates have not only regained but also sustained their independence – many for more than 10 years. This is a program that works.

Thank you for being a partner in our success. We are grateful for your support of our work.

With thanks and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Wiggins".

Janice Wiggins
Executive Director

Shelter of the Cross, Inc., (EIN 22-3221915) DBA Renewal House is a recognized nonprofit organization under IRS Code 501c3. As such, your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



**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, June 5 at 7:00pm
99 Restaurant & Pub
80 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT



April showers bloomed into a beautiful May. The students washed, chopped, sliced, mixed, and assembled several different treats to honor their mothers at the Mother's Day Tea. We have a few junior chefs in church, but they prefer to have Mom do the cooking because her way tastes best. The table was almost cleared out, a sure sign that no Mom left hungry.

The last day of Sunday School is June 11. Wear comfortable clothing to move around, because we will be getting a bit active with our newest teacher, Darren Cain. That way you'll have plenty of room for dessert for the ice cream social during fellowship hour.

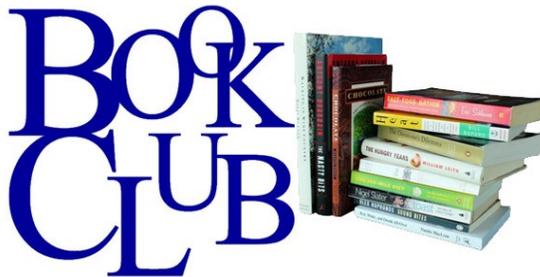
We would also like the students, and their parents, to come with some ideas of what you would like to see, do or make in the next school year (i.e. move around more; bible study; volunteer as a group for an event or cause etc.).

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduating high school seniors and hope you all enjoy your summer vacation. Wishing you all have safe travels to and from camps, vacations and jobs. Don't forget to visit us during VBS this summer.

Keep an eye out for a mailer this fall to announce the 2017-2018 Sunday School year kickoff.

MANY THANKS to our teachers for all your love, support, time, effort, and love for not only our younger students, but their parents and your fellow teachers.

Love and blessings to you all,
Kim Cain-Moreira and Lorena Tesbir
Sunday School Co-Chairs

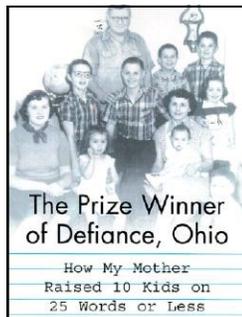


**The United Methodist Church Book Club
meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

The May meeting will take place on **Tuesday,**
June 20, 7:30pm at the home of Kathy Roig.

June's Book Selection:
***The Prize Winner of
Defiance Ohio***
By Terry Ryan

Everyone is welcome!





Preparing
Mother's Day Tea



Photos by Kim Cain-Moreira and David Zeigler



May 28, 2017

Celebrating the Baptism of twins, Everett Vincent Strout and Alexander Edward Strout. The boys were born on January 7, 2017, and are the sons of Jennifer and Michael Strout. We welcome them into our Christian family. Many thanks to Penny McKown for donating the beautiful cake.

Photos by Marti Foster and Jennifer Strout



ASP
Appalachia
SERVICE PROJECT SM



GETTING READY FOR THIS YEAR'S TRIP



Photos by David Zeigler



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

There are two car washes scheduled in June.

Sunday, June 4 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday, June 17 10:00am - 2:00pm



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".*

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

- During the week of October 7, Mark Pierce will be going to Southbury to pick up our pumpkins. If you have a truck, van or SUV, please contact Mark if you can help to transport the pumpkins.

- Please consider donating the following items for the Festival Café:

Bottles of Water

Juice boxes

Barbeque sauce

Cans of Pepsi and Diet Pepsi

Napkins

Cans of chopped clams

Cans of Ginger Ale

Small (6") paper plates

Ketchup-Mustard-Relish

- Volunteers are needed to set up the Tag Sale Room during the week of October 2-6



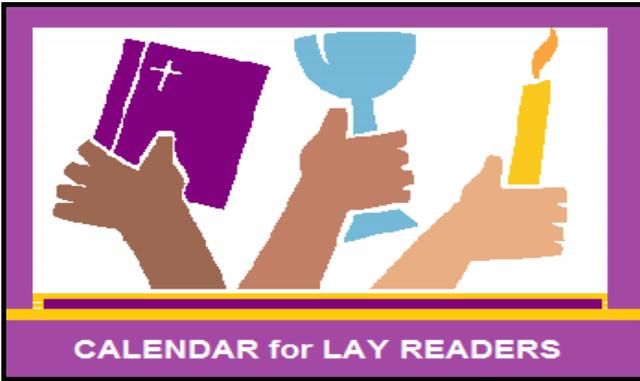
BOOKS FOR THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



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. We are accepting all kinds of books, non-fiction, fiction, mysteries and children's books.

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. For more information please contact:

Karlene Lombardo at lombardok@gmail.com



June 4

Scripture Reader	Shirley Fogle
People's Prayers	Beverly Anderson
Counters	Myra Tesbir Norma Bucko

June 11

Scripture Reader	Mary Lou Heyel
People's Prayers	Pastor Kim Bosley
Counters	Kathy Roig Sue Teer

June 18

Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Carla Pierce Don DeMouth

June 25

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

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



Aidan Zeigler	June 04
Audrey Cain	June 06
Karlene Lombardo	June 06
Judy Abdalla	June 07
Carlos Barrigas	June 09
Danielle Mazza	June 13
Jan Elwell	June 17
Michael Vietrogoski	June 17
Yousef Masood	June 19
David Zeigler	June 19
Michael Dibble	June 20
Hazel Fogle	June 20
Robin McAllister	June 20
Ethel Rogers	June 23
Sarah Rogowski	June 26
Douglas McDonald	June 27
Michael Capri	June 28
Tifanie Ferreira	June 28
Katherine DeMouth	June 30



The Grief Recovery Method®

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An Action Program for Moving Beyond Death, Divorce, and Other Losses

Myths about grief:

Time heals all wounds

Replace the loss

Grieve alone

Be strong for others

Bury your feelings

Your feelings are normal and natural. The problem is that we have been socialized to believe that these feelings are abnormal and unnatural.

Whether loss is from:

Death

Divorce or end of a relationship

Loss of a career

Loss of trust

Loss of faith

Loss of safety

Loss of health

This 8-WEEK PROGRAM meets

In the GOLDSTONE CAREGIVER CENTER at DANBURY HOSPITAL

Beginning Thursday, June 15, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

People say you have to let go and move on in your life, but they don't tell you what you need to do to accomplish that. The Grief Recovery Method®: Grief Support Group not only makes that possible, but provides partnerships and guidance to ensure that it happens.

To Register or for further information call or e-mail:

Chaplain Beryl Knudsen • Certified Grief Recovery Specialist®

Spiritual Care Department - 203-739-7135 / beryl.knudsen@wchn.org



The Grief Recovery Method



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, June 1 Barbeque

Thursday, June 15 Barbeque

Thursday, June 8 Barbeque

Thursday, June 22 Barbeque

Thursday, June 29 Barbeque

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