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At a Glance...

**10:30 Service  
Resumes  
September 13**



**CHURCH  
HOMECOMING  
HOMECOMING  
SUNDAY**

9/13

Pancake Breakfast –  
9:30

Register for Sunday  
School

Blessing of School  
Backpacks  
at Worship

**Pumpkin Festival  
Meetings 7pm**

9/10, 9/18, 9/25

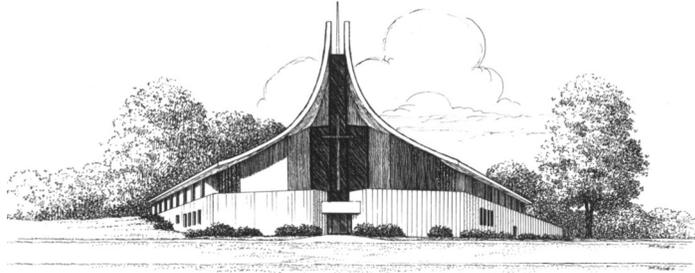
**Book Club**

9/15 at 7:30pm

**Blessing of the  
Animals**

Oct 4th 1:30

# THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

## Message from Pastor Kim

Dear friends,

Though it is always hard to see summer go, I always look forward to fall, with its crimson, orange, and golden foliage; festive displays of pumpkins and mums; and crisp, cool air. The transition from one season to another reminds us that God gives us each season with its own unique things for which to be grateful.

We have our own seasons at Danbury UMC. The upcoming season of fall brings many special opportunities which I would like to call to your attention. Though they may also be mentioned in other places in this Flame, they are important enough to highlight in this space.

First, I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we had to transition worship to Fellowship Hall for the summer months as the Trustees explored options and costs associated with repairing our structural beam. This very week, scaffolding is being put in place in the sanctuary, in preparation for the repair. The repair will be very costly and though the Trustees are still securing bids and putting together a proposal for financing of the repair, the scaffolding will allow us to return to the sanctuary at the beginning of September. Praise God that we will soon be back in our worship home! Let's extend our thanks to the Worship and Music Committee, Multi-media coordinator Roger Warmbir, our musicians Carol Spaulding and Barbara Kunicki, and the Altar Guild, all of whom helped to make our summer worship experience in Fellowship Hall rich and meaningful.

Second, here are some dates and upcoming events to highlight:

**Sept. 13 – Homecoming Sunday and Rally Day.** This is a day to re-gather for a new year, start Sunday school, and celebrate our connection. Sunday School will feature a light breakfast before the service; we will offer a “Backpack Blessing” for the kids during the Time for Young Disciples; and we will recognize our Sunday School teachers. If you have been away for the summer or part of the summer, we look forward to re-connecting with you on Sept. 13.

**Oct. 3 – Annual Pumpkin Festival** -- five weeks and counting! For those who may not have been aware, the “Pumpkin People” (Festival Committee) have been meeting for several months now to plan activities for that day. In addition to the festival being a wonderful community event, it is also our largest fundraiser.

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## Pastor's Message, continued

We need all hands on deck! If you can volunteer, please check in with Lucinda Johnson, Bev Anderson, or Kim Cain.

**Oct. 4 – 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals**, 1:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Calling all furry, feathered, and finned creatures for a special blessing. Bring your animal companions. Each one will be offered a blessing. The community is invited, so please invite your friends.

**“The Call”-- Fall Bible study**, starting in October. Join us as we again go on location with the Rev. Adam Hamilton to experience our Christian faith through the life of St. Paul, Christianity’s greatest missionary. From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison cell, plan to join us as we journey with the Apostle Paul in this six week study featuring DVD, Bible study, and group discussion. Those who joined us for last spring’s Lenten study will remember that Adam Hamilton, one of the best known pastors in our denomination, is a gifted teacher. He just released “The Call” study, and we will look forward to being among its first participants. Starting date will be announced by mid-September.

I am so blessed as your pastor to be looking forward to another new season at Danbury UMC. As we enjoy these last days of summer and prepare to welcome a busy fall, let’s hold our church and our church family in prayers.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Kim

### Blessing of the Kids’ Backpacks



Bring your backpack, filled with your school supplies, to the Worship service on September 13<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing.



Vacation Bible School was great fun.  
Just ask these two.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH HOMECOMING SUNDAY

JOIN US FOR THE START UP OF  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WE’RE HAVING A  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
STARTING AT 9:30 AM

THERE WILL BE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION,  
A CHANCE TO VIEW  
YOUR CLASSROOM AND  
MEET THE TEACHERS.



AND  
JOIN US  
FOR A FUN GAME OF  
BIBLE JEOPARDY  
ALSO BRING YOUR BACKPACK  
FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING DURING THE  
WORSHIP SERVICE.

## Outreach

### Covenant to Care

Monday afternoon I dropped off the remaining backpacks at DCF. Through the generosity of our congregation, **we delivered 22 filled backpacks!** That is 8 more than we collected last year!

Thanks to those who participated, 22 students get to start off a new school year with the tools they need to be successful. I am always awed at the kindness and generosity of our church family. It makes me glad to be a part of a church that cares for its community, especially the most vulnerable.

I could not do the work of "Covenant to Care" without the support of all of you. Thank you for being a blessing to God's children. I appreciate the help and I know our social worker does too, not to mention the families in need in our community. Again, many, many thanks.

Grace and Peace,  
Phyllis Tranzillo



### Blessing of the Animals Set for Sunday, Oct. 4th

Oct. 4 is the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi, a saint of the church known throughout history for his love of all of God's creatures.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, the day of remembrance of St. Francis, we will offer a Blessing of the Animals service, on the church lawn at 1:30 p.m. This will be our third Annual Blessing of the Animals service.

You are welcome to bring your dogs (leashed), cats (in safe containers), birds, hamsters and gerbils, fish, horses, etc. Each animal present will receive an individual blessing and a Blessing Certificate.

The service, which will feature music and prayer and blessings, will last about 20 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors.

So please invite someone to this special service, as we give thanks to God for our beloved animal companions.

\*The rain date will be the following Sunday, Oct. 11, at 1:30\*



**PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS YOU CAN USE**  
**See pages 7-10**

## A Note from the Church Council

In May of this year, Kathy Roig was confirmed by the Church Council as Chair of the Communications Committee. Since this has been an open position for many years, the council was very pleased that Kathy agreed to take on this role at UMCD. In light of the fact that she is a long-term member of our church, a former member of our "Dive Team", as well as past Editor of *The Flame*, makes her very well qualified for the job.

The Communications Committee now consists of Kathy, Kathy O'Shea as Editor of *The Flame*, and Joann Hornik who is handling the posts to our Facebook page. With this strong team in place, we will be in a better position to keep both the congregation and the community at large informed about what is happening at our church.

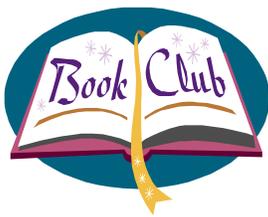
Kathy Roig, under the direction of Pastor Kim, and working with committee members, staff and the church council, will oversee promotional items such as flyers, banners, brochures, postcards, press releases, Welcome packages, newsletters, print and online ads, as well as social media postings and the church website. Also included is the supervision of bulletin board displays and church signage.

One of the objectives of Kathy's job will be working towards a unified presentation of UMCD and a consistent message in all promotional material both inside the church and out into the Danbury community.

Please take some time before the start of a busy fall at our church to think about any promotional opportunities related to our worship services, church events, community activities and any special ministries of the church. Publicizing what's going on at UMCD is vitally important.

Kindly notify Kathy and the rest of the Communications team well in advance of any event so that they have sufficient time to prepare or help you with promotional material, postings to our website and Facebook page, and create any necessary press releases. Spreading the word about the wonderful things going on at UMCD will also help us in our on-going efforts to attract new members.

Chris Russock, Council Chairperson



**Join the group**  
**Come once-come every time**

**Everyone is welcome**

Tuesday, September 15, we will be re-viewing *All The Light We Cannot See* by **Anthony Doerr**.

Kathy Roig will be hosting this month at her home, 20 Lower Lake Rd, Danbury, 203-743-7939.

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



Our Flowerpower fundraiser is under way. Select from their beautiful offerings including Spring bulbs, herbs, a calendar and a cookbook. The Church receives 50% of orders.

### How to order

By Computer: [Flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://Flowerpowerfundraising.com). Click in the upper right corner, Type in Danbury United Methodist and you will go to our church's order page. You can also refer this site to your friends and if you do it will greatly increase our chances for success.

By Paper Order Form: Forms will be in the Narthex for the next few weeks. Fill out and return to Sue Teer or the church office.

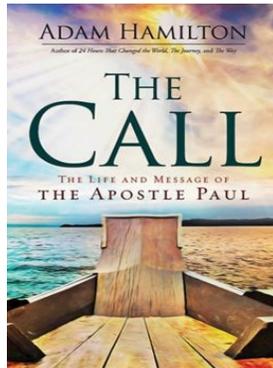


### Hey Everybody!

Come join Choir at DUMC.  
We practice Wednesdays at 7:15 pm and have a great time!  
It's easy going! Our leaders are friendly and helpful and you  
(sometimes) get to wear a fancy robe on Sundays!  
Join the fun! We begin rehearsals Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15.

### Please Join Us in the Fall... For "The Call"

What would lead a 1st century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and land...to be beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately killed for his faith? It was a **call**. A **call** from God. A **call** to follow Jesus Christ. A **call** to turn the world upside down.



This is the story of the apostle Paul, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence on the Christian faith, whose writings continue to shape the lives of 1/3 of the world's population, and whose witness defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Join us this fall as we re-trace Paul's journey and we study the remarkable life and life-changing message of the apostle Paul. "The Call", a six week study featuring a weekly DVD presentation, Bible study, and group discussion, will start in October.

**Dates will soon be announced.**



Check out our Pumpkin Festival info pages 7-10

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



Marissa Dos Santos	9/5
Robert Bose	9/9
Diane Strizalkowski	9/11
Valerie Bose	9/15
Ann Mitchell	9/15
Amanda Clark	9/16
Ashley Clemens	9/16
Mary Dietzel	9/18
Kathy Roig	9/21
Noah Gebing	9/24
Deana Skidmore	9/24
Minnie Rouse	9/26
Frank Jasensky	9/30



### New Members Sunday

New Members Are Joining

October  
11th

On Sunday, Oct. 11, we are inviting persons who are interested in becoming a part of the Danbury UMC Church family, to join our church at a brief service during our worship service. New members promise to support our church by their "prayers, presence, gifts, and service."

If you would like to have more information about joining Danbury UMC, please speak with Pastor Kim.



# Trustees Report

Further to the information about our roof repairs which appeared in the July issue of The Flame, here is an update:

**Flat Roof Repairs:** With the exception of some work that will need to be done after the structural beam problem is addressed, the flat roof project has been completed.

Of the \$55,000 that was initially borrowed from Union Savings Bank for these repairs, \$17,000 from the church's "Raise the Roof" fund-raising campaign has already been returned to the bank with another \$4,000 on its way. As a result, Union Savings has been able to release two of the three CDs which were being held as collateral for the loan.

Our monthly interest on the \$34,000 loan balance will remain at under \$100 due to our very favorable loan rate of 2 ¼ %.

**Structural Beam Replacement:** As announced in church on Sunday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, the Trustees, with Council approval, have contracted with New England Scaffolding to install load-bearing walk-through scaffolding in the Sanctuary. The scaffolding will provide the necessary support to allow us to safely return to the Sanctuary for services. This installation will also provide time to secure two to three construction bids from companies who have the expertise in this type of beam repair. Once bids are received, we will be in a position to determine how the church will finance this project.

This installation should be completed by the time this issue of The Flame is published.

**Other News:** Mary Lou Heyel, a member of the Trustees Committee, has agreed to sit on a committee being formed by Barbara Kunicki that will submit a grant application to the New York Annual Conference Parish Development Committee for the purchase of a multi-media system for our Sanctuary.

Larry Bornemeir, Chairman of Trustees



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*A Safe Sanctuary for Children*

**Ministers: The Congregation**

**Pastor: Kimberly A. Bosley**

**Associate Music Director: Carol Spaulding**

**Church Administrator: Patti Cohen-Hecht**

**Lay Leaders: Minnie Rouse and David Zeigler**

**THE FLAME**

This September Flame was made possible by:

**Editor**.....Kathy O'Shea  
**Contributors** ..... Pastor Kim, Bev Anderson, Coralee Demouth, Sue Teer, Karlene Lombardo, Barbara Kunicki, Phyllis Tranzillo and Patti Cohen-Hecht.

Deadline for the October 2015 Flame is September 22

Please, add your contact information to your articles

# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10am to 4pm

Our 11th annual Pumpkin Festival is, as always, a great place for families to have fun and admission is free. Kids have a ball in the bouncy house, with games, dressing up with face painting, choosing a pumpkin (or 2) in the pumpkin patch, looking for a special book, being mesmerized by 2 Magic Shows, choosing specialty baked goods, and enjoying great food.



We currently have 12 craft vendors and anticipate having a full house of 22 by the end of September. Weather permitting, we will sell car space (\$20) so that folks can sell junk-in-their-trunk.

### Start Your Ovens

Bake, bake, bake. Cookies and quick breads freeze well. Transform your garden zucchini into zucchini bread. Don't want to heat up your kitchen? Think jams, jellies, relishes, pickles, candy, etc.

### New and Exciting This Year

We will be selling caramel apples. Under the direction of our own chocolatier, Patti Cohen-Hecht, we will assemble these marvels on September 29, 30 and October 1 beginning at 6pm.

No experience necessary. If you would rather just donate to the caramel apple cause, we need:

- 10 lbs. sugar
- 4 quarts half & half
- 8 cans evaporated milk
- 3 lbs. butter
- 15 bottles corn syrup
- 1 small bottle vanilla
- 100 granny apples

### Wanted: Advertisers and Sponsors

Our Pumpkin Festival program/ad book is a great profit center if we ALL sell ad space (\$25 to \$100) and sponsorships (\$25 for individuals to be recognized at Festival supporters). Ask Kevin O'Shea for details.

**Form attached to last page of Flame!**

**Everyone Is Invited** .....To distribute - everywhere - our beautiful Pumpkin Festival flyers, located all over the church building. Take several.....To personally invite your family, friends and acquaintances to this great event..... To spend three evenings (September 10, 18 and 25) with the Pumpkin Festival team. ....To pray that this year's Pumpkin Festival continues to be the exciting community event that funds our missions and our outreach



**Want your own ORANGE APRON???**  
**Volunteer at the Pumpkin Festival Saturday, Oct.3rd**



## DANBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

A great place for families  
to come and have fun!



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

September Meetings: Thursday, Sept. 10th , Friday  
Sept. 18th and Friday Sept. 25th at 7:00 pm

For more information contact this year's  
Festival Chairmen (ladies)

Lucinda Johnson, Bev Anderson, Kim Caine



### September Sweep

September is a great time to clean out those closets, book cases and cabinets. Remember 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. Minnie and I would like the books by mid-September, but we will continue to collect through October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need any 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 get serious** about collecting for the festival!

Karlene Lombardo

### 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.

### 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.

**To All Reading this Newsletter:**

**PLEASE, take this letter and form to one place of business that you frequent. Ask them if they would like to advertise their business to about 400 other people from the Danbury area. \$25 will give them a quarter of a page, a business card size. That is a lot of advertisement for \$25. So, you are actually doing them a favor. If everyone asks 1 person, think how much money we will make for the church to support our programs. It really isn't that hard or embarrassing. Give it a try.. ...Once. Thanks.**

***The Danbury United Methodist Church  
5 Clapboard Ridge Road  
Danbury, CT 06811***

This year on October 3, 2015, Danbury United Methodist Church will be having its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Festival. This is our major fund raising effort to support our local outreach ministries, such as Dorothy Day Center, Appalachian Service Project, Helping Hands for hospitals and care centers, Association for Religious Ministries and Children & Family Services. We would like to invite you to join with us to make this an even more successful event by becoming one of our advertisers. We anticipate having a large turnout at this year's festival. We will be advertising in all of the local papers, (both electronically and hardcopy), local churches and businesses, as well as very visible signs around town. Our church is easily found, just off exit 5 of I-84 at 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT. I hope that you will see this as a good business opportunity as well as a way to be involved in our community.

Thank you for your support,

Kevin O'Shea

For more information, please contact:

Kevin O'Shea

Pumpkin Festival Advertisement Chairman

203-438-0499

[kjoglp@aol.com](mailto:kjoglp@aol.com)

# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Please print or type

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box:

Inside Front Cover (7”h x 5”w) \$150  
*Already purchased*

Back Cover (7”h x 5”w) \$250  
*Already purchased*

Inside Back Cover (7”h x 5”w) \$150  
*Already purchased*

1/2 Page (3.5”h x 5”w) \$50

Full Page (7”h x 5”w) \$75

1/4 Page (Business Card size) \$25

Sponsorship- List of all of our sponsors will be included in the booklet \$25

Please make checks payable to UMC of Danbury.  
Ad may be attached to form and mailed to address below,  
Or emailed as *pdf* to [kjoglp@aol.com](mailto:kjoglp@aol.com)  
Or call Kevin O’Shea at 203-438-0499 and he will pick it up.

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