

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Candles and Carols
December 24; 5 p. m.
Invite a friend!



Annual Reports Due
December 30, 2018



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



Annual Meeting
January 8, 2019
7:30 p. m.

From Our Pastor



Because there are fewer and fewer places each year where we our secular society “allows” us to hear/sing Christmas carols, I went out of my way this season to make that my church sings as many of those beloved songs as possible. In fact, we are going to be singing 15 of them during our services on Sunday and Monday alone!

What’s special about THIS Sunday is that I’m going to share with you, during my sermon, just how some of our favorite Christmas carols came to be written. I hope you will find it both informative and inspiring. While others are going home for the holidays, we’re going “Hymn for the Holidays”.

See you Sunday (and Monday)!

Helping out Sunday Morning, December 23rd...

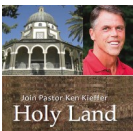
Lector: Marge Jordan
Ushers: Renée Poet
Counters: Sharon Coyner, Bruce King
Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll
Member Outreach: Renée Poet
Sunday School: Laurie Bellagamba, Jeff Clark
Nursery: Carrie Ford, Sergio Deganis
Fellowship: Elaine Lau
PowerPoint: Kyle Lanzer

This Week at a Glance...



12/23 - Hymnoday Sunday at 10 a. m.
12/24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5 p. m.
12/25 - Jesus' Birthday

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.

Cold Weather Collection: January 5th-19th



Take a look in your closets, donate what you no longer use, and make some space for the new year!! We will be collecting new/gently-used coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and blankets for those less fortunate. These items can be for men, women, or children. Please leave your donations in the Cold Weather Collection Bin. Thank you!

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Explorers Group



Continuing our exploration of Islam, the topic this week is Women in Islam at 9 a.m Sunday in Room A at the church. There may be interest in hearing about the visit this past Tuesday to the New Haven mosque. We look forward to the explorations with You too! Questions? Ask Len Mecca, Sergio Deganis, or Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt..

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.

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.

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, Clam Chowder, Chicken & Rice Soup, Gravy, Canned Meats, Dish Detergent Pods, Laundry Detergent Pods.

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Hours Of Operations:

Monday / Wednesday / Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesday / Thursday: 3pm-6pm

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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

Men's Book Club



Belated thanks to Pastor Ken for hosting our November meeting.

I will host our next meeting which will be on Thursday, January 24th at 7:30. My address is 595 Tamarack Rd. We will be discussing "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

Regards,
Dick Kelly.

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Shelter Now: Food Donations and Volunteers 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, January 11th, and marked "for shelter". Also looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help with the cooking (kids are welcome) on Saturday, January 12th: time commitment is from 7:30am-9:30am. Please let Jennifer Roeder know if you can help at jlynnroeder@aol.com OR text/call (203) 444-4067.

- 12 Dozen Eggs
- 5 Packages of Bacon
- 72 Slices of Cheese (American/Cheddar)
- 72 English Muffins
- 2 Gallons of Juice
- 2 Rolls of Aluminum Foil
- 2 Packages of 6 oz Plastic Cups

Tithe and Offering Envelopes for 2019



To all Cheshire UMC donors:

Envelopes for next year have been issued and are on the table on the left, just before you enter the sanctuary. If you have made it known to me that you will be making a single payment of your pledge, or if you have been using a bank to send in your contributions, envelopes have not been assigned. If somehow I have overlooked you, and you want offering envelopes, let me know, and I will give them to you.

Thank you all for the treasures given this year, and for all the pledges handed in for next year. The support you have shown is wonderful.

Carl Strand,
Financial Secretary

Helping out Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24th...

- Counters:** Sharon Coyner, Carl Strand
- Acolyte:** Derek LaRusso
- Bible Bearer:** Derek LaRusso
- PowerPoint:** Olivea Kieffer

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, December 30th...

- Ushers:** Diane Gaborc, Joe Bogacki
- Counters:** Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
- Prayer Cards:** Kathy Esposito
- Member Outreach:** Dot Mattson
- Nursery:** Elaine Lau, Carrie Ford
- Fellowship:** 5th Sunday Brunch

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 | 25 Jesus of Nazareth |
| 19 Holly Carey | 28 Emily Horning |
| 20 Bill Jordan | 28 Joe Driscoll |
| 21 Mark Eckert | 29 Erica Horning |