

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Pulpit Prep
February 4, 2019
7:30 p. m.



Secret Sister Reveal
February 5, 2019
6-8:00 p. m.



Church Council Meeting
February 12, 2019
7:30 p. m.



Something New
February 26, 2019
11:00 a. m.

From Our Pastor



For a couple of years, I had a weekly radio show called "Keeping the Rumor of God Alive". On one particular program, my guest was a professional pitcher from Panama who said that his ability to throw was a gift from God - and as such he would use baseball as a platform to make disciples for Jesus.

He has since retired from the sport, but he kept his word by building a church not too far from mine at the time, and another one in Panama.

I share this with you because this week, he became the first player in history to be unanimously elected to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Mariano Rivera, a Major League pitcher and a major league evangelist!

Helping out Sunday Morning, January 27th...

Lector: Marge Jordan
Acolyte: Jacob Lanzer
Bible Bearer: Kyle Lanzer
Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll
PowerPoint: Olivea Kieffer

Ushers: Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll
Counters: Sharon Coyner, Bruce King
Fellowship Hour: Karen Kieffer, Kim Ferraiolo
Nursery: Natalie Missakian, Carla Reagan
Sunday School: Laurie Bellagamba, Jeff Clark

This Week at a Glance...



- 1/27 - Explorers Class at 9 a. m. in Room A
- 1/27 - Confirmation Class at 11 a. m.
- 1/27 - Missions Committee Meeting, at 11 a. m. in Room B
- 1/28 - No Pulpit Prep This Week
- 1/29 - Something New [Rescheduled] 11 a. m

Super Bowl Sub [and Salad] Fundraiser



Each year, we send a group of adults and teens on a Mission Trip with UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth). The net proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray the cost of the trip; thanks to Leann Spalding and Chartwell's.

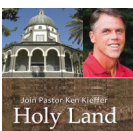
Subs, and this year, salads, cost \$10 will come with a fresh baked cookie and a bag of chips. Order forms will be available this Sunday and next Sunday. Pick up for orders is on Super Bowl Sunday, which is February 3rd, following church.

Missions Committee Meeting This Sunday...



There is a Mission Committee Meeting this Sunday after church in Room B. Please see Jennifer Roeder for additional information or with any questions. Thanks!

Last call for 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 this week!

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Pulpit Prep Will Not Meet This Week



Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 4th, Pulpit Prep meets in 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. (Luke 5: 1-11). Join us!

Something New Group Rescheduled



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 on Tuesday January 29th at 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. This is a change as a result of the wintery, icy, weather on the 22nd.** Coordinators, Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig, and Marge Jordan

Men's Book Club



Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will be meeting on Thursday February 28 at 7:30 pm. Host and book to be decided.

Booklettes Book Club



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on Thursday February 21 at the home of Vanda O'Reilly, 125 Thorn Hollow Rd. at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson.

Explorers Group



The concluding DVD in the series "Discover Islam" will take place Sunday, Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. in Room , just inside the front door. Even if you have not been in on other sessions, it will be worth being present to see the dvd and hear group observations.

Next series: Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask by Adam Hamilton will be the group theme for some weeks. It has DVDs on various religions. No background needed. No preparation needed--just curiosity and interest as we explore together. Coordinators are Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Sergio Deganis.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!



Will you host a Fellowship Hour? We are requesting singles, couples, families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on Sundays in 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!

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.

UM ARMY 2019: Time to Register...



Jennifer Roeder will be the UM ARMY coordinator again this year. If you are interested in attending one of the camps, contact her by phone; call/text 203-444-4067, or e-mail; jlynnroeder@aol.com, or see her at church. [More details on-line...](#)

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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 last year, and for all the pledges handed in for this year. The support you have shown is wonderful.

Carl Strand,
Financial Secretary

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.

Secret Sister Reveal Gathering



It's Secret Sister Reveal Time!

All Secret Sisters are invited to the reveal gathering at Vespucci's Restaurant (150 Main St., Cheshire) on Tuesday, Feb. 5th from 6-8:30 PM. We'll have a pizza party with salad, soda & coffee and cake. Cost: \$24/person (covers pizza, salad, soda, coffee, sales tax, gratuity, cake) RSVP your attendance- YES or NO- to Chris Driscoll by Sunday, Jan. 27 (203-758-3887 or bcated4vr@sbcglobal.net).

Plan to pay at the event.

Shelter Now: Food Donations and Volunteers Needed



The Missions Committee is 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, February 8th, and marked "for shelter".

- 12 Dozen Eggs
- 5 Packages of Bacon
- 72 Slices of Cheese (American/Cheddar)
- 72 English Muffins
- 2 Gallons of Juice

The Committee is also looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help cook breakfast at the shelter in Meriden from 7:30-9:30am on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 9th
- Saturday, March 9th
- Saturday, April 13th

Contact Jennifer Roeder at jllynroeder@aol.com OR text/call (203) 444-4067. Thank you!

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 February and March. Your gift is noted in the bulletin and placed on display, on the altar, for the duration of our worship service. After worship you may take your arrangement home with you or bless someone else. Lastly, you may provide your own arrangement, you are not required to use our florist's services. Sign-up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall using the form provided or see Lisa Moran. Thanks!

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Mission Opportunity / Volunteers Needed...



Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury is seeking some new volunteers. There are opportunities for (1) personal shoppers to help our clients find the sizes and articles of clothing they need; and (2) volunteers to help in the warehouse with taking in furniture and donations, recycling trash or metal, furniture repair, and several other duties. If you are interested, you can **contact Renee Poet at reeneepoet@comcast.net or (203)758-0293, or contact Acts 4 directly at (203) 574-2287**. If you have even a couple of hours a week or every other week to spare during the day, this can be very rewarding.

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



We are currently in need of Canned Peaches, Juice - Bottled, Mayonnaise, Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, & Other), Dish Detergent Pods, Laundry Detergent Pods, Small Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex.

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, February 3rd...

Lector: Elaine Lau
Ushers: Joe Bogacki, Sergio Deganis
Acolyte: Gary DeVilbis
Bible Bearer: Derrick DeVilbis
Counters: Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito
Member Outreach: Bruce King
Sunday School: Dot Mattson, Renée Poet
Nursery: Sally LaRusso, Carla Reagan

January Birthdays...



27 Keith Lanzer
29 Alyssa Carey
29 Marc LaComb
29 Jamie Wetmore

February Birthdays...



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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Gerry Connelly | 14 | Laurie Bellagamba |
| 2 | Mathew Thomas | 19 | Mary Bogrette |
| 3 | Eva Witkowski | 21 | Debbie Eckert |
| 5 | Ned Connelly | 22 | Liam Moran |
| 5 | Jennifer Meriam | 23 | Hunter Carey |
| 6 | Matthew Cameron | 23 | Mary Helming |
| 7 | Sophia Iacono | 23 | Zach Warner |
| 10 | Jack Hanke | 27 | Sally LaRusso |
| 11 | Michael Bova | 28 | Tim Simmons |
| 12 | Daniel Desmond | 28 | Creighton Myers |
| 13 | Paul Bellagamba | | |

February Anniversaries...



9 Ned & Gerry Connelly

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