

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Pulpit Prep
February 25
7:30 p. m.



Something New
February 26
11:00 a. m.



Men's Book Club
February 28
7:30 p. m.



Ash Wednesday
Service; March 6
7:30 p. m.

From Our Pastor



"Congratulations, Mara, it's a baby.....grand!"

Thanks to the generosity of the Fennelly family, our church is now the proud owner of a beautiful baby grand piano. After about 20 minutes of labor, she was finally "delivered" to the sanctuary yesterday afternoon. Mara and the Trustees are doing fine.

Seriously, we are going to debut this magnificent instrument Sunday morning during the hymn sing at 9:50 a.m. I hope you'll make a special effort to join us for our (baby) grand celebration of the music ministry at Cheshire UMC!

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, February 24th...

Lector:	Paul Bellagamba	Ushers:	Cindy Decker, Jennifer Roeder
Prayer Cards:	Jeff Clark	Counters:	Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Fellowship Hour:	Carolyn Kelly	Nursery:	Carla Reagan
Outreach:	Jeff Clark	Sunday School:	Holly Carey, Dawn Deganis
		PowerPoint:	Rachel Spaulding

This Week at a Glance...



- 2/24 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 2/24 - Hymn Sing; 9:50 a. m.
- 2/24 - Confirmation Class 11:30 a. m.
- 2/25 - Pulpit Prep; 7:30 p. m.
- 2/27 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 2/28 - Men's Book Club; 7:30 p. m.

Men's Book Club



Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 pm. Our book for February is "I Am Pilgrim" by Terry Hayes. Host to be decided.

Lenten Supper Study Series begins Sunday, March 10 at 5 p.m.



Please join us in Fellowship Hall on any or all of the Sundays in Lent for our Annual Lenten Supper Study Series. Starting Sunday, March 10 at 5 p.m., we will be studying the "Apocrypha" - those few texts that are included in the Catholic Bible but are NOT included in the Protestant Bible.

There's no book to buy. Just bring to class a version of the Bible that contains the Apocrypha and a willingness to learn new things about our ancient scriptures.

Pulpit Prep This Week...



Pulpit Prep resumes at 7:30 p.m. on February 25. We will study Luke 9:28-36.

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Explorers Group



Sunday, February 24: Christianity and World Religions continues with exploration of Islam: Wrestling with Questions People Ask in Room A at 9 a.m. with coordinators Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, and Sergio Deganis. If you'd like to participate in the Exploring Sacred Spaces with the interfaith group, its with the Society of Friends (Quakers) Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m. with dinner and presentations at New Haven Friends meeting, 223 Grand Ave., New Haven. Tell Carolyn if you wish to go so we can turn in the number. If you'd like to carpool, say that too.

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 on Tuesday, February 26th at 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall.

Coordinators, Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig, and Marge Jordan

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 March 7, 2019.](#)

Health Center Driver Wanted

Cheshire Academy Health Center is looking for a part time Health Center driver, with a current CT driver's license, to transport students to outpatient local health care appointments. The driver would need to obtain a Student Transportation License which just requires some additional paperwork and routine physical examinations that Cheshire Academy pays for.

This is a paid position and perfect for a retired person who enjoys teenagers. The hours are minimal and varied – it might only be a few hours a week during the academic year and the driver can always decline to drive. The hours and appointment can vary from week to week. That is why we like to have multiple part time drivers. We currently have 2 part time drivers but our third driver needed to “officially” retire due to health reasons.

Claire Strand is one of our drivers and would love to speak to anyone that is interested.

If there are several people that are interested, that would be great too!

Thank you for your consideration.

Deb Bond

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. To make it easy for you, our direct link is [here](#). Thank you.

Mission Opportunity / Volunteers Needed...



Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury is seeking some new volunteers. There are opportunities for (1) personal shoppers to help our clients find the sizes and articles of clothing they need; and (2) volunteers to help in the warehouse with taking in furniture and donations, recycling trash or metal, furniture repair, and several other duties. If you are interested, you can **contact Renee Poet at reenepoet@comcast.net or (203)758-0293, or contact Acts 4 directly at (203) 574-2287.** If you have even a couple of hours a week or every other week to spare during the day, this can be very rewarding.

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Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!



Have you've ever been told you've got a knack for making people feel welcome? Do you find yourself inviting others to feel at home even when you're not... at home? Maybe you have an eye for spotting those on the fringe and you have a welling desire for the Church Family to feel like they belong. Well, if that's you, will you host a Fellowship Hour?

We're looking for a few good men, singles, couples, and families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on Sundays in February and through this Spring. If you are willing and available, please see Kim Ferraiolo or Karen Kieffer. You may also use the "Contact Us" form on-line, or sign-up in Fellowship Hall. Maybe you could coordinate with the youth, the book clubs, the newly revealed Secret Sisters, the knitters, the Explorers, or Something New.

Your contribution could be the change that will make our Cheshire UMC family feel right at home... Thank you!

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 February and March. Your gift is noted in the bulletin and placed on display, on the altar, for the duration of our worship service. After worship you may take your arrangement home with you or bless someone else. Lastly, you may provide your own arrangement, you are not required to use our florist's services. Sign-up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall using the form provided or see Lisa Moran. Thanks!

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



We are currently in need of Clam Chowder, Oatmeal – Quick Oats, Bottled Juice, Bread Crumbs, Pancake Syrup, Canned Fruit, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex.

UM ARMY 2019: Time to Register...



Jennifer Roeder will be the UM ARMY coordinator again this year. If you are interested in attending one of the camps, contact her by phone; call/text 203-444-4067, or e-mail; jlynnroeder@aol.com, or see her at church. [More details on-line...](#)

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 10th



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before retiring for the night on March 9th. Spring is ahead!

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, March 3rd...

Lector:	Sharon Coyner	Ushers:	Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
Prayer Cards:	Chris Driscoll	Counters:	Sharon Coyner, Bruce King
Outreach:	Marge Jordan	Nursery:	Carla Reagan
Sunday School:	Dot Mattson, Renée Poet		

Chicken Pot Pie, I Don't Think Your Ready For What's Inside!



The Colonel had his secret recipe, and we've got one of our own; a recipe for smiles and a happy family after they share a meal around a couple of these made-to-order pies. See the attached order form for more details! Prepared fresh in our kitchen, frozen for your baking convenience, you don't want to miss this fundraiser, you really don't. Really.

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February Birthdays...



22	Liam Moran	19	Mary Bogrette
23	Hunter Carey	21	Debbie Eckert
23	Mary Helming	27	Sally LaRusso
23	Zack Warner	28	Tim Simmons
		28	Creighton Myers

March Birthdays...



1	Christon Smith	15	Tom Russo
1	Dorie Prentice	16	Kim Erickson
4	Betty Allen	17	Sergio Deganis
5	Caitlyn Desmond	18	Mark DeVilbiss
11	William Chien	19	Len Mecca
11	Judy Clark	20	Garry Brown
12	Alec Madden	25	George Engelhardt
13	Mason McLean	26	Shannon Cameron
13	Diane Huxley	26	Andy DeBoer
14	Ken Kieffer	27	Ethan Shan
15	Chelsea Mongillo	27	Nathan Trumbo
15	Cailin Rose	27	Dot Mattson
15	Natalie Missakian	28	Wendee Marini
		29	Hallie Lucht

March Anniversaries...



12	Daniel & Judy Clark
22	Mark & Hui-chen DeVilbiss

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