



WELCOME TO

The Weekly Courier

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

From the Pastor:

LEADERS OF GOD'S PEACE

THIS WEEK, WORLD LEADERS ARE GATHERING AT THE UNITED NATIONS DURING A SEASON MARKED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE ON OCTOBER 2.

AND THIS SUNDAY, OUR OWN LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATION) COMMITTEE WILL GATHER TO PRAY, DISCERN, AND TALK ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

COINCIDENCE? PERHAPS. BUT I ALSO WONDER IF THIS IS A HOLY MOMENT FOR US. WHILE WORLD LEADERS SPEAK ABOUT PEACE AMONG NATIONS, WE ARE DISCERNING HOW WE MIGHT BECOME LEADERS OF PEACE RIGHT HERE IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

JESUS SAID, "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD."

PEACEMAKING IS NOT ONLY THE WORK OF DIPLOMATS AND PRESIDENTS. IT HAPPENS WHEN WE LISTEN CAREFULLY, SERVE HUMBLY, WELCOME GENEROUSLY, AND STEWARD FAITHFULLY WHAT GOD HAS PLACED IN OUR HANDS. IN FACT, AS CHILDREN OF GOD, PEACEMAKING IS PART OF WHO WE ARE—IT IS WOVEN INTO OUR SPIRITUAL DNA.

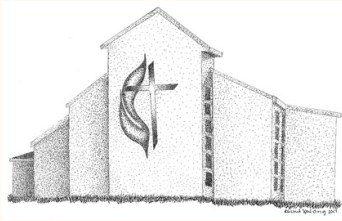
THIS SUNDAY, WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FILLING COMMITTEE POSITIONS. WE ARE DISCERNING **STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS AND LEADERS OF GOD'S PEACE.**

PERHAPS THIS IS THE PERFECT MOMENT TO REMEMBER THAT CUMC IS CALLED TO BE MORE THAN A CHURCH THAT TALKS ABOUT PEACE. WE ARE CALLED TO PRACTICE IT, LEAD IT, AND EMBODY IT.

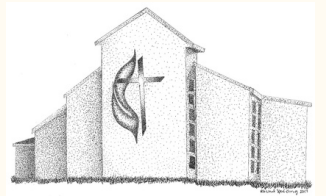
MAY GOD HELP US BECOME FAITHFUL STEWARDS AND COURAGEOUS PEACEMAKERS—ONE CONVERSATION, ONE MINISTRY, AND ONE FAITHFUL "YES" AT A TIME.



REV. DR. STEVE (YOUNG DONG) KIM
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This Week At CUMC



SEPTEMBER 27
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WORSHIP, 10:00 A.M.
JUBILATE BELLS, 6:30 P.M.
CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 P.M.

Our Church Family Celebrations:



SEPTEMBER 27	LISA MORAN
SEPTEMBER 30	DON LUDWIG
SEPTEMBER 30	LUKE HEUSER
OCTOBER 1	BRIANNA PRENTICE
OCTOBER 1	BARBARA FOSTER
OCTOBER 2	JANIS EVANCHA
OCTOBER 3	PETER MADDEN
OCTOBER 3	DENNIS ENGLEHARD



SEPTEMBER 27 BARB & MATT HEAFY

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Volunteers for Worship 9/27:



Usher: Linda Pisani	Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll
Ambassador: Jim Jackson	Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Fellowship: Something New	Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy
Member Outreach: Renee Poet	Counters: Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc
Lector: Claire Strand	Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito
Nursery: Barbara Heafy	Promise Kids: Jerry Howard, Sue Trumbo

COOPERATIVE PARISH BAKE-OFF DATE CHANGE!

Where: Asbury UMC, 90 Church Ave, Bristol

* *If you are going and would be willing to drive others to Bristol OR would like to get a ride there, contact Jennifer Roeder at 203-444-4067.

When: Sunday, **October 4th**, 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!

NEW WEBSITE!:

The new website is up and running! If you have not yet visited it, check out cheshireumc.com. A huge thanks to Rhonda Pattberg for her continued efforts on getting us up to date and for taking on such a huge task for our church!



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 -Pigs in a Blanket; Chicken Lemongrass Potsticker; Thai Chili Sauce -Vegetable Samosa, Potato Pea, Tamarind Sauce; Chef's Choice Special Appetizer

Buffet Lunch-Mixed Greens Salad; -Warm Rolls & Butter; Sausage, Peppers & Onions, House Marinara; Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Madeira Jus; Mixed Vegetable Penne a la Vodka; Herb Roasted Potatoes; Garlic Green Beans

Beverages- Soft Drinks; Juice; Coffee, Decaf & Hot Tea Station

Dessert-Chocolate Chip Cookies & Brownies Station

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:

Behind the Hymn

This Sunday, our choir will sing "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy." Philip Bliss wrote this hymn after hearing preacher Dwight L. Moody tells of a ship approaching Cleveland harbor on a stormy night. The lighthouse was shining, but the smaller lights guiding the way into the harbor had gone dark. The ship missed the channel and was wrecked. That story became a call to faith in action: God's mercy shines like the lighthouse, and we are entrusted with keeping the "lower lights" burning. Through kindness, compassion, and faithful service, our light may help someone struggling in the darkness find their way home.

The Bell choir will start to meet every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m and the Chancel choir meets at 7:30 p.m.

Interested in joining the Chancel choir / Jubilate Bell choir or have questions? Everyone is welcome! Please contact Rose at dream2all2024@gmail.com.

PROMISE KIDS UPDATE:



Promise Kids are continuing to learn how we can bring all our emotions to God. Last Sunday, the children explored the story of Cain and Abel and discussed how they can bring feelings of anger and unfairness to God. Recognizing our emotions and sharing them honestly with God are important practices that help children develop healthy emotional expression and well-being.

On Sunday, we will have bell practice immediately after the worship service, beginning at 11:10 a.m. Practice will last approximately 20-30 minutes. The children will present their bell music on October 4, the first Sunday of October.

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.

CLOTHESLINE FUNDRAISER:



Due to the success of our clothesline fundraiser, we will be keeping the donation period OPEN! We have already raised \$9,313! 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>

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. We need trick-or-treaters and cars set up to hand out treats! And, of course, be ready for some fun.

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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