



WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

An Extra Hour for God

This coming Sunday, as Daylight Saving Time ends, we will turn our clocks back one hour. We often celebrate this as "gaining an extra hour." Perhaps an extra hour of sleep, an extra hour to catch up on unfinished work, or simply more time to do what we could not finish yesterday.

But does gaining an hour really mean we have more time?

We still have twenty-four hours in a day. What changes is not the amount of time we have, but how we choose to spend it.

Our lives are often so carefully scheduled and filled with responsibilities that we leave little room for God to interrupt us. We pray for God's guidance, yet sometimes we are too busy following our own plans to notice God's presence.

The psalmist reminds us, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Perhaps the greatest gift of this extra hour is not an opportunity to do more, but to make room for God to do something in us.

What if we allowed God to interfere with our schedules, interrupt our worries, challenge our assumptions, and redirect our priorities?

After all, God's interruptions may be the very moments when grace finds its way into our lives.

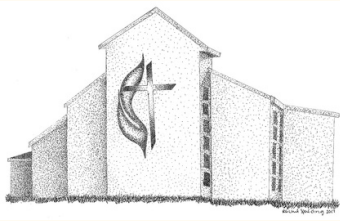
So, as we turn our clocks back this Sunday, may we also turn our hearts toward God.

Here is the centering prayer:
Be still, and know that I am God.
Be still, and know that I am.
Be still, and know.
Be still.
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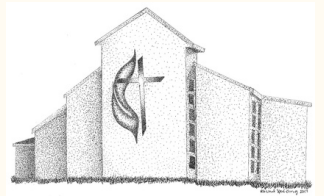
We may not gain more time, but we can make more room for God. And perhaps that is what makes an hour truly extraordinary.



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This Week At CUMC



NOVEMBER 1	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 3	TRUSTEES, 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 4	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 4	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 7	RIVERBOAT CRUISE, 11:30 A.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



NOVEMBER 3	CHRIS DRISCOLL
NOVEMBER 3	MARA WEED
NOVEMBER 4	DAVID WILKINSON
NOVEMBER 5	MIRIEL KIM
NOVEMBER 6	MEGHAN VANWIE



NOVEMBER 5	MAURICE & ANGEL LINS
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Volunteers for Worship 11/1:



Usher: Linda Pisani	Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll
Ambassador: Jim Jackson	Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Fellowship: Rhonda Pattberg, Deb Bond	Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo
Promise Kids: Jennifer Roeder, Melody Russell	Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito
Nursery (0-5): Claire Strand, Barbara Heafy	Member Outreach: Elizabeth Thomas
Counters: Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc	Lector: Claire Strand
Communion Steward: Claire Strand	

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY THIS WEEK!!

TRUSTEES WORK DAY!:



It is time for the **Trustees' Annual Fall Work Day!** It will be held **THIS Saturday, October 31st at 8:00 a.m.** until completion. The Trustees will be working outside of our building to do a clean-up/reorganization before winter. A list of items they're hoping to accomplish can be found [here](#). Again, only **outside items** on the list will be addressed. As we are a family, all are invited to lend a hand. Many hands make light work!

TRUSTEES MEETING:



The **Trustees** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

APPLE PIE SALES:



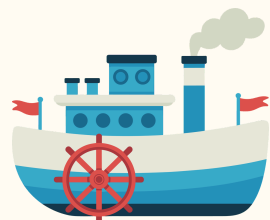
Apple pie sales have begun! **Orders must be in by THIS SUNDAY Nov. 1st.** Orders will be ready for pick up on Nov. 15th with pie making the day before, Nov. 14th. You won't want to miss out on CUMC's good, old homemade apple pie (If you know, you sang it just like in Lazarus)! Find the order form [here](#).

WE DID IT!:



Great work, everyone!! We **met our goal of 200 cans** of yams (and we even had 8 extras) for the Cheshire Food Pantry! Thank you for your participation and support of this important missions project.

COOPERATIVE PARISH BOAT CRUISE!:



It's finally time for the Cooperative Parish Riverboat Cruise!!

We are looking forward to a great time of fellowship. For those who have signed up, the details are below:

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

Included in the menu:

Passed Appetizers, Buffet Lunch, Beverages, and

Dessert (You can see the full menu near the sign up sheet.)

MUSIC MESSAGE:

We will begin our All Saints Sunday worship with the Jubilate Bell Choir's prelude, "**This Is My Song.**" In 1934, between two world wars, a young American named Lloyd Stone wrote a song that held love of home together with love for the wider world. Set to Sibelius's stirring FINLANDIA melody, "This Is My Song" reminds us that people beyond our borders hold hopes and dreams as precious as our own. As we sing, we offer a prayer that our love will reach beyond what is familiar.

Our Chancel choir will sing "**The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended,**" in a setting by Carl Schalk. Written by Anglican priest John Ellerton in 1870, this evening hymn pictures worship continuing without interruption: as night falls in one part of the world, believers elsewhere awaken to praise God.

This message is especially meaningful on All Saints Sunday. Though the earthly lives of those we love have ended, they remain part of God's eternal Church, and the song of praise continues across every nation, generation, and even beyond death. Empires and earthly kingdoms pass away, but God's kingdom stands forever.

■ Please continue to fill out an **orange hymn-request card** with your favorite hymns. Your selections may be included in our regular Sunday worship services as well as in our **fourth-Sunday hymn singing**. We look forward to singing the hymns that are especially meaningful to you!

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:

Learning God's Word and making it part of our daily lives requires discipline and practice. Last Sunday, our children explored how the Bible can guide us when we face temptation, confusing choices, or an uncertain future. They also learned that knowing God's Word helps them think carefully and make wise decisions.

As we continue learning about the Bible, we would like to present our children with Bibles of their own so they can read God's Word and keep it close to their hearts.

We are asking for your support in helping **16 children receive their own Bibles**. Your prayers and contributions will help make this meaningful gift possible!

For any questions on how you can contribute, please let Rose know: promisekids@cheshireumc.com



CHILDREN'S COAT COLLECTION:



The Cheshire Food Pantry is doing their **annual coat collection** for children. CUMC has been provided with info for 12 children of different ages and genders who have requested a NEW winter coat, hat, and gloves/mittens. If you would like to provide a coat & accessories, you can get a slip (with size/style) after church this Sunday and next OR call/text Jennifer Roeder @ 203-444-4067 or email

jlynnroeder@aol.com. If you would like to participate, but would like to share the cost with someone, let Jennifer know & she will collection a monetary donation or connect you with another church member to work with.

Coats need to be back at CUMC **no later than November 15th** (earlier is even better because it is getting cold!)

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>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

There is an opportunity for our church community to participate in the **Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven's Build Day!**

This event will taking place on December 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 246/248 Barnes Ave. New Haven, CT

To sign-up, please visit habitatgnh.org and click the VolunteerUp link at the bottom of the page. New Volunteers will need to select Cheshire United Methodist Church as their group in their Volunteer Profile prior to signing up for this build day. Carpooling can be arranged for those interested.

For any further information, please speak with Matti Lilback.

SHELTER NOW VOLUNTEERS



Looking for **2 volunteers** 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.)

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).

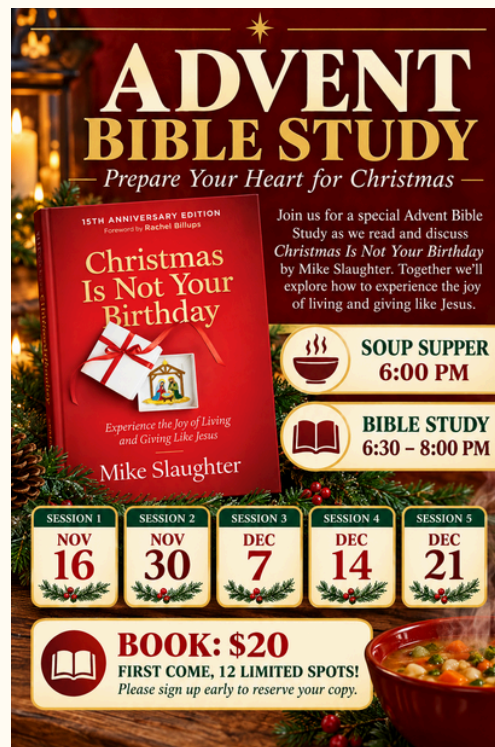
Go to: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org> for more info, including how to track your box to see where it ends up.

CLOTHESLINE FUNDRAISER:



With the success of our Clothesline Fundraiser continuing, we have collected **\$9,614** to date! Way to go, church!

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 to 12 participants—first come, first served!

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.

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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