

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Confirmation Class
January 13, 2019
11:15 a. m.



Pulpit Prep Returns
January 14, 2019
7:30 p. m.



Bookettes
January 24, 2019
7:30 p. m.

Men's Book Club
January 24, 2019
7:30 p. m.

From Our Pastor



We talk about unconditional love a lot at Cheshire UMC. Or at least, I do. But as much as it is on my mind, and hopefully in my heart, it was only this week that I came across an example of it that really stopped me in my tracks. I can't wait to share it with you on Sunday, in my sermon titled, "Jesus Doves Me". As you've probably already figured out, I'll be preaching on the story of the Baptism of our Lord, found in Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Helping out Sunday Morning, January 13th...

Lector: Sharon Coyner
Ushers: Cindy Decker, Jean Roeder
Counters: Karen Kieffer, Joe Bogacki
Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder
Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly
Nursery: Marge Jordan, Carla Reagan
Fellowship Hour: The Ferraiolos
Powerpoint: Olivea Kieffer
Sunday School: Jenn Roeder, Sally LaRusso

This Week at a Glance...



1/12 - Shelter Now at 7:30 a. m.
1/14 - Pulpit Prep at 7:30 p. m.
1/15 - Trustee Meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Shelter Now: Food Donations and Volunteers Needed



Looking for food donations to prepare for the residents at Shelter Now in Meriden. All donations should be left in the kitchen/refrigerator by Friday, January 11th, and marked "for shelter". Also looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help with the cooking (kids are welcome) on Saturday, January 12th: time commitment is from 7:30am-9:30am. Please let Jennifer Roeder know if you can help at jlynnroeder@aol.com OR text/call (203) 444-4067.

12 Dozen Eggs
5 Packages of Bacon
72 Slices of Cheese (American/Cheddar)
72 English Muffins
2 Gallons of Juice
2 Rolls of Aluminum Foil
2 Packages of 6 oz Plastic Cups

Explorers Group



On Sunday, January 13, the theme at 9 a.m. in Room A in the series Discover Islam (which is helping us to reflect on our own religious experiences and beliefs, is African Americans and Islam. You are invited and no background is needed. It is an interesting group of people who are exploring an interesting topic. Any questions? Coordinators are Sergio Deganis, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, and Len Mecca

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Pulpit Prep Returns!



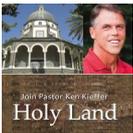
On Monday, January 14, Pulpit Prep returns to Room B at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Ken will lead the class in a study and discussion of the passage on which he will be preaching the following Sunday (John 2:1-12). Join us!

Our AmazonSmile account is NOW active!



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Cheshire UMC every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Cheshire UMC. To make it easy for you, our direct link is [here](#). Thank you.

Trip to the Holy Land, May 2019...



If you would like to join Pastor Ken, and 9 other folks connected to our church on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land, please see Ken as soon as possible. The deadline for the deposit (\$300) is rapidly approaching.

A Note from the Finance Chair...



Now that Thanksgiving and Christmas is behind us, we would like to complete the Pledge process. If you have not yet returned a pledge card, there is still time to do so. If you feel you are not able to make a formal pledge, but would be able to give an estimate of what you intend to contribute to the church in the coming year, that will be a great help to us in planning. Pledge cards are available in the sanctuary or from Carl Strand or anybody from the Finance Committee. We are still striving to eliminate the budget deficit and with full participation from the congregation, I believe this could be the year we achieve our goal.

Ned Connelly
Finance Chair

Cold Weather Collection: January 5th-19th



Take a look in your closets, donate what you no longer use, and make some space for the new year!! We will be collecting new/gently-used coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and blankets for those less fortunate. These items can be for men, women, or children. Please leave your donations in the Cold Weather Collection Bin. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Cheshire UMC



Come to church, and join us on the first Thursday of every month for an evening of God's handiwork from 7 to 9 p.m. Learn to crochet and/or knit. All are welcome and no experience is needed. Bring your choice of knitting needles, crochet hook, or both. Practice yarn will be available. [Our Next Meeting is February 7, 2019.](#)

Something New Group



You are invited to be a part of the Something New group which meets in the church fellowship hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM to enjoy casual conversation over a cup of coffee or tea. Bring a favorite mug and snack or lunch if you'd like and join the social time! All ages are welcome! The group [will meet next on January 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM](#) in the church fellowship hall.

Coordinators, Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig, and Marge Jordan

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Men's Book Club



I will host our next meeting which will be on Thursday, January 24th at 7:30. My address is 595 Tamarack Rd. We will be discussing "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

Regards,
Dick Kelly

Bookettes Book Club



Bookettes Women's book club will meet at the home of Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, 34 Charlton Hill, Hamden, on Thursday, January 24 (Note: This is a change) at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery. All welcome!

Tithe and Offering Envelopes for 2019

To all Cheshire UMC donors:

Envelopes for next year have been issued and are on the table on the left, just before you enter the sanctuary. If you have made it known to me that you will be making a single payment of your pledge, or if you have been using a bank to send in your contributions, envelopes have not been assigned. If somehow I have overlooked you, and you want offering envelopes, let me know, and I will give them to you.

Thank you all for the treasures given this year, and for all the pledges handed in for next year. The support you have shown is wonderful.

Carl Strand,
Financial Secretary

Altar Flower Gifts and Dedications...



Will you consider an Altar Flower gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one or special life event? We are currently soliciting for January, February and March. Your gift is noted in the bulletin and placed on display, on the altar, for the duration of our worship service. You may sign-up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall using the form provided or see Lisa Moran.

Fellowship Hour Opportunities...



Will you host a Fellowship Hour? We are requesting singles, couples, families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on Sundays in January, February, or March. If you are willing and available, please see Kim Farraiolo or Karen Kieffer. You may also use the "[Contact Us](#)" form on-line, or sign-up in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry—This Week's 'Wish List'...



We are currently in need of Canned Whole Tomatoes, Juice Boxes, Juice - Bottled, Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Spam), Dish Detergent Pods, Laundry Detergent Pods, Paper Towels, Kleenex

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, January 20th...

Lector: Mark Eckert
Ushers: Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
Counters: Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Prayer Cards: Jeff Clark
Member Outreach: Dot Mattson
Nursery: Cindy Decker, Carla Reagan

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Congratulations to . . .



Bridie and Casey Allen on the birth of their daughter, Sara Nancy Allen, on December 14, 2018.

From the Mail Bag...



Dear Cheshire UMC,

Thank you so much for contributing to the community drive for the Ana Grace Project! Your donations touched the lives of many families in New Britain. I am so grateful to be a part of such a supportive church family! God bless all of you.

Blessings,
Kellie Moran

From the Mail Bag...



Dear Cheshire UMC Friends:;

I want to thank all of you who have so thoughtfully sent me cards and offered condolences over the death of my brother last month. Your sharing memories of his time with us as choir director were very meaningful.

George Engelhardt

January Anniversaries...

13 Carl and Claire Strand



January Birthdays...



14 Doug VanWie
17 Cindy Attanasio
22 Keith Trumbo
22 Mikayla Wollen
22 Kaitlin Weed Heuser
22 Joni Tillotson
27 Keith Lanzer
29 Alyssa Carey
29 Marc LaComb
29 Jamie Wetmore

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