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WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

Entrusted, Not Owned: A Reflection on Stewardship

Matthew 25:14-30

As we bring our stewardship campaign at Cheshire UMC to a close, I am reminded of Jesus' Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). In the parable, a master entrusts his servants with different amounts of resources. What matters is not how much each receives, but what each chooses to do with what has been entrusted to them. Stewardship begins not with what we give, but with recognizing what God has already given us.

Our time, talents, treasures, and even our church itself are gifts entrusted to our care. God does not ask us to compare what we have with others, but to faithfully use what we have for God's purposes.

As our campaign concludes on November 15, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has prayerfully considered their commitment to the ministry of CUMC. Yet, while the campaign may be ending, our stewardship is not.

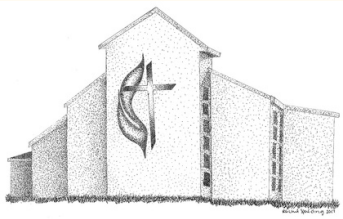
Like the servants in the parable, we are invited to move beyond fear and hesitation toward faithful action. For stewardship is not simply about maintaining what we have, but about multiplying the possibilities of God's love through what we have been given. The campaign ends, but God's work through us continues.

May we continue to ask, not simply "How much can I give?" but "What can God do through what I have been entrusted with?"

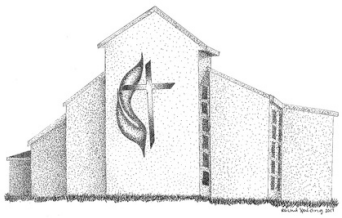
In Christ's love,
Pastor Steve



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This Week At CUMC



NOVEMBER 8	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 8	LEADERSHIP MEETING, FOLLOWING WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 10	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 10	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 11	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 11	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 14	SHELTER NOW, 8:30 A.M.
NOVEMBER 14	APPLE PIE MAKING, 9:00 A.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



NOVEMBER 7	CAROLINE STEVENSON
NOVEMBER 7	DAVE WENDT
NOVEMBER 9	RYAN BOGRETTE
NOVEMBER 11	SERAPHINA HOWARD
NOVEMBER 11	JACOB ECKERT
NOVEMBER 13	TERRESSA HOWARD
NOVEMBER 14	JENNIFER ROEDER
NOVEMBER 14	JOHN VEY



NOVEMBER 8	JUSTIN & KAITLIN HEUSER

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Volunteers for Worship 11/8:



Usher: Steve Trumbo	**Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed**
Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson	**Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen**
Fellowship: Maria Loiewski	**Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy**
Promise Kids: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard	**Prayer Cards: Susan King**
Nursery (0-5): Caroline Veleber, Mallory Jackson	**Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly**
Counters: Michele Bloom, Dave Wendt	**Lector: Carolyn Kelly**

RIVERBOAT CRUISE:



Tomorrow, Saturday, November 7th, is the **Cooperative Parish Riverboat Cruise**. As a final reminder, boarding will begin at 11:15 a.m. with an 11:30 a.m. departure. Boarding will take place at The Lady Kate Dock Location at Eagle Landing State Park (14 Little Meadow Rd. Haddam, CT 06438).

LEADERSHIP MEETING:



There will be a **Leadership Meeting** held following worship on Sunday, November 8th, in the Faithful Thomas Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:



There will be a **Finance Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:



There will be a **Church Council Meeting** on Tuesday, November 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can find the minutes from October's meeting here.

APPLE PIE MAKING:



The pies have been ordered, now it's time for a morning of fellowship and baking! **Apple Pie making** will take place on Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00 a.m. until completion in the kitchen/fellowship hall area. All are welcome to participate in this fun event. Please see Dot Mattson for more information.

SHELTER NOW VOLUNTEER NEEDED:



Looking for **1 more volunteer** to make breakfast sandwiches for the residents of Shelter Now in Meriden Sat, **November 14th, 8:30-10am.** (This is also the day for apple pie making, so if you are involved with that, please keep that in mind.)

SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING:



The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Sunday, November 15th, following worship in the Faithful Thomas Room.

MUSIC MESSAGE:

Behind the Hymn



This Sunday, we will sing **"What Shall I Render to My God?"** arranged by Austin C. Lovelace. The hymn begins with an important question: How can we thank God for gifts beyond measure? Its surprising answer is to receive God's grace with an open heart. Lovelace's arrangement brings together Charles Wesley's words and an American folk tune passed down through generations.

This anthem connects beautifully with our November theme, **"Made for a Purpose."** God has given each of us unique gifts, and our faithful response is to offer ourselves—all that we have and all that we are—for God's purpose. In this way, thanksgiving becomes more than a single day; it becomes a way of life.

🎶 Please continue to fill out and return an **orange hymn-request card** as we collect our congregation's favorite hymns. Beginning in January, we will incorporate many of your selections into our worship services.

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:

Promise Kids has begun a new journey of learning about the Bible and exploring an important question: **What is God's purpose for our lives?**

Throughout this month, the children will explore stories of people in the Bible who discovered God's purpose for them. They will also consider how they can recognize and follow God's purpose in their own lives. Discovering our purpose is an ongoing journey, so it is important for our children to remain close to God and His Word.

We plan to present Bibles to **16 children in grades 3–7**. Your prayers and financial gifts would be greatly appreciated as we prepare for this meaningful milestone in their faith journey.

Please join us in placing God's Word into the hands and hearts of our children!

SAVE THE DATE FOR:



CHILDREN'S COAT COLLECTION:



All 12 coats and accessories we were looking to provide have been covered! Way to go, church!!

The Cheshire Food Pantry has a short turn around on this collection so that they can get coats out to kids quickly with the weather getting colder.

Coats and accessories need to returned to the church BY Sunday, November 15th.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:



Please remember to return your **2027 pledge card** by **Sunday, November 15th**. As our stewardship campaign comes to an end, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the mission and ministries of our church through your time, talents, and financial commitment.

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY NEW DATE!!:



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! **Please see the newest recording date below!**

Time slots are still available:
Saturday, November 14th 12:00-1:20 p.m.

Sign-up & additional details:
https://tacticalfocusmedia.pixieset.com/booking/scripture-reading-video-session

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** to children in need around the world together with the message of Jesus Christ. There are boxes available in the narthex, if you would like to be a part of this ministry. Before taking a box, please make sure that you know all the details of how to fill the boxes & what not to include. **Boxes need to be returned by Sun, Nov 22nd with $10 for shipping** (attach envelope with cash to outside of box).

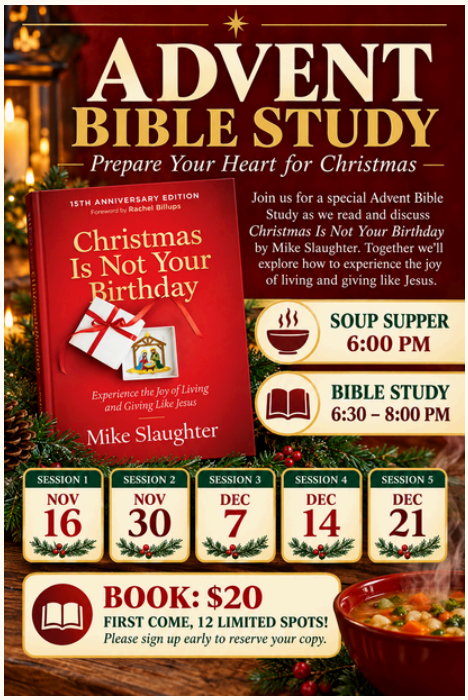
Go to: http://www.samaritanspurse.org for more info, including how to track your box to see where it ends up.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:



There will be a **Fellowship Committee Meeting** on **Sunday, November 29th**, following worship in the Faithful Thomas Room.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY:



What if Christmas is less about what we receive and more about what we give?

This Advent, join us for a five-week journey through Christmas Is Not Your Birthday by Mike Slaughter as we rediscover the joy of living and giving like Jesus.

Come nourish both body and soul as we gather around the table for soup, fellowship, meaningful conversation, and spiritual growth.

When: November 16 & 30; December 7, 14 & 21
Time: 6:00–8:00 PM (Beginning with Soup Supper)
Where: Cheshire United Methodist Church
Book: $20 per copy
Space is limited, **ONLY 4 BOOKS LEFT!**, first come, first serve!
You may sign-up on our newly updated website or there will be a paper sign-up sheet provided on Sunday.

This Advent, let's prepare not only for Christmas Day, but for Christ to be born anew in our hearts and through our lives.

REMINDER

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!