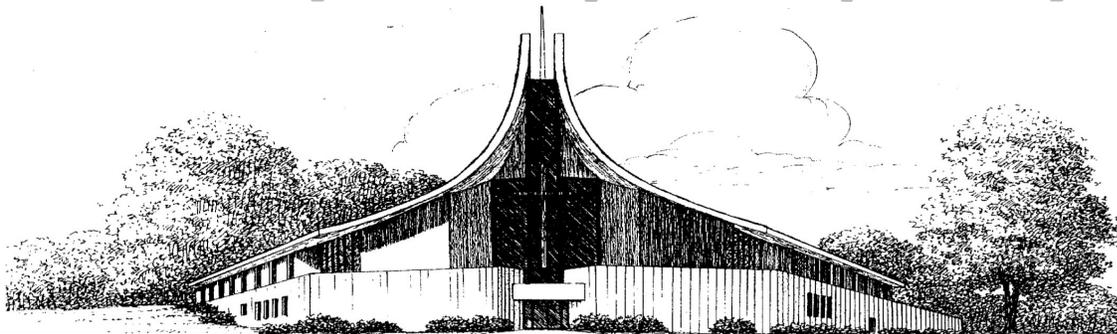


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DECEMBER EVENTS

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00pm

Thursday Night Life

Saturday, December 1

5:00pm Advent Auction

Sunday, December 2

1:30pm Baby Shower for
Evelyn Kumah

Monday, December 3

7:00pm UMM Dinner

Wednesday, December 5

7:00pm Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 6

10:00am Helping Hands

Saturday, December 8

12:00pm Dorothy Day Ministry

Sunday, December 9

3:00pm UMWHoliday Event

Tuesday, December 11

6:30pm SPRC meet with DS

7:00pm Church Conference

Wednesday, December 12

6:30pm SPRC Committee

7:30pm Church Council

Tuesday, December 18

7:30pm UMCD Book Club

Wednesday, December 19

7:00pm ASP Meeting

Monday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

UMCD Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

7:00pm Finance Meeting

Monday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

UMCD Office Closed

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PASTOR KIM

The Rose in Winter

As I have been reflecting on the beginning of the season of Advent, an image came to mind: a rose blooming in winter. For the past several years now, this image always comes to my mind as Advent begins. This began for me in the fall of 2012 when a rose bush in the parsonage yard in Monroe NY, unexpectedly bloomed very late in the season. I still remember those beautiful roses, a deep shade of coral. That particular rose bush, just outside my kitchen door, had always performed admirably, but never that late in the season. Typically, it would burst into bloom early in the summer, quiet down mid-summer, and then give one last dazzling performance at summer's end. But in the summer of 2012, after its initial blooming, the bush caught a blight and did not bloom a second time.

Imagine my surprise when it burst into bloom in mid-October that fall. For the next several weeks, it continued to produce roses. Through autumn's burnished days, through the departure of the leaves, through Superstorm Sandy, through the shortening of daylight, it continued to bloom. They were an unexpected and fragrant gift, those near-winter roses. They reminded me that God surprises us with new life even when everything seems barren.

Christmas is kind of like that, an unexpected gift, a bursting forth of life in the dead of winter. I am reminded of some lines from a Christmas carol that I have a new appreciation for:

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“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming:

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.”

As we prepare to welcome the Christ child, I pray that we will do so with hearts ready to cherish the
“rose in winter” that dispels the darkness of the world. “The light shines in the darkness and the
darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

Pastor Kim



Do all the good YOU CAN.

BY all the means 
 you can.

IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.

IN ALL THE PLACES
 YOU CAN.

At all the times YOU CAN.

To **ALL THE PEOPLE**

AS LONG  *you can.*

 as you ever can.

john wesley

JOIN US FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

WORSHIP



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S PAGEANT REHEARSAL
10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE WILL INCLUDE THE
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM CHRISTMAS CAROL COMMUNION SERVICE;
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP WITH CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT;
CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE; PASTOR KIM PREACHING

7:30 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP WITH CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT;
PASTOR KIM PREACHING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 - 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

No SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM WORSHIP - PASTOR KIM PREACHING



**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 7:00pm**

Our DS Rev. Betsy Ott has rescheduled our annual Church Conference for Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00pm. She will meet with the SPR Committee at 6:30pm. Please note that the purpose of the Conference is to give everyone in the church a voice and vote in matters of program and budget. We will also elect officers for the coming year.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**The Committee on Nominations and Leadership recommends the following persons to serve on the Board of Trustees, Class of 2021:
Jumar Dixon, Jack Pavao and Myra Tesbir.**



Christmas Cookie BAKE SALE

There will be a cookie bake sale on **Sunday, December 16** in the Narthex right after church. Would you please consider baking one or two batches of Christmas cookies for our bake sale? This will be a great way to get Christmas cookies for your holiday! Would you please put 4 cookies in a bag. If you have any questions please contact Bev Anderson 203-746-4800.

3rd Annual Advent Auction
Saturday, December 1 - 5:00pm

Sponsored by
The United Methodist Church
of Danbury

*A Holiday event open
to the public for
Food
Fellowship
Fund Raising*

*Please plan to join us in
Fellowship Hall for an
evening of Fun!*

Admission: A Dessert to share



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

***11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11***

Here is an update on our Stewardship Campaign. As of this writing we have \$135,034.00 in pledges. I want to thank everyone who pledged. With your gifts and tithes and offerings we are able to fulfill our churches mission. It is your pledge to our church; your giving commitment for the upcoming year that helps us advance the Kingdom of God, through the ministries of our church. Your pledge assists our finance committee in planning and budgeting for expenses in the new fiscal year.

Thank you to Beverly Anderson for our delicious celebration lunch, Star Auer for the scrumptious cake, Don and Coralee Demouth for their help in setup and cleanup and Peter and Joan Eaton for doing the dishes.

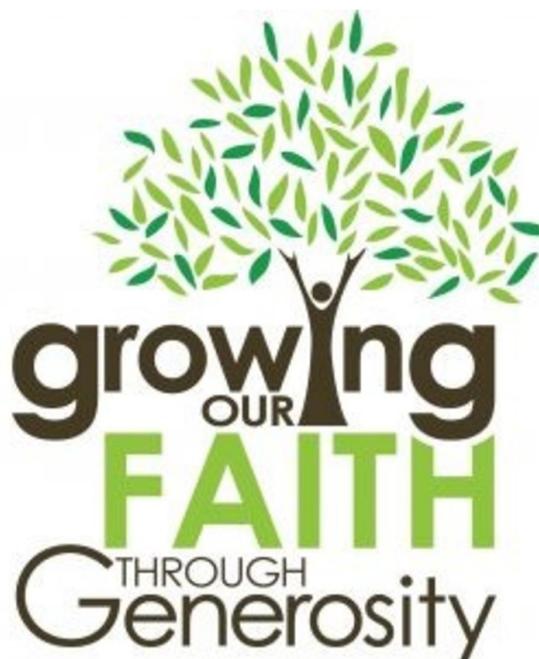
If you have not yet made your pledge, we would gratefully welcome hearing from you. You can bring it to church with you, or mail it into the office.

Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to our beloved church.

Grace and Peace

Carla Pierce

Stewardship Chair



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS



As we end our year, we wanted to let the congregation know about some changes ahead for Finance and the church. We are continuing to make progress on being more streamlined and knowledgeable with regards to our finances. Our finance committee attended the District workshop on finance and also had a couple of informative meetings with our auditor, Margaret Howe.

We have made some great changes over the past few years (using QuickBooks, staying up to date with the reconciliations, etc.) and we continue to make improvements. One of those changes is the retraining of our weekly counters to reflect some District recommendations as well as renumbering the stewardship envelopes.

Change is hard for all of us and many of you have had the same envelope number for many years; but please know that this is one small step we are taking to better identify how the pledges and the offerings comes in. This change will also help us to more easily supply financial data to the Conference when we submit our annual statistics. We are confident this will be a smooth transition.

As a church we have much to celebrate: our apportionments are paid up and we had a great Pumpkin Festival that was not only a financial success, but also one that really brought the community to our church. As Finance and all other committees work these last few week of 2018, please pray that 2019 will continue to be a year of growth for us spiritually so that we can once again remain a vital church financially.

Tonya Clark

Finance Chair

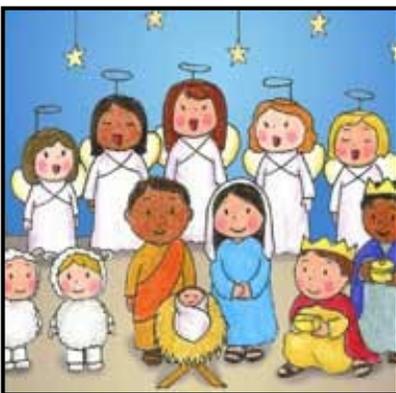
FINANCE NEWS FLASH!!! Any outstanding expenses you may have please submit to the treasurer (Coralee Demouth) by December 15th. It is very important to the church budget to have all outstanding expenses paid in 2018.

Thank you from the Finance Committee



The Sunday School has been busy this fall! In class the students have been learning the story of Samuel and David. They have been thinking about the different ways God calls us to serve in their lives.

During the month of October and into early November the Sunday School sponsored Operation Christmas Child mission project. Members of our congregation filled shoeboxes with items like hairbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, pens, paper, markers and a fun toy. These shoeboxes are sent to youth in 100 different countries. In these countries pastors and community leaders give out the boxes as a way to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. Our congregation generously filled 13 shoeboxes!



Rehearsals have begun for our Christmas Pageant! The children are having a great time practicing. This year's pageant will be performed during the church service on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Please come support our youth as they re-enact the story of the birth of Jesus.

Children's
**CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

Christmas Poinsettias 2018



The Altar Guild is now taking flower orders for Christmas. They will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

The Beautiful Poinsettias are \$10.00 per plant.

Remember how spectacular the sanctuary looks when it is elegantly blessed with multitudes of beautiful poinsettias. Please don't miss this opportunity to help create such a wonderful sight during Christmas.

Cash or checks made payable to: **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DANBURY** may be given directly to Altar Guild Members: Valerie Bose, Tonya Clark, Barbara Fulton or Barbara Kunicki by Sunday, December 16, 2018.

You may also mail your order & payment to Valerie Bose, 8 Hitching Post Lane, Danbury CT 06811.

For additional information, please contact Val at 203-744-5712.

We request that you take your poinsettia(s) with you after the Christmas Eve service. If you are not able to attend services, please make arrangements to have someone else take your plant(s) home. Plants left behind may be damaged by the cold in the church.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - DEADLINE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Your Name _____ Telephone # _____

Pink _____ # Red _____ # White _____ Total # Plants _____

Plants I will keep _____ # Plants I wish to give to a homebound member _____

Name(s) of homebound member(s) _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Flowers given in honor of: _____

Flowers given in memory of: _____



**CHRISTMAS BASKET FOR
DOROTHY DAY SHELTER**

Our Outreach Team is collecting items for the homeless shelter for Christmas Eve. Please donate to our Christmas Basket in the Narthex. We are accepting donations until December 24.

Here is a suggested list of items:

- ◆ Gloves, Hats, Scarves
- ◆ Warm Socks, Hair Combs
- ◆ Hand Warmers
- ◆ Chocolate or other candy
- ◆ Dunkin Donut gift cards
- ◆ Small memo pads, pencils and pens
- ◆ Pocket size tissues
- ◆ Gently used backpacks

**If you have any questions please
contact Bev Anderson 203-746-4800**



Helping Connecticut's Children in Need



It is with a grateful heart that I can report I was able to deliver 32 Thanksgiving bags to our social worker at DCF to be distributed to families in need. The filled bags were received with smiles and gratitude.

I would like to thank all who participated in helping make it a happier Thanksgiving for some members of our community. I am constantly amazed at the generosity of our congregation. Reaching out to the less fortunate is what the people of God are called to do. I am so very grateful to be part of a church family that puts faith into action.

With gratitude,
Phyllis Tranzillo



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.



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, December 3 at 7:00pm

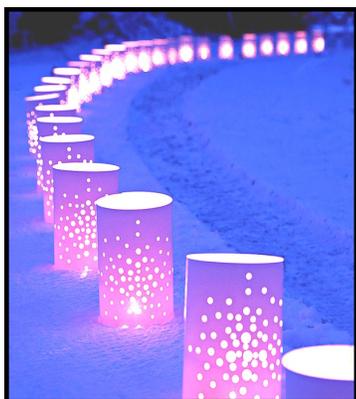
Panda House

93 Mill Plain Road, Danbury



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to set up the luminaries before our 5:30pm Christmas Eve service. In addition we need a team to put the luminaries away after worship.

Our Driveway and walkways look lovely with the lights leading the way into the sanctuary.



Please contact
Barbara Kunicki
203-746-5814
if are willing and
able to help
with this beautiful
service.

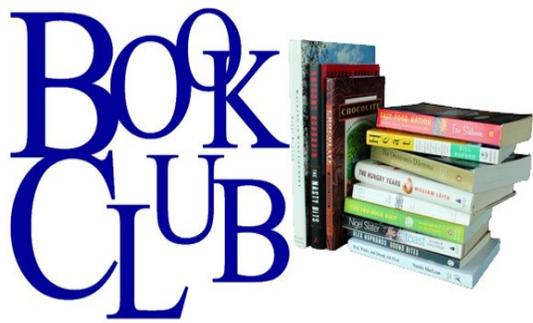


Altar Flowers

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

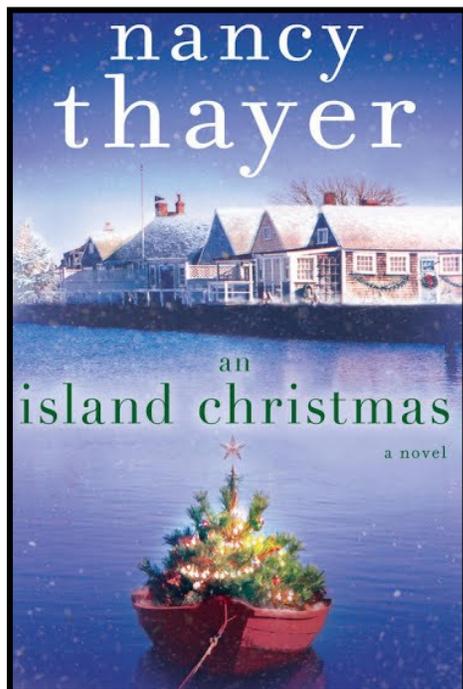
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203-744-5712



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

**The December meeting will take place on
Tuesday, December 18, 7:30pm
at the home of Mary Lou Heyel**

December's Book Selection:
Island Christmas
by Nancy Thayer



**BABY SHOWER
FOR
EVELYN
KUMAH**

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 2
1:30pm**

Evelyn Kumah has been attending our church for the last several months. She had serious pregnancy complications and had her baby prematurely. Both Evelyn and baby Joanna are now doing well.

But Evelyn's family is in Ghana and she is in great need of supplies for the baby. To help in her time of need, our church will be offering a baby shower.

Here are the details: The shower will be held on Sunday, December 2 at 1:30pm at the home of Coralee and DeMouth (address is 26 Hilltop Manor, Danbury).

Items needed as gifts for the shower: clothes for a baby girl aged newborn, or any size up to 6 months; diapers; gift cards to Target.

Persons coming to the shower are asked to bring, if possible, a dessert or appetizer to share. Evelyn will look forward to seeing everyone at the shower and is overwhelmed with gratitude that we are offering this for her.



**COME TO THE HOLIDAY GATHERING
of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2018 3:00PM-5:00PM**

**AT THE HOME OF VAL BOSE
8 HITCHINGPOST LANE, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT**



Join the United Methodist Women on Sunday, December 9 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm at the home of Val Bose for a celebratory Christmas Tea. This is a special opportunity for the women of our church to gather together in fellowship. This annual Christmas meeting will feature tea, coffee, punch and finger foods. There will be a "Chinese Auction" grab bag gift exchange. Valerie Stagen will have Christmas cards to sign. These cards accompany the gifts for the home bound members of our church.

Please bring an appetizer, cookies, bar desserts or tea sandwiches to share. Beverages will be provided. The gift for the exchange should cost no more than \$12.00. This meeting is open to all women of our church and in our community. Bring a friend! If you like to have fun and join in with singing and fellowship, this is the meeting for you!

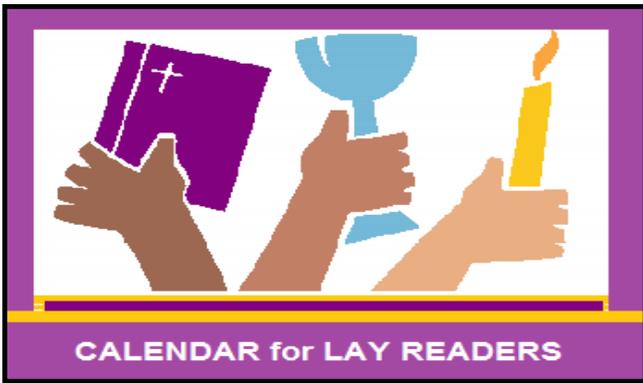
The United Methodist Women will also be collecting: Hand warmers, powdered fruit juice mix and powdered cocoa mix, for the Shelter from the Cold Program. *If you would like to get a ride from the church, or have any questions, please contact: Karlene Lombardo at (203) 743-1260, or Valerie Stagen at (203) 792-9641. Mark your calendar now for a fun afternoon!*



**AASTA MOSER AWARD
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

On Sunday, November 18, Roger Warmbir received the Aasta Moser Award from the United Methodist Women of Danbury. This is our 27th year as a Five Star Unit. This award to Roger signifies one of those stars. His service to the church and the community was acknowledged. He is a Trustee. He has written and led the Contemporary Worship Services that we have in our Fellowship Hall. He leads Bible studies as part of the Thursday Night Life Program.

Roger has used his technical skills and has contributed new computers and a new sound system to keep the work of our church running smoothly. He lives his faith and reaches out to others in our community. This unassuming gentleman is a wonderful gift to our congregation. Congratulations Roger!



December 2

Greeter	Kim Goodwin
Scripture Reader	Roger Warmbir
People's Prayers	Jim Davis
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

December 9

Greeter	Barbara Fulton
Scripture Reader	Bev Anderson
People's Prayers	Phyllis Tranzillo
Counters	Phyllis Tranzillo
	Bev Anderson

December 16

Greeter	Allison Kent
Scripture Reader	Pastor Kim Bosley
People's Prayers	Barbara Kunicki
Counters	Myra Tesbir
	Norma Bucko

December 23

Greeter	Coralee DeMouth
People's Prayers	Carla Pierce
Counters	Star Auer
	Sue Teer

December 30

Greeter	Barbara Fulton
Scripture Reader	Jim Davis
People's Prayers	Mark Pierce
Counters	Carla Pierce
	Don DeMouth

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



Betty Zeigler December 1

Allison McWilliams December 3

Dorothy Gadoci December 4

Clarence Holston December 4

Edgar March December 4

Bishop Rouse December 4

Kathy Curran December 6

Debbie Davis December 6

Leslie Gartland December 8

Robert Fulton December 10

Phyllis Tranzillo December 11

Joan Eaton December 15

Robert Elwell December 16

Carol Spaulding December 16

Martin Zahara December 17

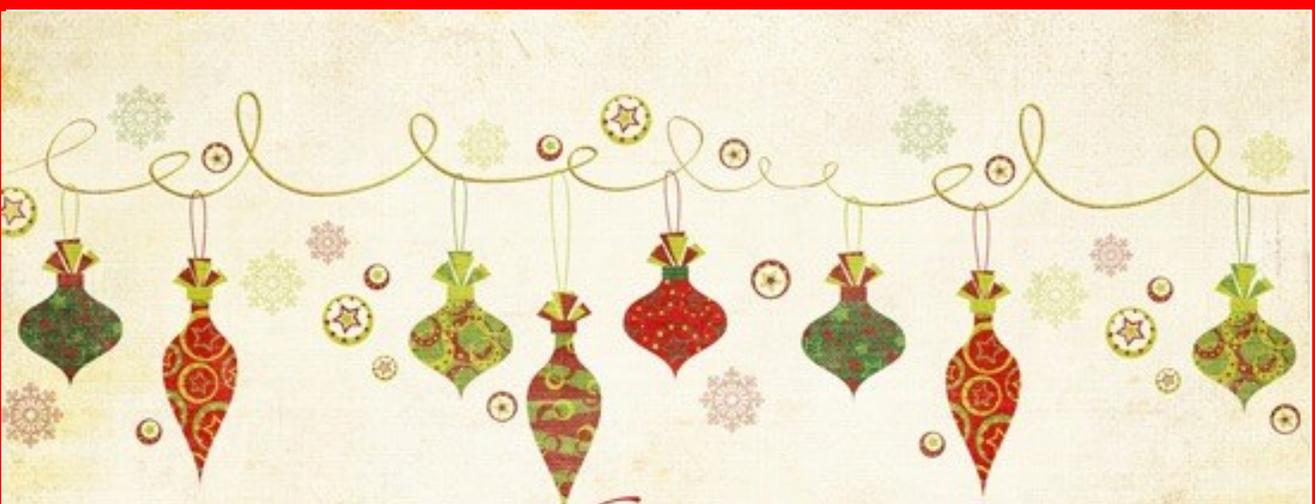
Joseph Rouse December 18

Vincent Kempster December 21

Elizabeth March December 23

Kimberly Bosley December 26

Chris Ziegler December 27



*Merry Christmas &
Blessings for the New Year!*



From

The United Methodist Church of Danbury

Administrative Council and Trustees

Reverend Kim Bosley, Pastor

Andrew Levine, Music Director

Patti Cohen-Hecht, Administrator



**THURSDAY NIGHT LIFE
DINNER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00PM - 6:30PM**

Thursday Night Life is an informal, affordable dinner served buffet style.
The cost is \$3.00 per person with a family maximum of \$15.00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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