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WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

There is something holy about making apple pies together. Some hands peel apples. Others roll dough, measure spices, or wash dishes. Conversations unfold alongside the work, and laughter becomes part of the recipe. Our annual tradition gives us time to reconnect and a shared purpose that brings us closer.

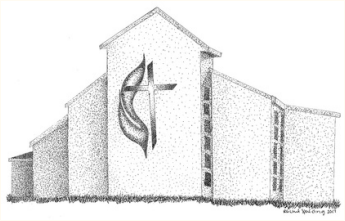
Each task matters. A finished pie holds the care of many hands, much like our church holds the gifts of many people. Around the kitchen tables, we practice being the body of Christ: making room, helping one another, and offering what we can.

Jesus taught us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11). That little word our holds us together. We bring our hunger before God alongside the hunger of our neighbors—for food, friendship, comfort, and belonging. As our apple pies find their way into the community, they carry something of that shared care. And those who make them receive nourishment, too: the joy of working together and remembering that we belong.

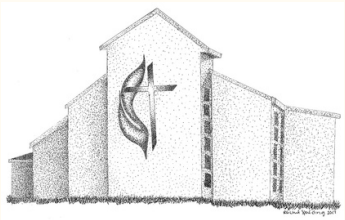
Thank you to every hand that helps. Through this beloved tradition, may God feed our souls and make our fellowship a blessing to others. See you Saturday at 9 AM.!



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This Week At CUMC



NOVEMBER 15	WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 15	SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING, FOLLOWING WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 16	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY, 6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 17	BOOKLETTES, 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18	JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18	CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



NOVEMBER 15	COLIN BOGRETTE
NOVEMBER 15	CYNTHIA DECKER
NOVEMBER 17	JOSEPH ONDRIEZEK
NOVEMBER 17	DREW SPALDING
NOVEMBER 21	LEXI FERRAIOLO



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Volunteers for Worship 11/15:



Usher: Joe Driscoll	**Visual Arts Creator: Mara Weed**
Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson	**Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen**
Fellowship: Elaine Lau	**Livestream Tech: Natalie Missakian**
Promise Kids: Kris Grant, Brian Sullivan	**Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig**
Nursery (0-5): Farai Grant	**Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly**
Counters: Leean Spalding, Elaine Lau	**Lector: Sue Trumbo**

SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING:



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

BOOKLETTES:



The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room. They will be discussing the book, A Marriage at Sea.

APPLE PIES:



The **apple pies** will be made **TOMORROW, Saturday, November 14th,** beginning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join. Pies will be available for pick-up following worship on Sunday, **November 15th**. Please see Dot Mattson for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:



Please remember to return your **2027 pledge card** by **THIS 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.

CHILDREN'S COAT COLLECTION:



Thank you to all who participated in the kids coat collection. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Reminder: Bring coats by THIS SUNDAY, November 15th.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:



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

MUSIC MESSAGE:



"Step by Step," and **"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."** "Step by Step" was written by pastor and missionary leader A. B. Simpson as an invitation to follow closely in Jesus' footsteps, one day at a time. We will sing verses 1, 2, and 4.

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." After two former students lost their wives, music teacher Anthony Showalter found comfort in this verse and created the refrain; Elisha Hoffman then wrote the verses. We will sing verse 2, which speaks of peace along life's pilgrim way.

Together, these hymns connect beautifully with our November theme, **"Made for a Purpose."** We may not see God's entire purpose for our lives at once, but we can walk with Jesus step by step—trusting that God's everlasting arms will support us along the way.

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).** *Boxes will be taken to the drop off location on Nov 22nd, so we cannot accept any late boxes.*

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

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:

As the fall sports season comes to an end, some of our young athletes are getting ready for several special Sundays at church. The children continue to explore God's purpose for their everyday lives and discover ways they can serve our church family.
They have been practicing a song to sing with the choir on Thanksgiving Sunday, and we look forward to hearing them share their gifts! On that same Sunday, **16 children will receive their first Bibles.**
We invite members of our congregation to help provide these Bibles as meaningful gifts. Your generosity will encourage our children to grow in faith and cherish God's Word for many years to come.
Thank you for investing in the faith journey of our children!

SAVE THE DATE FOR:



MEDIA MINISTRY UPDATE:

Over the past few months, the **Media Ministry** has completed production of several video projects, including the "Live Like Jesus" sermon series video in October, the "Purpose" sermon series video in November, and the Promise Kids promotional video. The Media Ministry also had the opportunity to capture footage from our Trunk-or-Treat community event, helping preserve and share the life of our church.

Looking ahead, Cole will continue filming church activities and events to build a library of photos and video content that can be used for future Media Ministry projects, our church website, outreach efforts, and special events.

If you have a church-related event you would like captured by the Media Ministry, please email
cole@tacticalfocusmedia.com

COLLECTING FOR BLESSING BAGS:



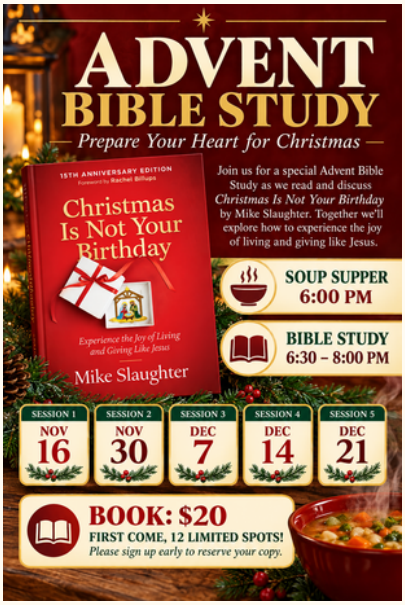
Blessing Bags are bags that you can keep in your car so that when you see someone while you are out that is asking for help, you have something useful (instead of cash) that you can give them. The bags are filled with snacks & other items that may be useful, like nail clippers, band-aids, tissues, etc.
Sun, **Nov 15- Sun, Nov 29th**: If you would like to donate, please leave your items in the collection bin in the narthex.

Items needed: warm socks, wipes, tissues, water, snacks (stay away from chocolate & things that are hard to chew), band-aids, nail clippers.
*Other good items to use: gloves, small notepads/pen, lip balm, deodorant, disposable razors, multi-tools, moisturizer, individual packs of Tylenol/Advil, dry shampoo, hand lotion.

**We already have lots of toothbrushes/toothpaste & Ziplock bags.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY:

The **Advent Bible Study, "Christmas is Not Your Birthday," will begin this Monday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.** And will continue meeting on Mondays through December 21st.



CHESHIRE CREATION CARE EVENT:



Cheshire Creation Care (CCC) will be hosting a talk on **Climate Change and a Path to a Sustainable Future: Where we are and where to find hope** by Professor Dan Esty, Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy, Yale University.
Where: First Congregational Church of Cheshire
When: December 7, 2026
Cost: Free Admission

All are invited to attend. Please see Steve Trumbo for more information.

ADVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



It's hard to believe Advent is almost here! As we begin preparing for the season, sign-up sheets for **Advent Candle Lighting and Christmas Eve Lesson Readings** will be available on the table outside the sanctuary.

Whether you'd like to light a candle, read Scripture, or participate as a family, we invite you to sign up and help make our Advent and Christmas worship services meaningful and welcoming for all. Please consider which date or time would work best for you.





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!