

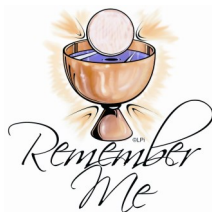
THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Lenten Supper Study Series - March 17
5-6:30 p. m.



Trustee Meeting
March 19
7:30 p. m.



Red Cross Blood Drive
March 26
1—6:00 p. m.



UMCOR Sunday
March 31

From Our Pastor



Ordinarily, I don't preach from the Epistles, but there was a line (actually just 1/4 of a verse) from Paul's Letter to the Philippians that I found so compelling and intriguing that I couldn't NOT base this Sunday's sermon on it. Of the enemies of the cross, the Apostle writes, "their god is the belly" (3:19). Ouch! In my sermon, titled "Obsession", I have tried to "digest" what Paul was saying to his congregation in Philippi, and what he IS saying to my congregation in Cheshire.

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

Lector:	Marge Jordan	Ushers:	Renée Poet, Sergio Deganis
Prayer Cards:	Ginny Ludwig	Counters:	Kim Ferraiolo, Joe Driscoll
Fellowship Hour:	Elizabeth Thomas	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Gerry Connelly
PowerPoint:	Kyle Lanzer	Sunday School:	Holly Carey, Jennifer Roeder
Acolyte:	Derek LaRusso	Bible Bearer:	Derek LaRusso

This Week at a Glance...



- 3/17 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 3/17 - Lenten Super Study; 5:00 p. m.
- 3/19 - Trustees; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/20 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/21 - Booklettes; 7:30 p. m.

Lenten Supper Study Series Continues Sunday at 5 p.m.



If you have signed up for this 5-week course, please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sundays for our Lenten Supper Study Series at 5 p.m. We will be studying the "Tobit".

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...](#)

American Red Cross Blood Drive Here March 26



Cheshire UMC is teaming up with the local chapter of the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. Our drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on March 26th from 1 to 6 pm. Your contribution can, and likely will, save someone's life. It's yet another way to show love for our neighbor. If you can, please [register here](#). Thank you!

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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 are several openings available. 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!

Booklets Women's Book Club



Booklettes 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 reeneepoet@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.

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, Pancake Mix, Coffee, Cookies, Crackers.

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

Lector:	Elaine Lau	Ushers:	Diane Gaborc, Joe Bogacki
Prayer Cards:	Jean Roeder	Counters:	Karen Kieffer, Joe Bogacki
Outreach:	Elizabeth Thomas	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Elaine Lau
Acolyte:	Derek LaRusso	Sunday School:	Laurie Bellagamba, Jeff Clark
Bible Bear:	Derek LaRusso		

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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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