

# THE WEEKLY COURIER

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## Coming soon...



Lights of Hope  
November 10th



Church Conference  
Nov. 14th @ 7 p.m.  
First Meriden UMC



Consecration Sunday  
Dinner  
Following Worship



Advent Study Group  
Begins November 25th  
Sundays 5—6:30 p.m.

## From Our Pastor



One of the great privileges of being your pastor is that I get to baptize babies - sweet and innocent and full of hope, promise, joy and wonder. But an even greater privilege is when I get to baptize adults - consenting and confessing and professing.

Well, this Sunday I get to do both!

Join us for this double celebration - and a timely sermon titled "The World Series of Stupid Questions".

## 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:** Ned and Gerry Connelly  
**Nursery:** Jen Carabetta, Karen Kieffer  
**PowerPoint:** Rachel Spalding

## This Week at a Glance...



10/27 - Faith and Finance Seminar 9 am at First UMC Meriden  
10/27 - Bauers' Party 2-4 p.m. Everyone's invited!  
10/28 - Nominating Committee at 11:15 am  
10/29 - Pulpit Prep (Mark 12:28-34)  
10/31 - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

## 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. Thanks.

## 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 and 140 cans of YAMS. Donations can be placed by the Food Collection Basket in the Narthex through Sunday, November 11th.

## Pet Food Collection: Ends October 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. Old towels, sheets, and blankets are needed, as well.

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## Explorers



Is anyone in your ancestral family named HEZEKIAH? What do you know, if anything (and nothing is okay), about HEZEKIAH in the Bible? Maybe we will get curious. Maybe we will look in the Table of Contents in a Bible. Maybe we will "google" Hezekiah. But just coming at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning to Room A, just inside the front door of Cheshire United Methodist Church to the right will be great! We will explore what Hezekiah prayed about? and when? and.... Hope to do this WITH YOU! Coordinators of Explorers Group are Sergio Deganis, Len Mecca, and Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt..

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## 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](mailto:jllynroeder@aol.com).

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

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## 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	4 Dozen Bagels/English Muffins
48 Slices of Cheese	3 Packages of Bacon/Turkey Bacon
2 Gallons of Juice	

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

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## Booklettes Book Club



Booklettes 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!

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## Nursery Volunteer Needed for November 11th...



Hello everyone!

We are in need of a nursery volunteer for November 11. Please feel free to reach out to me directly or sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. I can be reached at (203) 518-1041, or by e-mail at [lovelyliisa524@aol.com](mailto:lovelyliisa524@aol.com).

Many thanks, Lisa Davis

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## Consecration Sunday Dinner November 18



On Sunday, November 18, immediately following our 10 a.m. worship service, EVERYONE in our Cheshire UMC family is invited to join us for a celebratory dinner! We'll be celebrating the culmination of our 2018 stewardship campaign together. We are hoping to have 100% attendance for this festive occasion. Please mark your calendars – **Nov. 18, worship at 10 a.m., dinner at 11:15 a.m.** See you then!!!

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## Advent Study Group – begins November 25

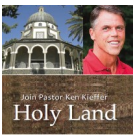


Imagine Jesus from Mother Mary's point of view – proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this Advent Study DVD series, we will travel back in time with Mary as she witnesses Jesus' life and ministry from the cradle to the cross.

This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary as we use Adam Hamilton's popular DVD study guide, "Not a Silent Night."

We'll meet in Fellowship Hall on 4 consecutive Sunday afternoons, beginning November 25, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Space is limited so get your copy of the book (\$10) from Ken today!

## 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.

## 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 nearly \$7000! Please help us keep up the pace through December.

Ned Connelly

## 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, November 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!

## 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.

## From the Mail Bag...



"Dear Pastor Ken,

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for praying over me on Sunday. I am so thankful to have your blessing to hold in my thoughts while I am gone.

Could you please also convey my thanks to the congregation? It was overwhelming with the kind words, hugs and handshakes I received from everyone. I appreciate all the love and support from my CUMC family.

Thank you again,

Zack Warner"

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## Apple Pie Fundraiser



It's that time of year again! Apple Pie making for our 5th Annual Pie Sale will take place on:

Friday, 11/16, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Dough making (8 people needed)

Saturday, 11/17, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Pie assembly (10 people needed)

Let Dot Mattson know if you're available to help; (203) 720-0038 or dotbmattson@att.net. Also, see the attached form to place your order, pies will be ready just in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you!

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**Ushers:** Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll  
**Counters:** Karen Kieffer, Joe Bogacki  
**Prayer Cards:** Jean Roeder  
**Member Outreach:** Elizabeth Thomas  
**Sunday School:** Dot Mattson, Renée Poet  
**Fellowship:** Carolyn and Dick Kelly  
**Nursery:** Vanda O'Reilly

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## October Birthdays...



27 Ginny Ludwig  
29 Diane Gaborc  
29 Dan Clark

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## November Anniversaries...



8 Justin & Kaitlin Heuser  
17 Steven & Lisa Davis  
17 Eldon & Carol Cody  
24 Louis & Norma Petersen  
27 Mara & Peter Weed

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## November Birthdays...



3 Chris Driscoll  
3 Mara Weed  
6 Deanna Strother  
6 Meghan VanWie  
7 Caroline Stevenson  
8 Peter Bunting  
8 Laurice Wardle  
13 Lou Petersen  
14 Jennifer Roeder  
15 Cynthia Decker  
16 Andrew Marini  
17 Drew Spalding  
21 Lexi Ferraiolo  
22 Erin DeVilbiss  
22 Tim O'Sullivan  
23 Erin Collinge  
24 Ricardo Flores  
25 Julianne Deganis  
25 Ken Erickson (Driscoll)  
26 Karen Bunting  
27 Delphine Dortenzio  
27 John Meriam  
27 Darrell Spalding

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