



WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

GOOD MORNING, GOD

EARLY ONE MORNING, CALIFORNIA NEUROSCIENTIST KARL DEISSEROTH LEARNED THAT HE HAD WON THE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE FOR HIS WORK IN OPTOGENETICS, WHICH USES LIGHT TO STUDY AND CONTROL THE ACTIVITY OF NERVE CELLS. AFTER ANSWERING CALLS AND RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS, HE TURNED TO A FAMILIAR RESPONSIBILITY: MAKING SANDWICHES FOR HIS CHILDREN'S SCHOOL LUNCHES. EVEN ON A NOBEL PRIZE MORNING, THE CHILDREN NEEDED LUNCH.

THERE IS SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL ABOUT THAT SCENE. AN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT SHARED A MORNING WITH AN ORDINARY ACT OF CARE. AMID WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION, THERE WAS STILL BREAD TO PREPARE AND A FAMILY TO FEED. SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS PACKING A LUNCH COULD HOLD SO MUCH LOVE.

I WONDER HOW OFTEN WE OVERLOOK THOSE POSSIBILITIES IN OUR OWN DAYS. WE MAY WAIT FOR A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH OR A POWERFUL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE WHILE GOD IS ALREADY MEETING US IN THE KITCHEN, BESIDE THE BED, OR ON THE WAY TO WORK.

SOMETIMES, OPENING OURSELVES TO THAT PRESENCE BEGINS WITH THREE SIMPLE WORDS: "GOOD MORNING, GOD."

THAT SMALL PRAYER CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TOWARD THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US ANOTHER DAY. BEFORE THE WORRIES GATHER AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES BEGIN CALLING, WE TAKE A BREATH AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE LOVED AND ACCOMPANIED.

THE SCHEDULE MAY REMAIN FULL. A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION MAY STILL AWAIT US. YET WE MAY ENTER THE DAY WITH A LITTLE MORE GRATITUDE, MEET AN INTERRUPTION WITH GREATER PATIENCE, OR NOTICE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS KINDNESS. A SIMPLE GREETING TO GOD CAN BEGIN TO CHANGE THE ATTITUDE WE BRING TO EVERYTHING ELSE.

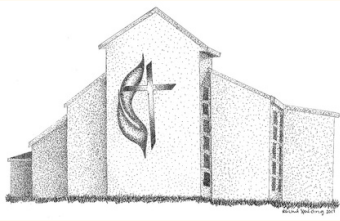
LAMENTATIONS REMINDS US THAT GOD'S MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING. PERHAPS LEARNING TO RECEIVE THOSE MERCIES BEGINS IN THE MOST ORDINARY MOMENTS: OPENING THE CURTAINS, POURING COFFEE, PREPARING A SANDWICH.

TOMORROW MORNING, TRY BEGINNING WITH THIS PRAYER:

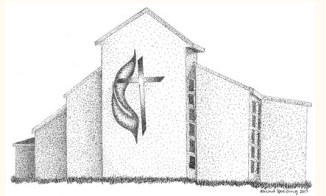
"GOOD MORNING, GOD. THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY. OPEN MY EYES TO YOUR PRESENCE, AND HELP ME OFFER YOUR LOVE IN THE SMALL THINGS BEFORE ME. AMEN."



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



This Week At CUMC



OCTOBER 11	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 11	PICKLEBALL MEET-UP, 4:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 12	SPPR, 6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 13	FINANCE COMMITTEE, 6:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 13	CHURCH COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 14	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 14	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 16	BLOOD DRIVE, 12:00 P.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



OCTOBER 15	TIM WEED
OCTOBER 15	GREG WEED
OCTOBER 17	LEANN SPALDING



OCTOBER 11	JESSICA & ERIC MILLER
OCTOBER 12	JEFF & TRACY HANKE

FIND OUT MORE

Volunteers for Worship 10/11:



Usher: Joe Bogacki	Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed
Ambassador: Jim Jackson	Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Fellowship: Dee Popolizio	Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy
Member Outreach: Marge Jordan	Counters: Leean Spalding, Carol Hotz
Promise Kids: Gerry Connelly, Jerry Howard	Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig
Nursery (0-5): Caroline Veleber, Mallory Jackson	

PICKLEBALL MEET-UP



There will be a Pickleball Meet-up Sunday October 11th, at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park.

SPPR:



SPPR will be meeting on Monday, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:



The Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH COUNCIL:



Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join. You can find last month's minutes [here](#).

BLOOD DRIVE:



Our next **CUMC Blood Drive** is **next 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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PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS:

**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

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 **“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”** by Carl F. Mueller.

The anthem sets Psalm 51:10–13 to music. This psalm is David’s deeply personal prayer of repentance after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin involving Bathsheba. Acknowledging his failure, David asks God for forgiveness, a clean heart, a renewed spirit, and the strength to guide others back to God. This prayer speaks directly to our worship theme, **“Live Like Jesus.”** A life of compassion, humility, and forgiveness begins with a heart that is open to God’s transforming grace. Before our lives can reflect Christ’s love, we must allow God to renew us from within.

As we sing, let us offer the words not only as an anthem but also as our own sincere prayer:

“Lord, change our hearts so that our lives may reflect your love.”

■ 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:



We are continuing our lessons with the theme “**Live Like Jesus.**” Understanding what it means—and what it takes—to live like Jesus is not always easy and can sometimes be confusing for children.

Our teachers are thoughtfully preparing each lesson to help the children understand and practice these teachings in their daily lives. Living like Jesus requires us to follow His guidance and grow in discipline, patience, and courage.

As our whole church journeys together in learning how to live like Jesus, our prayers and actions truly matter. Let us continue encouraging and supporting one another as we grow in faith and put Jesus’ teachings into practice!

STEWARSHIP CAMPAIGN:



Our **2027 Stewardship Campaign** begins this month. What to expect: A launch letter from Pastor Steve will be mailed out by October 12, followed by a mailing from our Finance Chair by October 19. From the launch and receiving your pledge packet, you’ll have approximately one month to prayerfully consider your 2027 commitments of Time, Talent, and Treasure. All pledges and talent surveys are due by November 15. Questions may be directed to Mark Gilleylen, CUMC Financial Chair at 06489nutmeg@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION:



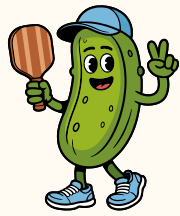
CUMC is joining in a town-wide effort to support 160 Cheshire families, with a collective 359 people, enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

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.

PICKLEBALL MEET-UPS:



This will be the last month in 2026 to join in on the CUMC Pickleball fun. The **last meet-up** will be held on and **October 18th**. It 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. Please see the sign-up sheet [here](#). We need cars set up AND treats to hand! If you are unable to participate in person, but would like to contribute treats for others to pass out, we would greatly appreciate it! Bring your favorite trick-or-treaters for an afternoon of 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>

CLOTHESLINE FUNDRAISER:



Due to the success of our clothesline fundraiser, we will be keeping the donation period OPEN! We have already raised **\$9,382!** What a blessing for our church. Now, let's keep it going. Thank you for your continuous support for CUMC and its ministries.



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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