



WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

*A weekly newsletter brought to you by the
Cheshire United Methodist Church*

From the Pastor:

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: ONE TABLE, ONE BODY

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, WE WILL JOIN CHRISTIANS FROM MANY NATIONS, CULTURES, LANGUAGES, AND TRADITIONS IN OBSERVING WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, FOLLOWERS OF JESUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD GATHER AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE AS ONE FAMILY OF FAITH.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY REMINDS US THAT THE CHURCH IS MUCH LARGER THAN ANY ONE CONGREGATION, DENOMINATION, OR COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH WE WORSHIP IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND IN DIFFERENT WAYS, WE ARE UNITED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. THE BREAD AND THE CUP PROCLAIM THAT WE BELONG TO CHRIST—AND, BECAUSE WE BELONG TO CHRIST, WE ALSO BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER.

FOR CUMC, WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A TRULY WELCOMING AND CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY. IT CALLS US TO LOOK BEYOND OURSELVES, PRAY FOR OUR SIBLINGS AROUND THE WORLD, AND RECOGNIZE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORS—ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE EXPERIENCES DIFFER FROM OUR OWN. IT ALSO CHALLENGES US TO BECOME PEACEMAKERS, TO LISTEN WITH HUMILITY, AND TO SERVE WITH COMPASSION.

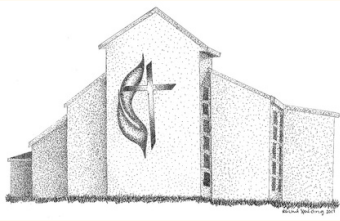
AS WE RECEIVE COMMUNION ON OCTOBER 4, MAY WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO GATHER IN GREAT CATHEDRALS AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP IN SMALL HOMES, REFUGEE CAMPS, HOSPITALS, PRISONS, AND PLACES OF DANGER. THOUGH SEPARATED BY DISTANCE, WE MEET AT THE SAME TABLE AND ARE NOURISHED BY THE SAME LOVE OF CHRIST.

MAY THIS SACRED MEAL RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO LIVE AS ONE BODY: WELCOMING THE STRANGER, CARING FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, SEEKING RECONCILIATION, AND SHARING THE HOPE OF JESUS WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD.

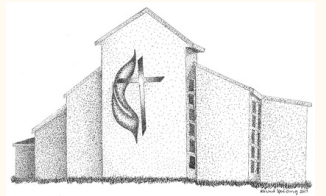
COME TO THE TABLE. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU—AND, BY GOD'S GRACE, THERE IS A PLACE FOR ALL.



REV. DR. STEVE (YOUNG DONG) KIM
SENIOR PASTOR
CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



This Week At CUMC



OCTOBER 4	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 6	TRUSTEES, 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 7	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 7	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 10	SHELTER NOW, 8:30 A.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



OCTOBER 4	KIM ENGLEHARD
OCTOBER 5	CONNOR SULLIVAN
OCTOBER 6	DOUG SMITH
OCTOBER 8	CHRISTINA DIOSES
OCTOBER 8	SAM HANKE
OCTOBER 9	MARK DEGANIS



OCTOBER 7	PATRICIA & DAVID ROONEY
OCTOBER 9	CHRIS & ANN MAZZONE
OCTOBER 10	MARC & HOPE LACOMB

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Volunteers for Worship 10/4:



Usher: Joe Driscoll	Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll
Ambassador: Jim Jackson	Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Fellowship: The Grant Family	Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo
Member Outreach: Renee Poet	Counters: Joe Driscoll, Dave Wendt
Lector: Kai Grant	Prayer Cards: Susan King
Nursery (0-5): Claire Strand, Barbara Heafy	Promise Kids: Jennifer Roeder, Melody Russell
Communion Steward: Farai Grant	

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THIS SUNDAY

COOPERATIVE PARISH BAKE-OFF THIS SUNDAY!

Where: Asbury UMC, 90 Church Ave, Bristol

* *If you are going and would be willing to drive others to Bristol OR would like to get a ride there, contact Jennifer Roeder at 203-444-4067.

When: Sunday, **October 4th**, 1-3pm

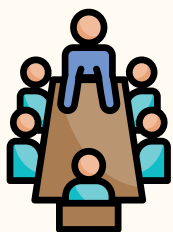
Cost: Free Will Donation

Money going to Heifer International for our collective fundraiser.

Come for a fun afternoon of fellowship, sampling lots of delicious desserts , and of course, voting on your favorites!

TRUSTEES MEETING:

The **Trustees** will be meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.



SHELTER NOW 10/10:

Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. The time commitment is from 8:30-10:00 a.m. We will next be serving on October 10th. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jlynnroeder@aol.com.



PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND:

**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**

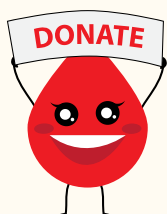
This meaningful ministry fund has been supported by generous donations over past years but is currently running very low. At the pastor's discretion, these funds can be used to respond to individuals and families in need. As we prepare for the upcoming season, Pastor Steve would be grateful for donations to replenish the fund so we can continue to respond faithfully.

Contributions of Stop and Shop gift cards, cash or checks made out to CUMC that are specifically designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Allowing Steve the ability to help those in need is a joyful way of supporting and celebrating our pastor and his ministry on Pastor Appreciation Day, Oct 11th.

Prayerfully, Barb Heafy SPRC Chair

BLOOD DRIVE:



Our next **CUMC Blood Drive** is Friday October 16 from 12-5 p.m. The Red Cross has faced an unprecedented critical shortage lately, so please sign up to donate if you are able, and encourage others to do so also. (You can make an appointment online, or you can contact me and I will book the appointment for you.) The direct link to sign up to donate online is:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-resultscity=&dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&ed=10%2F16%2F2026&order=DATE&range=10&sd=10%2F16%2F2026&state=&zipSponsor=cheshire>

CUMC has a great group of Blood Drive volunteers who give a couple of hours on the day of a drive to help out, which mostly means greeting donors, helping them feel more comfortable, restocking the refreshment table, etc. I can say personally, (and I think the others would agree) that I thoroughly enjoy my interactions with the donors. If any of you would like to help out at the drive, please let me know.

CUMC has earned a reputation for having a good snack table, so if you are interested in providing refreshments, please let me know this as well.

Thank you.

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COOPERATIVE PARISH BOAT CRUISE!:

The Midsate Cooperative Parish will be hosting a **Boat Cruise** on the CT River for all churches in our cooperative parish!

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 11:30-2:30 (boarding begins at 11:15a.m.)

Where: Lady Kate Dock Location
Eagle Landing State Park
14 Little Meadow Rd.
Haddam, CT 06438

Cost: \$42 per person, included in the menu:

Passed Appetizers, Buffet Lunch, Beverages, and Dessert (You can see the full menu near the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.)

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and make payment by 10/25 to reserve your spot! For further info, please speak with Dee Poplizio.



Cooperative Church Boat Cruise Aboard The Lady Kate



Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 11:30a-2:30p (Boarding time starts at 11:15am. Boat departs at 11:30am)

Lady Kate Dock Location:
Eagle Landing State Park
14 Little Meadow Rd.
Haddam, CT 06438

Details: Boat Cruise on the CT River. Light food and N/A beverages included
Cost: \$42.00 per person (Adults & Children)

Please sign up by Sunday, October 25th and make payment to CUMC by that date for the number attending in your party. Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall

MUSIC MESSAGE:

This Sunday, we will sing “**Show Me Your Ways, O Lord,**” with lyrics based on Psalm 25:1-2 and 4:

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God...
Show me your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.”

Psalm 25 is a prayer of David during a time of uncertainty and difficulty. Rather than relying only on his own understanding, David turns to God for guidance, mercy, and protection. He asks God not simply to show him an easier path, but to teach him God’s way. This psalm reminds us that we do not have to find our way alone. We can lift our hearts to God, place our trust in Him, and pray, “Show me your ways, O Lord.” As we sing this Sunday, may these words become our own prayer for guidance and faithful living.

🎵 Please continue to fill out an orange hymn-request form and share a hymn you would like the congregation to sing on the fourth Sunday. We look forward to including the songs that are especially meaningful to you.

🔔🎵 There is always room for more musicians! If you enjoy music and fellowship, please consider joining the Jubilate Bell Choir or the Chancel Choir. Whether you have many years of musical experience or are simply interested in trying something new, you are warmly invited to join us.

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:



Beginning this Sunday, our children will explore what it means to live like Jesus. Each week, they will follow in Jesus' footsteps and learn how He lived, loved, served, and cared for others during His life on earth.

🔔 This Sunday, Oct. 4th, the children will also play the bells during worship. We look forward to hearing their beautiful music!

👋 We are looking for volunteers to help in our Nursery-Kindergarten classroom. Your time and support would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested in helping, please speak with Rose Kim to make arrangements.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION:



CUMC is joining in a town-wide effort to support 160 Cheshire families, with a collective 359 people, enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

We are in charge of **CANNED YAMS**. Our goal is 200 cans!! If you would like to help with this mission opportunity, please bring in your donation of 29 oz cans of yams by Sun, October 25th.

There is a collection bin in the narthex.

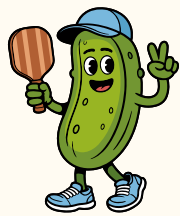
If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please bring to church by October 18th & give it to Jennifer Roeder or write checks out to CUMC with a notation that it's for "Yams" and place in collection plate.

CLOTHESLINE FUNDRAISER:



Due to the success of our clothesline fundraiser, we will be keeping the donation period OPEN! We have already raised \$9,313! What a blessing for our church. Now, let's keep it going. Thank you for your continuous support for CUMC and its ministries.

PICKLEBALL MEET-UPS:



This will be the last month in 2026 to join in on the CUMC Pickleball fun. The last two meet-ups will be held on October 11th and October 18th. Each meet-up will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park. For more information, please see Tiffany Russo.

TIME AND TALENT CONSIDERATIONS:



Looking ahead to 2027, we invite you to share where you feel called to serve at CUMC. Whether it's a committee, a new role, or a talent you haven't shared before, we'd love to know how you hope to contribute. Please fill out the Time & Talent form [here](#) and return it to Pastor Steve. Thank you for the many ways you support the life of our church.

SAVE THE DATE!



Trunk or Treat is coming back to CUMC, Mark your calendars! It will be held on Sunday, October 25th, from 3-4:30 p.m. here in the church parking lot. We need trick-or-treaters and cars set up to hand out treats! And, of course, be ready for some fun.

NEW WEBSITE!:



Our church website has a brand-new look! Visit cheshireumc.com to see the redesign and updated features. Many thanks to Rhonda for her time, care, and creativity in bringing our online presence up to date.

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:



Sign-up for a Scripture Reading Video Session with Cole Jackson for CUMC's Media Ministry!

Are there any bible verses that stand out to you as particularly meaningful or memorable? Do you have a favorite? Is there a moment in your life reflected in scripture? Was there a particular verse that changed your life? Let's share it with our community and help build a critical part of CUMC's Media Ministry!

Each filming session takes only 10 to 20 minutes of your time. No experience necessary and the scripture need not be memorized. Bring yourself, your scripture, why it is important to you, and of course, bring your faith!

Time slots are still available:

Friday, October 9th 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Sign-up & additional details:

<https://tacticalfocusmedia.pixieset.com/booking/scripture-reading-video-session>

Please keep in mind that Fridays are the Pastor's Sabbath. Unless it's a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 203-272-4626 or email office@cheshireumc.com and it will be addressed ASAP. Thank you!



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