

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Daylight Saving Time
Ends November 4th
Clocks Back 1 Hour



Lights of Hope
November 10th
Set-up 10 a.m.



Road to Bethlehem
After Worship, Sunday
Room A



Consecration Sunday
Nov. 18th. Luncheon to
Follow Worship

From Our Pastor



Consecration Sunday, the day that our church will come together to celebrate the tremendous bounty with which God has so richly blessed us, is just TWO WEEKS away! Are you ready?

Have you made sure that you'll be in church on Consecration Sunday, November 18, for inspiring worship and a delicious luncheon?

Have you considered how extravagantly generous you're going to be when you complete your Estimate of Giving card that day?

Have you imagined what the Cheshire UMC will do and be in 2019 thanks to an extravagantly generous you and me and God?

I have. And I can't wait!

Helping out Sunday Morning, November 4th...

Lector:	Carolyn Kelly
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, Rachel Spalding
PowerPoint:	Liam Moran

This Week at a Glance...



- 11/05 - Pulpit Prep (Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17)
- 11/07 - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p. m.
- 11/10 - Shelter Now 7:30—9:30 a. m.
- 11/10 - Lights of Hope Set-up 10 a. m.

All Saints Day—This Sunday



This Sunday, 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.

Consecration Sunday Luncheon 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 luncheon! 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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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.

Explorers



There is enough to explore in the Christian faith and in the Bible to take a lifetime! You are invited to put more pieces of the puzzle together Sunday, November 4th, as we figure out who Ezra was and what his goals may have been, and what he prayed about and how. You are invited at 9 a.m. to Room A at the church. Sergio Deganis, Len Mecca, and Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, coordinators, can give you any details you wonder about.

Road to Bethlehem Meeting



There will be an organizational meeting for The Road to Bethlehem immediately following worship THIS Sunday in Room A. Anyone and everyone interested in being involved in our church's annual drive-thru nativity presentation on December 8 is invited. See you then!

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.

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 jllynnroeder@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

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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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.

Many thanks, Lisa Davis

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!

Advent Study Group – begins November 25

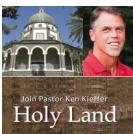


Imagine Jesus from Mother Mary's point of view – proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this Advent Study DVD series, we will travel back in time with Mary as she witnesses Jesus' life and ministry from the cradle to the cross.

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 2, 9, & 23**. If you are willing and available, please see Kim Ferraiolo or Karen Kieffer, use the "[Contact Us](#)" form on-line, or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

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From the Mail Bag...



"Cheshire UMC, thank you for the care package!! 5 candy bars and 2 Skittles bags will feed 5000 here. God bless!

Jack Hanke"

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Lector: Elizabeth Thomas
Ushers: Renée Poet, Sergio Deganis
Counters: Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Prayer Cards: Jeff Clark
Member Outreach: Renée Poet
Sunday School: Jennifer Roeder, Sally LaRusso
Fellowship: Barbara Foster, Jeff Clark, Vanda O'Reilly

November Anniversaries...



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

November Birthdays...



3 Chris Driscoll
3 Mara Weed
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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