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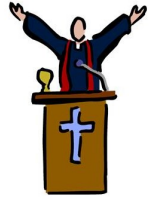
Annual Reports Due
December 30, 2018



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



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



Pulpit Prep Resumes
January 14, 2019
7:30 p. m.

From Our Pastor



"The true meaning of Christmas" - one hears that a lot this time of year. "The true meaning of Christmas". "The true meaning of Christmas". You'd think that after 2,000 years of celebrating the holiday that someone would've written down the true meaning of Christmas, and we could all recite it like our ABCs.

Which gave me an idea...

This Sunday, you'll be invited to share with the rest of the congregation what YOU believe to be the "true meaning of Christmas", based on a particular letter in the alphabet. Confused? You won't be if you come to our 10 a.m. worship service this Sunday. Actually, why not come at 9:50 and participate in our month-end hymn sing?

Helping out 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
PowerPoint: Olivea Kieffer

This Week at a Glance...



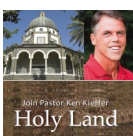
12/30 - Sunday Worship at 10 a. m.
12/31 - New Year's Eve—office closed
1/1 - New Year's Day— office closed
1/3 - Prayer Shawl Group at 7 p. m.

Our AmazonSmile account is NOW active!



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Cheshire UMC every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Cheshire UMC. You can read more about the program [here](#). So, before you buy what's in your cart, head over to [AmazonSmile](https://smile.amazon.com) and enter and choose "Cheshire United Methodist Church" under the 'Supporting' drop-down below the search field. Thank you for your patience.

Trip to the Holy Land, May 2019...



If you would like to join Pastor Ken, and 9 other folks connected to our 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.

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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.

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!

Explorers Group



There will NOT be a group meeting on Dec. 30 but be ready for the first Sunday in January for the topic Women in Islam.

The next Sacred Spaces gathering, which we talked about for the visit to the mosque on Dec. 23 will be January 17 evening at the Greek Orthodox Church in Orange—you may want to save the date.

Sergio, Len, Carolyn

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! The group 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



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.

Booklettes Book Club



There has been a change in the date for the next Booklettes meeting. It is now going to be on Thursday, January 24. Please see Carolyn Kelly with any questions.

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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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 jllynroeder@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

Altar Flower Gifts and Dedications...



Will you consider an Altar Flower gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one or special life event? We are currently soliciting for January, February and March. Your gift is noted in the bulletin and placed on display, on the altar, for the duration of our worship service. You may sign-up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall using the form provided or see Lisa Moran.

Fellowship Hour Opportunities...



Will you host a Fellowship Hour? We are requesting singles, couples, families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on Sundays in January, February, or March. If you are willing and available, please see Kim Farraiolo or Karen Kieffer. You may also use the "[Contact Us](#)" form on-line, or sign-up in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

December Anniversaries...

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December Birthdays...



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28 Joe Driscoll
29 Erica Horning

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Helping out Next Sunday Morning, January 6th...

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Ushers: Jean Roeder, Mark Eckert
Counters: Kim Ferraiolo, Joe Driscoll
Prayer Cards: Ginny Ludwig
Member Outreach: Carolyn Kelly
Nursery: Carrie Ford, Carla Reagan

January Anniversaries...

13 Carl and Claire Strand



January Birthdays...



1 CJ Strand
1 Jason Hall
2 Katherine Larson
4 Jean Roeder
4 Eldon Cody
5 Courtney Pawlowicz
6 Susan Warner
8 Jack Harma
9 Kevin Warner
10 Audrey Holt
10 Susan King
10 Dolly Peabody
14 Doug VanWie
17 Cindy Attanasio
22 Keith Trumbo
22 Mikayla Wollen
22 Kaitlin Weed Heuser
22 Joni Tillotson
27 Keith Lanzer
29 Alyssa Carey
29 Marc LaComb

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