

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Christmas Cantata
December 16
10 a. m.



Candles and Carols
December 24
5 p. m.



5th Sunday Brunch
December 30, 2018
Fellowship Hall



Prayer Shawl Group
January 3, 2019
7 p. m.

From Our Pastor



"It's beginning to look sound a lot like Christmas!"

There's the sight of the illuminated fir tree, the smell of fresh cut greens, the taste of rich egg nog, the feel of a nice warm fire, and the sound...well, no Advent season would be complete without the glorious sound of our deeply talented choir presenting its annual Christmas Cantata to the congregation of the Cheshire UMC. Please take this opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor, co-worker or classmate to join us for worship this Sunday at 10 am., as we all enjoy the choir's version of "The Christmas Light"

Helping out Sunday Morning, December 16th...

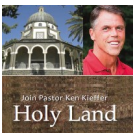
Lector: Mark Eckert
Ushers: Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll
Counters: Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Prayer Cards: Jeff Clark
Member Outreach: Elizageth Thomas
Sunday School: Holly Carey, Dawn Deganis
Nursery: Rachel Spalding, Carrie Ford
Fellowship: Mary and Carl Helming
PowerPoint: Olivea Kieffer

This Week at a Glance...



12/16 - Christmas Cantata at 10 a. m.
12/16 - Advent Study Group, 5 p. m.
12/19 - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p. m.

Trip to the Holy Land, May 2019...



If you would like to join Pastor Ken, and other members from Cheshire United Methodist 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 rapidly approaching.

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.

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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.

Explorers Group



Using DVDs and group exploration to explore Islam, the nature of that faith, similarities to other faiths, and our personal reflections. You are invited Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. to Room A at the church. Coordinators Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, and Sergio Deganis can answer your questions about the group. No background needed. Just come explore! The theme this coming Sunday is Islam: An American Faith.

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 January 3rd, 2019.](#)

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 January 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM](#) in the church fellowship hall.

Coordinators, Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig, and Marge Jordan

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.

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Hours Of Operations:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 3pm-6pm

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Annual Reports Due



If you wish to provide an annual report for our annual meeting on January 8, please get it to Ken no later than December 30. Thank you.

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Welcome Our Newest Members...



Matt and Shannon Cameron, Mark Valerio, Michael and Rosemary Konecky-Waibel, and David Wilkinson, receive on December 9, 2018.

From the Mail Bag



November 15, 2018

Dear Cheshire United Methodist,

On behalf of the CCFP Board of Directors, Volunteers and Clients, please accept our appreciation for your generous donation of food to The Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

The Pantry relies on the support of the Cheshire Community and donations to meet the needs of our neighbors. We are able to purchase perishable items -- meats, poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables and supplement our non-perishable inventory at less than wholesale costs. Donations such as yours enable our clients to enjoy a better quality of life. Together, we will work to fulfill our mission to insure no family goes without food and basic needs.

Your kindness, generosity and continued support of our mission are greatly appreciated.

Warmest Regards,

Jim Thomas, President

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, December 23rd...

Lector: Marge Jordan
Ushers: Renée Poet, Sergio Deganis
Counters: Sharon Coyner, Bruce King
Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll
Member Outreach: Renée Poet
Sunday School: Laurie Bellagamba, Jeff Clark
Nursery: Carrie Ford,
Fellowship: Elaine Lau

Helping out Monday Evening, December 24th...

Counters: Sharon Coyner, Carl Strand
Acolyte: Derek LaRusso
Bible Bearer: Derek LaRusso

December Anniversaries...



6 Kevin and Susan Warner
13 Mark and Tiffany Stevenson
27 Brian and Doreen Prentice
28 Peter and Karen Bunting

December Birthdays...



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|----|-------------|----|---------------|
| 14 | Casey Allen | 22 | Rachel Zarra |
| 18 | Matt Heafy | 23 | Tiffany Russo |
| 19 | Ryan Shan | 28 | Emily Horning |
| 19 | Holly Carey | 28 | Joe Driscoll |
| 20 | Bill Jordan | 29 | Erica Horning |
| 21 | Mark Eckert | | |

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