

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Youth Group
Corn Maze
October 21st



Something New
October 23rd at
11:00 a.m.



SPR Meeting
October 23rd at
7:30 p.m.



Faith & Finance
Oct. 27, 9 - 11:45 a.m.
First UMC, Meriden

From Our Pastor



You've probably heard it said that "Social Security is the third rail of politics" - meaning that politicians really can't touch it or bad things will happen to them. The same could be said about this week's Gospel lesson, Mark 10:1-16. Preachers really can't touch on it (divorce, remarriage, adultery, etc.) in their sermons without bad things happening to them. I suppose I could've avoided the uncomfortable subject(s) entirely, but Jesus didn't - so I shouldn't.

If that's not a compelling enough reason to come to church on Sunday, we'll also be confirming Leah Ferraiolo. She and I worked hard this summer to prepare for this rite of passage into the UMC. Won't you show your support for her?

Speaking of supporting our young people, during our Sunday service, we'll also be saying "so long for now" to Zack Warner, as he prepares to begin his tour with the National Guard. I hope you'll come to church and personally thank him in advance for his service.

See you then!

Helping This Sunday Morning, October 21st:

Lector: Elaine Lau
Ushers: Jennifer Roeder, Cindy Decker
Counters: Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
Prayer Cards: Kathy Esposito
Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly
Sunday School: Holly Carey, Dawn Deganis
Fellowship: Lisa Moran
Nursery: Carrie Ford
PowerPoint: Liam Moran

This Week at a Glance...



10/21 - Youth Group - Corn Maze; After Worship
10/22 - Pulpit Prep (Mark 10:35-45)
10/23 - Something New; 11:00 am
10/23 - SPR Meeting; 7:30 pm
10/24 - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
10/25 - Men's Book Club 7:30 pm at Peter Bunting's

Pulpit Prep Bible Study



Each Monday evening, we look at the Bible passage that I'll be preaching on the following Sunday. Which means you'll have 6 days (instead of 6 seconds) to reflect and ruminate and pray on my sermon text. There's no book to buy, no homework to do, and no long-standing commitment on your part. Just bring a Bible and a willingness to learn. Each session is self-contained, so don't worry if you can't make it every Monday. Come when you can! The fun starts at 7:30 p. m.

Pastor Ken

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Campus Candy and Treat Collection...



Please be sure to drop off your candy donations for our college students as soon as you can - the deadline is OCTOBER 19th!! Halloween candy boxes for our college kids will be stuffed with your donations of candy and other sweet treats, addressed, sealed and ready after church service on October 21. All you have to do is pick one up from me - I'll be in fellowship hall - and drop it in the mail. These candy boxes are just one way of reminding our kids how much we love them!! Thank you all, Ginny Ludwig

Youth Group



On Sunday, October 21st, the youth group will meet after church to go to a CORN MAZE. \$10 per person. All high school students are welcome. Bring a friend!

Pet Food Collection: October 14 - 28th



In conjunction with our pet blessing this month, the Mission committee would like to put the focus on our furry friends that may not be so lucky as to have forever homes or whose families may be going through hard financial times. If this cause touches your heart, please leave your donation of pet food in the blue bin by the coat room. Also collecting old towels, sheets, blankets for the animal shelter, as well.

Faith and Finance Seminar



On Saturday, October 27th, from 9 - 11:45 a.m., a professional financial planner will offer a (free) seminar for UMs in the area which will help you and your family manage your household money effectively, so that:

- You can have a stress-free Retirement!!!
- You will have enough for your child's College Education!!!
- You have a plan in place to purchase your New Home!!!

This event, to be held at the First UMC, Meriden (15 Pleasant St, Meriden), has been endorsed by both our Finance Committee and our Church Council. There will be NO sales pitch!

Men's Book Club



Our next meeting will be at the home of Peter Bunting (615 Broad Swamp Road, Cheshire) next Thursday the 25th at 7:30 p. m. The book selection is "Where is Joe Merchant" by Jimmy Buffett.

Bookettes Book Club



Bookettes Women's Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM at the home of Carolyn Kelly (595 Tamarack Road, Cheshire) We will discuss Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome!

Explorers



We will find out about Jeremiah, his life, and his praying in the coming week's exploration: Sunday, 9 a.m. in Room A.

We can't help but report that we all really found out a lot about Jonah - whom most of us had known very little more than the words "Jonah and the whale" as actors in the Bible. It was a VERY interesting exploration with very interesting people! Be part of the exploration of Jeremiah this coming Sunday. Any wondering about whether this is for you? Just ask Sergio Deganis, Len Mecca, or Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, the coordinators, anything you are curious about.

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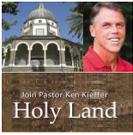
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Trip to the Holy Land, May 2019...



Please join Pastor Ken, and other members from Cheshire United Methodist Church, on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land. This program will expand your knowledge of the Bible and His sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to it as the "Fifth Gospel". Please consider the attached brochure a personal invitation to be a part of this adventure in faith as we walk where Jesus walked! .

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.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Cheshire Food Pantry



Each year, Cheshire Food Pantry puts together **Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need** with the help of the local churches and synagogues. This year we have been assigned 140 Bags/Boxes of STUFFING. Donations can be placed by the Food Collection Basket in the Narthex through Sunday, November 11th.

High 5 Initiative: A Note from our Finance Chair



Pastor Ken and the Finance Committee reached out over the past couple of months for help in reducing our budget deficit through the High 5 Initiative. Our Wishing Well goal is \$10,000 by year end. At the end of September, the half way mark, total contributions reached \$5,967. Please help us keep up the pace through December.

Ned Connelly

Our Condolences



Our condolences to the friends and family of Lucy Earley, who passed away on October 5, 2018. Her funeral will be on October 27 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Middletown.

All Saints Day—Sunday, November 4th



On the first Sunday in November, we will continue the tradition of remembering our church members and friends who have died since our last celebration of All Saints' Day with a special reading of the roll of the departed. If you have a name that you would like read please notify Ken or call the church office before October 28th.

Feel free to invite any family and friends who might like to be with us on that day and please plan to be present at our 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 4th as we remember all those who have died in the Lord, especially those known to us.

Lights of Hope Set Up/Lighting/Clean Up: Saturday, November 10th



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for Lights of Hope. We will have 410 luminaries to light the night on Saturday, November 10th. Of course, that means that we need lots of hands to get the luminaries assembled and set up on the front lawn of the church. If you can help, please see the sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Jennifer Roeder at 203-444-4067 or jllynroeder@aol.com.

Luminary Assembly & Set Up:	Sat, the 10th, 10 am
Lighting the Luminaries:	Sat, the 10th, 4 pm
Clean up:	Sun, the 11th, 9 am

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Fellowship Hour Opportunities...



Will you host a Fellowship Hour? We are requesting singles, couples, families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on **Sunday, October 28, November 18, 25, and December**. If you are willing and available, please see Kim Farraiolo or Karen Kieffer, use the "[Contact Us](#)" form on-line, or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. 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 the following dates: **October 28 and December 16**. 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 Fellowship Hall or see Lisa Moran.

Next Shelter Now Date: Saturday, November 10th, 7:30-9:30 a. m.



The 2nd Saturday of the month, CUMC volunteers make breakfast for the residents of Shelter Now in Meriden. We meet in the church parking lot at 7:30am and are back by 9:30am. You don't need any special skills to help out in the kitchen, just a desire to serve others!

Food Donations Needed: Food donations should be dropped off in the church kitchen/refrigerator by Friday, Nov. 9th.

8 Dozen Eggs
48 Slices of Cheese
2 Gallons of Juice

4 Dozen Bagels/English Muffins
3 Packages of Bacon/Turkey Bacon

If you would like to volunteer or donate, please call/text Jennifer Roeder at (203) 444-4067.

Daylight Saving Time Ends, November 4th...



A friendly reminder to set your clocks back one hour before retiring for the night on Saturday, November 3rd. Most electronic or digital devices will automatically update the time for you (if you have the option selected in your device's settings). Any analog clock will likely need to be changed manually.

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, October 28th...

Lector: Don Ludwig
Ushers: Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
Counters: Kim Ferraiolo, Joe Driscoll
Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig
Member Outreach: Jeff Clark
Sunday School: Laurie Bellagamba, Jeff Clark
Fellowship:
Nursery: Jen Carabetta, Karen Kieffer
PowerPoint: Rachel Spalding

October Birthdays...



17 Samantha Welch
22 Caitlyn Guerrero
23 Sharon VanWie
27 Ginny Ludwig
29 Diane Gaborc
29 Dan Clark

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