



WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

Gracefall

Whether you call this season *fall* or *autumn*, what changes have you begun to notice?

Morning, afternoon, and evening temperatures can feel dramatically different. Rain comes more often, humidity shifts, and the air itself tells us that another season is arriving.

The word *fall* grew from the old English phrase “fall of the leaf,” while British English eventually favored *autumn*. Different words, yet they describe the same season.

There is another word that can carry different meanings depending on where we stand: **grace**.

Grace is often described as an unmerited gift. When grace is given to me, I receive it gladly. Yet when the same grace is extended to someone I struggle with, it can suddenly feel much more costly.

But grace is not ours to measure.

Grace begins with God. God gives it freely, and because we have received it freely, we are invited to share it freely. Yet sometimes we hold grace tightly, protect it, or ration it as though there may not be enough.

But grace was never meant to be possessed.

In Jesus Christ, grace became flesh. Jesus showed us what grace looks like when it walks, welcomes, forgives, and loves.

Perhaps autumn can teach us something about living by grace. Leaves change color, loosen their grip, and fall. In letting go, they make room for another season.

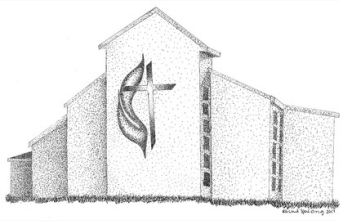
Each new day requires new grace—the grace to release what has passed and receive what is still to come.

Fall or autumn. Different words, same season.

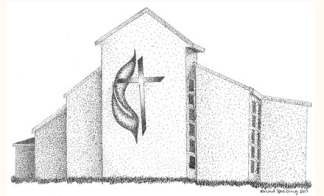
Grace received or grace shared. Different movements, same gift.



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This Week At CUMC



SEPTEMBER 20	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 20	SPPR MEETING (AFTER WORSHIP)
SEPTEMBER 22	SOMETHING NEW, 11:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 23	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 23	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



SEPTEMBER 24	MAGGIE RAY
SEPTEMBER 27	LISA MORAN



SEPTEMBER 21	CHRIS & SALLY LARUSSO
SEPTEMBER 22	TOM & CINDY RUSSO
SEPTEMBER 27	BARB & MATT HEAFY

FIND OUT MORE

Volunteers for Worship 9/20:



Usher: Steve Trumbo	Visual Arts Creator: Rhonda Pattberg
Ambassador: Jim Jackson	Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Fellowship: Fellowship Committee	Livestream Tech: Natalie Missakian
Member Outreach: Dot Mattson	Counters: Renee Poet, Ruth Veleber
Lector: Melody Russell	Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll
Nursery: Mallory Jackson	Promise Kids: Kris Grant, Brian Sullivan

SPPR MEETING:



SPPR will be meeting following worship on Sunday, September 20th, in the Faithful Thomas Room.

SOMETHING NEW:



Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

JUBILATE BELL CHOIR:



The Jubilate Bell choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited to give it a ring! Please see Rose Kim for more details

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

Light food and N/A beverages included

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

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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

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:



Despite the heavy rain, our Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Sunday were filled with joyful fellowship as we began a new ministry season! Our children had a wonderful time celebrating, learning, and connecting with their teachers. Last Sunday, the children explored the story of Hannah and learned that they can bring their feelings of sadness to God. Throughout September, Promise Kids will continue discovering how we can bring all our feelings to God and trust Him to listen, comfort, and care for us. We are grateful for such a joyful beginning and look forward to growing in faith together!

MUSIC MESSAGE:

🎵 **Let's Sing Your Favorite Hymn!**

Do you have a favorite hymn you would love for us to sing together? Instead of choosing a hymn on the spot on the fourth Sunday morning, we're going to **plan ahead and look forward to singing our congregation's favorite hymns!**

You'll find Hymn Request Cards at the entrance to the sanctuary. Write down your favorite hymn and place your request in the offering basket. We will select from your requests and sing them together on the **fourth Sunday of each month.**

The Chancel choir will continue to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m and The Bell choir will start to meet from 9/23 at 6:30 p.m. Interested in joining the Chancel choir / Jubilate Bell choir or have questions? Everyone is welcome! Please contact Rose at dream2all2024@gmail.com.



COOPERATIVE PARISH BAKE-OFF!:



SAVE THE DATE: Cooperative Parish Dessert Bake Off NEXT SUNDAY!

Where: Asbury UMC, 90 Church Ave, Bristol

**Carpooling options will be available if you would like to go.

When: Sunday, September 27th, 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!

Looking for bakers:

Do you love to bake? Have a favorite recipe to make? When you serve it, does everyone always want seconds? Come bake for us!! -2 to 3 bakers from each church. There will be a Sign Up Genius coming soon.

-Recipes should be able to be divided into small servings for tastings.

-Bring 10 copies of your recipe.

-Fun prizes to be awarded. Plus bragging rights for the winners!

CCC ANNOUNCEMENT:



Cheshire Creation Care (CCC) is sponsoring a talk as part of its mission to educate the community about the environment. Please mark your calendars for O! O! O! Opossums, Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 at the First Congregational Church in Cheshire.

Pam and Bill Lefferts from the Ferncroft Animal Rescue will present their Backyard Wildlife: All About Opossums program complete with live, in-person marsupial ambassadors. This presentation is family friendly, geared for all ages not just children, and is guaranteed to increase your appreciation for these gentle and beautiful creatures. Learn about opossums' biology, habits, and rehabilitation and get a chance to touch one! (They are actually very soft!).

If you would like more information about the work of Cheshire Creation Care, contact Steve Trumbo (203-859-1670 or trumbo@uconn.edu).

CLOTHESLINE FUNDRAISER:



Due to the success of our clothesline fundraiser, we will be keeping the donation period OPEN! We have already raised \$9,213! What a blessing for our church. Now, let's keep it going. Thank you for your continuous support for CUMC and its ministries.

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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