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At a Glance...

**Summer Worship  
Hour through  
Labor Day**

9:30am

**Vacation Bible  
School**

8/09– 8/13

6:00– 8:00pm



**Pumpkin Meeting**

8/14 at 7pm

**T-shirt Orders Due**

8/15

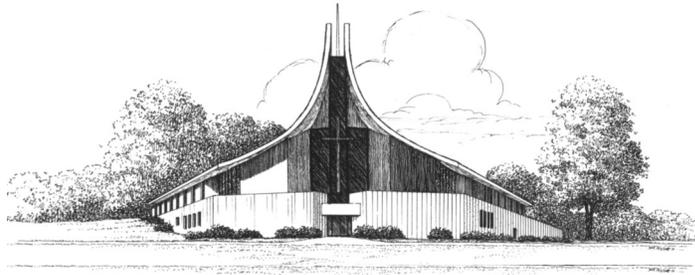
**Last Date to Bring in  
Backpacks**

8/16

**Book Club**

8/18 at 7:30pm

# THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

## Message from Pastor Kim

“When Interruptions Become Blessings”

This past Sunday, the theme of my sermon was on what can happen when we allow the interruptions of life to become unexpected blessings. I'd like to continue that theme in this article. As most of you know, I recently returned to work after a period of recovery from a total knee replacement (left knee). Certainly, in anticipating the surgery, I had viewed it as a huge interruption: the loss of weeks of time in the church; weeks of personal time; the possibility of a summer vacation. This is of course not to mention having to face the risks of major surgery; painful aftermath and necessary rehabilitation; side effects of pain meds; no driving for a month, etc. I now realize that as with many times when we are caught off guard with life's surprises, I was being short-sighted. First of all, the opportunity to get a new knee (AMAZING technology) with the chance to walk better and be out of pain (and being fortunate enough to have health insurance to cover it) is an incredible gift, for which I will always be grateful.

Rev. James Forbes, one of my preaching professors at Union Theological Seminary, was fond of saying that it was only in hindsight that we could look back and see the hidden hand of God at work through the people and circumstances of our lives. That is certainly true for me as I look back over the past two months and feel so uplifted by God's presence through it all. It is always the case, isn't it, that as we look back over life's twists and turns, there are unexpected gifts of grace if we can receive them. There are always “angels of mercy” if we can spot them.

I am grateful for the many “angels of mercy” who blessed my life these past few months. There was my surgeon, Dr. Bostrom at Hospital for Special Surgery, who took the time to say words of calm and encouragement to me in my anxious moments before the surgery, not to mention having performed the surgery flawlessly. There were many caring nurses, but there were three that went the extra mile in caring for me during a few especially challenging moments during my hospitalization. There was the female Jewish orthodox chaplain who made a pastoral call to me at the hospital, and whose prayer and presence provided spiritual comfort. During my 6 day stay at Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital, there was a wonderful physician, a handful of nurses, and two physical therapists whose care in helping me take my literal “next steps” was exemplary.

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## Message from Pastor Kim (continued)



Then there were all of you, my church family at Danbury UMC. There were so many angels of mercy among you--persons who brought meals; persons who drove me to dr.'s appointments and physical therapy; persons who came to visit and sent cards; and most important of all each of you who offered prayers during my surgery, hospitalization, and recovery. I am also grateful for Rev. Jim Stinson, who graciously agreed to preach for five Sundays, and whose thoughtful messages kept us all inspired.

There came a moment, just before my surgery, when I was feeling anxious and knew it was time to turn it all over to God. And when I was able to do that, I understood that with God everything would be all right--not just my knee surgery, but EVERYTHING. All else falls away when you know that. Everything becomes clear. And that is how the interruption of my knee surgery blessed me with some precious gifts: first and foremost being reminded that in moments of fear God will always be with us and next to that knowledge nothing else matters; and second, that God has some pretty powerful angels of mercy to help us through the difficult times, to point us in the right direction. For all of the many blessings that came my way these past two months, I give thanks to God and to the people of God, which includes all of you.

Blessings, Kim

### August Worship Schedule

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| August 2  | 10th Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall;<br>Holy Communion Served; Pastor Kim preaching.              |
| August 9  | 11th Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall;<br>Pastor Kim preaching.                                     |
| August 16 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall;<br>Pastor Kim preaching.                                     |
| August 23 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall;<br>Pastor Kim preaching;<br>Celebration of August birthdays. |
| August 30 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall;<br>Pastor Kim preaching.                                     |



## Outreach

### Covenant to Care

I know it is hard to believe but it is time for our Backpack/School Supplies project. I spoke to our social worker and she would appreciate having the backpacks by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. That gives her time to distribute them before the start of school.



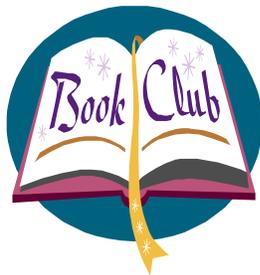
**That makes Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August our last date to bring in contributions.**

The project involves collecting backpacks and school supplies to be distributed to children in need. You can donate a backpack, school supplies, or backpacks filled with school supplies. I have a list of supplies if anyone needs a guide. You can donate a backpack for elementary students or for older students.

As always if you would like to participate and can't shop or are short on time, I am very willing to accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 203 -743-4342 or see me on Sunday. The continued generosity of our congregation is a blessing to our community and to our church.

Grace and Peace,  
Phyllis Tranzillo



**Join the group**  
**Come once-come every time**  
**Everyone is welcome**

Tuesday, August 18, we will be reviewing *The Divide*, by **Nicholas Evans**.

Beverly Anderson will be hosting this month at her home, 20 Belair Drive, Danbury, 203-746-4800.



**Did you know that August's birth flower is the gladiolus?** Gladiolus represents remembrance, calm and integrity.

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

**AUGUST**

Kaylyn Clemens	8/1
Loren Euvrard	8/2
Leo Paragarino	8/5
Jacob Hornik	8/10
Mary Lou Heyel	8/14
Valerie Stagen	8/14
Steven Basso	8/15
Michael Pontello	8/16
Kim Cain-Moreira	8/17
Catherine Bennett	8/18
Keith Darrah	8/18
Justin Rutledge	8/18
Nicole Sutor	8/22
Nathaniel Hornik	8/23
Coralee DeMouth	8/24
Gianna Campbell	8/25
Nan Salamon	8/29
Meghan DeMouth	8/30
Christina Heyel	8/31



**DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY, AUG 9 - THURSDAY, AUG 13 ♦ 6 - 8:00PM**



**“ In God we live, move, and exist.”  
(Acts 17:28a, CEB)**

**INCLUDES DINNER, STUDY AND FUN!**

**For Adults & Children ages 3 & up  
\$3 a person per night  
\$12 maximum per night per family**

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Appalachia Service Project (ASP) 2015 consisted of 9 work crews that travelled to and worked in Wyoming County, West Virginia. In all, 14 adults, 8 young adults (college age) and 33 high-school aged youth took part in the mission trip this year to make homes warmer, safer and drier, the goal of ASP.

Also, there are several adults who did not go on the trip but have provided invaluable service to the project, for a number of years now, by dealing with finances, fund raising and a myriad of forms.

ASP began for most of the participants in March with an initial Rally and culminated in the trip to Appalachia the week of Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. In between there were fund raising car washes, orientations and skills training.

The first leg of the trip on Saturday was to Staunton, Virginia where we spent the night at St. John's United Methodist Church. Our friends from St. John's have hosted us for six years now. The next morning we had an informal and early service before proceeding to Bud, WV where we spend the week at Herndon Elementary school.

The work that our crews did included roofing, installing underpinning beneath homes, insulating several homes, building a wheelchair ramp, painting, installing drywall and providing drainage. Each week during an ASP Summer a new set of volunteers comes in to work on homes in need of repair in the area. Our week was the second week with volunteers in Bud so most of the homes we worked on had some work underway by volunteers from the previous week. Other volunteers would work on most of the same homes during ensuing weeks.



This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year that we have sent volunteers to Appalachia from Danbury; each year has been different but a couple of things that don't seem to change are that the people who return from Appalachia are changed from the ones who left a week earlier and most everyone comes home with more friends than they left with.

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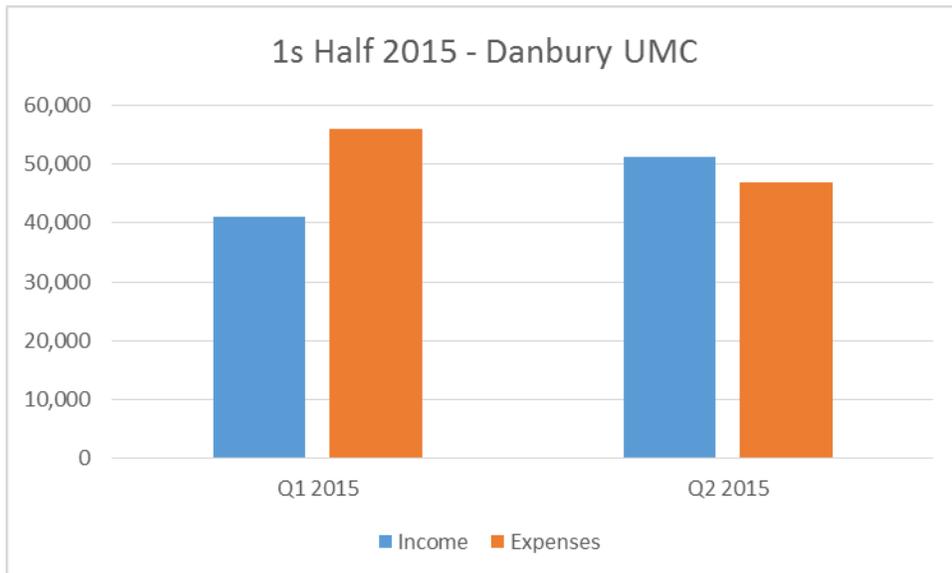
On behalf of those who traveled to and worked in Appalachia, thank you to those who provided moral or financial support for our trip. We appreciate those that attended our spaghetti dinner or purchased ASP stock or came to our car washes or attended the send-off or welcomed back the ASP caravan or helped out in other ways. Your support is, once again, very much appreciated.

Also, thanks to everyone that attended our ASP service, heard the experiences of a few of the volunteers and watched the slide show. Additional thanks to all of those that made a contribution to the kickoff fund for ASP 2016.

To view a slideshow of our trip please go to [www.danburymethodist.org/asp](http://www.danburymethodist.org/asp) and look for the 2015 slide show.

## Q2 2015 Financial Update

Danbury UMC closed out Q2 2015 with income of \$51.3K and expenses of \$46.9K for the operating budget, excluding designated funds like the roof fund. This represents a Q2 profit of \$4.4K. On a full year basis, ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, the church is at a net loss of \$10.6K. With expenses expected to remain lower in Q3 and Q4 combined with additional fund raising like the Pumpkin Festival in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the church is on a trend to break-even on a full year basis barring any significant changes. Thanks to everyone for staying current with pledging! This was and remains critical to ensure we can cover weekly expenses as we work back to break-even.



The budget story is not the only important financial story of Q2. In addition to improving our budget position, the church also raised over \$21K for the roof fund! This is a tremendous accomplishment that demonstrates a profound commitment to our church.

I will be posting detailed Q2 reports outside of the office on the board by the end of the month and am available for any questions or suggestions.

Keith Goodwin, email: [k2goodwin@yahoo.com](mailto:k2goodwin@yahoo.com).

# Pumpkin Festival News: Things To Do Over The Summer



## Come join the Craft Group!

We're making crafts for the Pumpkin Festival and all skill levels are welcome.



Craft sessions are on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We will meet Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Also, we are looking for new fall crafts to make, please let us know if you have an idea for a craft.

If you have any questions or ideas to share, please contact Coralee Demouth at 203 730-8103.

### PUMPKIN RIDDLE

Q: When is a pumpkin not a pumpkin?

A: When you drop it; then it's squash!

## Calling all bakers, canners, candy makers!



It's that time of year when thoughts of the beach turn to thoughts of the Pumpkin Festival.

Please start thinking what you can create to donate to the baked goods/canned goods table. Last year our jams and jellies sold very well and we would like to sell those again. Any pickle makers out there? Or relish? We'll sell whatever you make! Smaller size containers sell better than larger ones – think half pint and pint.

Any questions, please see Marcia Vietrogowski or Barbara Kunicki.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 14th at 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited.

We need your ideas and enthusiasm

For more information contact this year's

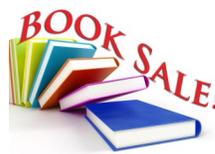
Festival Chairmen (ladies)

Lucinda Johnson, Bev Anderson, Kim Caine

## DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
10am - 4pm



### Save your books, puzzles & games for the Pumpkin Festival

Summertime is a great time to set aside those gently used books, games, puzzles, and quiet time activities that we can sell during the **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**.

Our *Quiet Pastimes* room buzzed with activity last year. People love to browse! We are collecting items for children, teens and adults. You may bring items to room 1. I will check in periodically and keep things neat. If you need assistance please contact me at: [lombardodk@gmail.com](mailto:lombardodk@gmail.com) or call me: 203-743-1260. Leave your name and phone number. Let's start now preparing for the festival!

Karlene Lombardo



**CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES**

To order a T-shirt, please cut out the order form and drop off at the church office with a check payable to Danbury United Methodist Church

**DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**T~SHIRTS**

ADULT & CHILD SIZES  
SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, X-LARGE, 2XL  
LARGER SIZES AVAILABLE

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SIZE	# of shirts	ADULT / CHILD	LONG / SHORT SLEEVE	SHIRT PRICE \$12 / \$15	TOTAL COST PER SIZE	TOTAL COST
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EXTRA LARGE		ADULT	LONG SLEEVE	\$15.00		
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2XL or LARGER		ADULT	LONG SLEEVE	\$15.00		
		CHILD	SHORT SLEEVE	\$12.00		
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach your cash or check payment to this completed form by August 15, 2015.

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**Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding**  
**Church Administrator: Patti Cohen-Hecht**  
**Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler**

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