

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Road to Bethlehem
Saturday; 5-8 p. m.



Blood Drive
Tuesday; 1-6 p. m.
Fellowship Hall



Hamden Plains UMC
With the Bishop
Tuesday; 7:30 p. m.



Candles and Carols
December 24
5 p. m.

From Our Pastor



I'm kinda stoked right now. You see, last year, Mother Nature forced us to cancel the Road to Bethlehem, thereby denying me my first opportunity to be a part of our drive-thru nativity as your pastor. But this year (this weekend!), the forecast looks clear - a tad cold and breezy, perhaps, but clear.

I signed up to be a Greeter for both shifts, which means that I get to stand outside and personally greet every single driver and passenger who comes up our drive tomorrow evening to behold the angels, the animals, the centurions, the magi and the Holy Family. What a privilege! What a joy divine!

Please invite your friends, neighbors, classmates and co-workers to this wonderful and beautiful Advent event.

Helping out Sunday Morning, December 9th...

Lector: Sharon Coyner
Ushers: Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
Counters: Joe Bogacki
Prayer Cards: Jean Roeder
Member Outreach: Jeff Clark
Sunday School: Jennifer Roeder, Sally LaRusso
Fellowship: Elizabeth Thomas
PowerPoint: Steve Davis

This Week at a Glance...



12/09 - Second Sunday of Advent service at 10 a. m.
12/10 - Advent Study Group, 5 p. m.
12/11 - Blood Drive, 1—6 p. m.
12/11 - Hamden Plains UMC with the Bishop, 7:30 p. m.
12/12 - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p. m.

Road to Bethlehem is Saturday



A few volunteers are still needed for the Road to Bethlehem. Contact Dawn Deganis [if you are willing to help as a member of the cast and crew. Back-up / fill-in people are needed too!

Also, volunteers are needed for take-down and to store the Road to Bethlehem sets, Sunday 12/09 at 7:30a.m.; text / call Joe Bogacki 203-605-8567.

Poinsettia Orders Due this Sunday



Poinsettias add beauty to our sanctuary and stand as a living reminder to the grace of God and the memory and honor of loved ones. These gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on the Sunday of December 23rd and in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Flowers may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service or left for delivery to shut-ins and hospitalized members. **Orders are due this Sunday.** See attached form.

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Explorers Group



Continuing exploring our faith as we reflect on others' with the DVDs and other exploration activities: Discover Islam. The theme this Sunday morning is Islam: An American Faith. We found ourselves, last Sunday morning reflecting on our own faith as we explored another's. You are invited to participate. No preparation or background needed. Any questions? Coordinators Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, or Sergio Deganis can respond. You are invited!

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! Please note that the group will not gather in December but will meet next on Jan. 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall.

Coordinators, Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig, and Marge Jordan

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Cheshire UMC is hosting the American Red Cross on Tuesday, December 11, from 1-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Blood supplies are at a critical low and donations are needed more than ever. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Holiday Giving



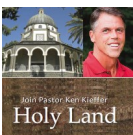
If you are looking for a really special gift for someone on your Christmas list, consider making a donation to one of the charities on the Cheshire UMC Alternative Giving List. For more information, please see the "Giving Table" in the fellowship hall throughout the month of December.

Bookettes Book Club Meeting



Bookettes Women's Book Club will meet at the home of Mara Weed (38 Payne Drive) on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm for our annual Christmas Gathering. Please bring an appetizer. There is no book selection this month. All women are welcome whether you are a regular attender or not. Join us!

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! .

Toy Drive to Support the Ana Grace Project



Our own Kellie Moran is doing an internship with the Ana Grace Project this year, and has presented a great opportunity for Cheshire UMC to be in mission. Please bring your new, unwrapped toy donations by Sunday, December 9th and place them in the bin marked for the collection.

The items collected will be donated to New Britain Youth and Family Services, New Britain Schools, Maria's Place Food Pantry, and other agencies in the New Britain community. Everything that is collected will support children in the New Britain Community.

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School Supplies Collection



Our long-time member Carol Wilson's daughter has asked for our help to collection school supplies for a class in a New Haven school. Please see the bin in the vestibule for more details. Thank you.

Shelter Now: Food Donations 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, December 7th, and marked "for shelter". Please let Jennifer Roeder know if you can help at jlynnroeder@aol.com OR text/call 203-444-4067.

10 Dozen Eggs
4 Packages of Bacon
60 Slices of Cheese (American/Cheddar)
30 English Muffins

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



We are currently in need of Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex. Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix, Mayonnaise, Pudding, Jell-O, Fruit Cups, Paper Towels.

175 Sandbank Road; Cheshire, CT 06410; (203) 699-9226

Hours Of Operations:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 9am-12pm

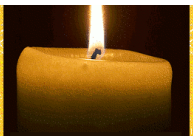
Tuesday / Thursday: 3pm-6pm

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Our Condolences...



...to the Reverend Jani Darak-Druck on the death of her mother, Kitty Lus Druck on Tuesday.

... To the Reverend George Engelhardt on the death of his brother, Richard Engelhardt on Wednesday.

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, December 16th...

Lector: Mark Eckert
Ushers: Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll
Counters: Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Prayer Cards: Jeff Clark
Member Outreach: Elizageth Thomas
Sunday School: Holly Carey, Dawn Deganis
Nursery: Sergio Deganis
Fellowship: Mary and Carl Helming

December Anniversaries...



6 Kevin and Susan Warner
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December Birthdays...



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|----|------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Charl VanHeerden | | |
| 2 | Chad Horning | | |
| 3 | Grace Hanke | 19 | Ryan Shan |
| 3 | Justin Guerrero | 19 | Holly Carey |
| 3 | Marge Jordan | 20 | Bill Jordan |
| 6 | Karen Kieffer | 21 | Mark Eckert |
| 9 | Debra Bond | 22 | Rachel Zarra |
| 11 | Sophia Henderson | 23 | Tiffany Russo |
| 11 | Hope LaComb | 28 | Emily Horning |
| 14 | Casey Allen | 28 | Joe Driscoll |
| 18 | Matt Heafy | 29 | Erica Horning |

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