

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Daylight Saving Time Begins this Sunday! Spring Ahead!



Lenten Supper Study Series begins March 10 5-6:30 p. m.



Church Council Meeting March 12 7:30 p. m.



UMCOR Sunday March 31

From Our Pastor



In the spirit of Lent, I'll confess that not all of the emails I receive as your pastor are like the one below. But I'm praying that it might inspire you to join us on our Lenten journey these next several Sundays.

"Hi Ken,

So I have never gone to Ash Wednesday service. Ever. However, I will now be going every year. The whole service was remarkable. And not to sound weird, but when I received my ashes from you I had an incredible feeling of peace and comfort come over me. It was totally unexpected and amazing and I want it back again :). It was a special night and thank you."

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, March 10th...

Lector:	Mark Eckert	Ushers:	Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll
Prayer Cards:	Kathy Esposito	Counters:	Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
Outreach:	Marge Jordan	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Gerry Connelly
Acolyte:	Kyle Lanzer	Sunday School:	Tiffany Russo, Sally LaRusso
Bible Bearer:	Jacob Lanzer	PowerPoint:	Rachel Spalding

This Week at a Glance...



- 3/10 - Day Light Saving Time Begins
- 3/10 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 3/10 - Lenten Super Study begins; 5:00 p. m.
- 3/12 - Church Council; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/13 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/13 - Special Annual Conference in Purchase, NY

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!

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



If you have signed up for the 5-week course, 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" (Google it!).

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 ancient texts.

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; jllynroeder@aol.com, or see her at church. [More details on-line...](#)

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Pulpit Prep...



Pulpit Prep is on hiatus until after Easter.

Our Children Need Your Help!



Please consider signing up to help out in our church nursery. There is currently no one signed up for March 17th. 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 March and April. Your gift is noted in the bulletin and placed on display, on the altar, for the duration of our worship service. Lastly, you may provide your own arrangement, you are not required to use our florist's services. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall using the poster provided or see Lisa Moran. Thanks!

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!



We're looking for a few good men, singles, couples, and families to host or co-host a Fellowship Hour on Sundays in March 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.

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

Explorers Group



And it's the world religion, Christianity, we're exploring **this Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room A**—in relation to all the other world religions. There'll be a DVD and sharing reflections.

Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews, is our next exploration and begins March 17.

Any questions? Coordinators Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, and Sergio Deganis would love to share with you.

Carolyn

Something New Group



Do you sometimes yearn to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in casual conversation with others? Then look no further than the Something New Group which meets at the church once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 11 AM. You are invited to bring your favorite mug and serve yourself up a cup of coffee or tea. There will be a light snack available too.

No mess, no fuss; just some good ol' sitting around the table together and seeing where the conversation leads! The group meets **Tuesday, March 26th at 11:00 AM**. For more information speak with coordinators Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig or Marge Jordan.

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.

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Secret Sisters



Secret Sister's is an opportunity to pray for, think of and let your Secret Sister know that she is special. Shower her with notes, cards and surprises- in your own unique way- throughout the year and on her special days.

A new year of Secret Sisters will begin May 2019. Complete the form below and place in the SECRET SISTER box at the Welcome Center in the church narthex through Easter Sunday, April 21st. The Secret Sister assignment will take place and you will be notified of your Secret Sister through a letter in the mail the end of April.

Around Feb./March 2020 there will be a Secret Sister Reveal get together to share in the joy of having a secret sister and the opportunity to converse with her! If you have any questions please contact Chris Driscoll (bcated4vr@sbcglobal.net or 203-758-3887). Secret Sister is an all age inclusive opportunity for all sisters in Christ!

Bookletes Women's Book Club



Bookletes Women's Book Club will meet on **Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 at the home of Elaine Lau**. We will discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

Men's Book Club



The Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. We will be discussing "Sapiens". Would you like to host?

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 reneepoet@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.

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

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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 April 4, 2019.**

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



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

Our Condolences...



...to Renée Poet on the death of her partner, Robert (Bob).

...to Mara and Pete Weed on the recent death of Pete's Uncle.

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, March 17th...

Lector:	Marge Jordan	Ushers:	Renée Poet, Sergio Deganis
Prayer Cards:	Ginny Ludwig	Counters:	Kim Ferraiolo, Joe Driscoll
Outreach:	Elizabeth Thomas	Nursery:	Carla Reagan
		Sunday School:	Holly Carey, Jennifer Roeder

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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