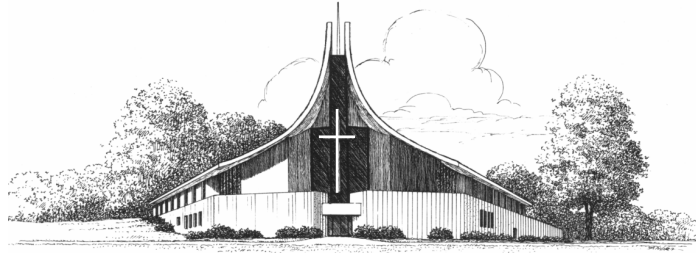




# THE FLAME



The United Methodist Church of Danbury

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## A closer look



Our UMC this Month

**November 13**  
**5:00—7:00 PM**  
**Pasta Dinner**

**November 14**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Youth Group to**  
**Dorothy Day**

**November 22nd**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Children's Ministry**  
**Party**



**Thanksgiving**

**November 29**  
**10:30 AM Service**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

## Message from Pastor Karen...

Serge and I are big fans of public radio, and we financially support several NPR stations. This week has brought the Fall Membership Drive, during which the programs we tune in for are interrupted several times an hour for what we refer to as the “beg-a-thon.” Because all “our” stations do this at the same time, there is no escape. I get to listen, again, to how my pledge (which I paid weeks ago) will support the efforts of the station. I can contemplate the “thank you” gifts that I didn’t choose, and hear the names of other people who have contributed. These days I hear the announcer’s voice in my sleep, telling me what number to call. I have to admit, most of the time I turn the radio off when the begging begins. I already gave my money, after all, and they just say the same things over and over.

This led me to think about our church stewardship drive, which we will kick off during worship on November 8. On three Sundays we will spend some time during worship talking about stewardship—of our time, our talents, and, yes, our money. We Methodists often become uncomfortable around this topic, and I know of people who tune it out, as I turn off the radio during the “beg-a-thon.” But I want to encourage you to listen.

Stewardship is an essential part of our lives as Christians. God expects us to use what we have been given, to serve God and our neighbors. We are sent out into the world to share what we have received: not only the Good News of Jesus Christ, but also our possessions, with those who are less fortunate. Jesus tells us that every time we serve someone in need, we are serving Him. The church is the place where we come together to worship, learn, and serve—our “launching pad” for ministry. Without your contributions, this church cannot continue to exist. We grow spiritually when we return a portion of what we have received to God.

These are the things we will be talking about during November. Watch your mail for a letter from the stewardship committee in early November. And join us for worship each week as we celebrate God’s goodness, and contemplate what God asks of us in return.

## Mission

Our mission as The United Methodist Church of Danbury is to represent Christ throughout our communities with outreaching love, faith and service.

## Worship Schedule for November

November 1 *All Saints Day*  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion  
 Noon Foundations of Healing Prayer class

November 3  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class begins

November 8  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Noon Foundations of Healing Prayer class

November 15  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Noon Foundations of Healing Prayer class

November 22 *Thanksgiving Sunday*  
 9:30 a.m. Community Sunday School, in the Youth Lounge  
 All Sunday School classes together for a project and a party!  
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Pastor Karen preaching  
 Noon All-church potluck to celebrate the end of our stewardship drive

November 29  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Noon Foundations of Healing Prayer class



Pastor Karen is preaching and leading worship every Sunday. She leads one of the High School Sunday School classes and the Healing Prayer class. If you are looking for her before or after worship, that's where she is!

## Vision

We embody Christ's vision of a loving community and respond when Christ calls us to be his witnesses in the world. We are a growing and increasingly diverse Christian community that welcomes all to share Christ's love. Our active, ongoing Christian ministries strive to call people to discipleship through worship, music, education, fellowship, and outreach. Our ministries touch people in Danbury, neighboring communities and worldwide.

## Pumpkin Festival Revue!!

### Tag Sale

It took a village to have a successful tag sale and many hours of hard work. We raised \$1,110 for our church.

Thanks go to everyone who donated their treasures for the sale and everyone who purchased them. Our thanks and appreciation also goes to those who set up and tagged; the cashiers, baggers and table monitors; and the clean-up crew.

The success of the sale was made possible by the following: Lois Bornemeier, Marge Cerveniski, Pam Clark, the Davis family, the DeMouth family, Shirley Fogle, Dorothy Gadoci, Leslie Gartland, Mary Lou Heyel, Don Lombardo, Ed March, Emma Pavao, Jack Pavao, Marlene Rosetti, Valerie Stagen, Shirley Stoppel, Sue and Jim Teer, Phyllis Tranzillo, Dorothy Treadwell, and Judy Vogt.

Thank you all.

- Co-chairs, Jean Walker & Karlene Lombardo



And 'the people' said:

*Thank You, Jean and Karlene!!!*

We had a great day!!! The weather was cooperative, Thank you God! Many people came to the Festival on Saturday and I heard a lot of good things: They look for our pumpkin signs to go up and save the date, they love that we are an affordable family outing, they enjoyed the Christian Rock band, Cross Purpose, love the clam chowder and the pulled pork was awesome!! That's just a few of the comments. Our total income from the Pumpkin Festival is \$5000.00 even!!!! Thanks to everyone for your hard work before, during and after the Festival.



If you have any suggestions on how to improve the festival, please let me know. I've already heard some new suggestions for next year.

And in case you're wondering, next year's Pumpkin Festival will be on Saturday **OCTOBER 16, 2010**. You can mark the date now...no excuses that you didn't know!!!



And 'the people' said:

*Thank You, Bev Anderson!!!*

**UMW**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

**Wednesday December 16, 2009**8 Hitchingpost Lane  
Danbury, Connecticut**COME TO THE HOLIDAY GATHERING**

On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a special opportunity for the women of our church to gather together at the home of Valerie Bose. The annual Christmas meeting will feature a potluck supper, a "Chinese Auction" grab bag gift exchange, and the putting together of the gift bags for the shut ins. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. (Supper assignments are as follows: A-D dessert, E-R main dish and S-Z salad or vegetable). The gift for the exchange should cost no more than \$7.50. Please bring an empty, medium size Christmas bag, and expect to be called about what items to bring for the gift bags.

This meeting is open to **all women** of our church and in our community. Bring a friend! The United Methodist Women will also be collecting snack foods and powdered cocoa mix, for the in from the cold program, for the homeless. If you would like to get a ride from the church, or have any concerns call: Karlene Lombardo at (203) 743-1260. Mark your calendar now for a fun evening!

- Karlene Lombardo

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We will be reversing the traffic flow around the circle in the upper parking lot. Vehicles will travel in a clock-wise direction.

**One Way** signs are on order and the change will take place once the signs are installed. As mentioned in an earlier Flame article, we are implementing this change so that drivers that use the handicap parking spaces can exit their vehicles on the roadway side of the driveway instead of into the lawn which can be snowy, slushy or wet. Once implemented, this will be a permanent, year round change.

**Children's Ministry Party!**

Thanksgiving Party

Sunday, November 22nd at 9:30 AM

Hosted by our UMCD Children's Ministry

for

Children and youth grades  
kindergarten through 12th

A fun time of fellowship!

Bring your appetite and smile!

**Office Hours**

The church office is open with Sherry presiding on weekdays from 9 to 11. Pastor Karen keeps office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 to noon. These are times when you will be able to call or drop by and find her there, barring emergencies or meetings over which she has no control. Changes to these hours will be announced in the bulletin.

## Youth Group Calendar

*Our vision is to help feed and shelter the homeless of Danbury*

### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 pm YG meeting, FH
- 14<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. YG to Dorothy Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm pot-luck, Tyrrell's House
- 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible study & Movie night, YL

### DECEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm YG meeting, FH
- 12<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. YG to Dorothy Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible study & Movie night, YL
- 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 pm pot-luck, Spaziani's House

## Finances: Expenditures

Category	Spent as of Sept 30
Apportionments	\$15,812.28
Church Building	\$48,687.46
Pastor	\$47,955.70
Office	\$7,351.51
Parsonage	\$6,906.36
Staff parish	\$17,716.71
Teams	\$9,387.47
Trustees	\$5,571.83
Restricted	\$15,201.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,591.04</b>

- Bev Anderson



## *Pasta Dinner*

**Friday, November 13**

**5. pm. – 7pm.**

**Price: \$10.00 Adults - \$8.00 Seniors - \$6.00 Kids under 10yrs**



- Spaghetti**
- Meatballs**
- Salad**
- Garlic Bread**
- Desserts**



## Music and Worship

The All-Faith Thanksgiving Service is Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the United Jewish Center on Deer Hill Avenue. Our own pastor Karen will be preaching. Watch for the time in the bulletin.

The Hanging of the Greens, where the church is decorated for Advent and Christmas, will be held during the worship service on Sunday, November 29. The Christmons that have decorated our tree for many years are looking a little ragged and new ones are being planned. Worship and Music would like for each family to decorate at least one. New white corrugated Christmons will be available in early November for everyone. Use your imagination. The only requirement is decorations must be gold colored. Bring them with you to church on the 29<sup>th</sup>! The Sunday School classes are having a Thanksgiving party on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be decorating them. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Christmons are ornaments that are symbols of Christ. They derive their name by combining two words, "Christ" and "monogram." Traditionally made in gold and white, they offer a unique way to decorate a Christmas tree. Some of the standard symbols that are often used are the cross, manger, angel, alpha & omega, shepherd crook, fish, and more.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the annual Christmas Pageant will be presented. Plans for this are still underway. When Becky comes looking for you, please say yes. Working together is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

The Chapel Bell choir has been lucky to have several new members join! Did you know that we have 5 octaves of handbells? More ringers are needed to ring all those bells! Practice is Wednesdays from 6 till 7. The Chancel Choir would love some new members – if you are not ready for a full commitment, consider joining for the Advent thru Epiphany season – 6 weeks and you're done! Practice is Thursday from 7:30 to 9 and warm-up Sunday morning at 9:45. We have been thinking outside the box and have approached the New Fairfield High School chorus to see if any young people would like to join us. For any of you in high school, volunteering in choir may count for community service hours! Bring your singing friends!

## To the Glory of God

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 Bibles were dedicated to the glory of God by members of the congregation.

### In Memory of

Peter Anderson	Bev Anderson
Rev & Mrs. B. C. Rouse, Sr.	The Rouses
Mr & Mrs W. A. Loney	Minnie & Bishop
Loved Ones	James & Susan Teer
Muriel G. Flood	The Salamons
Bonnie Lou Salamon	Nan and Andy
Delores Gibbs Wise	Anthony C. Wise Jr.
Anthony C. Wise Sr.	Anthony C. Wise Jr.

### In Honor of

Jim Stinson	Bruna Granison
Kenneth R. Darrah	Lois Darrah
My Grandchildren	Myra Tesbir

Our hymnal campaign has been suspended at this time since the annual conference has begun the task of revising the hymnal. I have spoken to many of you regarding this. We can either hold your funds until the new hymnals are available or refund it. If you would like a refund, please speak to me.



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**Music Director: Rebecca Blomgren**

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*9:30 Sunday School • 10:30 Sunday Worship*

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