

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Lenten Supper Study Series - March 24
5-6:30 p. m.



Something New
March 26
11:00 a. m.



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



UMCOR Sunday
March 31

From Our Pastor



We in the family of Abraham (Jews, Christians, Muslims) pride ourselves in being monotheistic. That is, we believe that there is but one true God. However, the passage on which I'm preaching this Sunday (Luke 13:1-9) leaves me with the unsettling impression that there are TWO different Gods - or at least, two different sides to the one true God. Come see and hear how (or if) I resolve this dilemma of the divine, in a sermon titled "Look Who's Talking!"

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

Lector:	Sue Trumbo	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	Fellowship Hour:	Hanke Family
PowerPoint:	Ben Merchant		

This Week at a Glance...



- 3/24 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 3/24 - Lenten Super Study; 5:00 p. m.
- 3/26 - Something New; 11:00 a. m.
- 3/26 - Blood Drive; 1-6 p. m.
- 3/27 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/28 - Men's Book Club; 7:30 p. m.

Explorers Group...



...begins a new series: **Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism**. It has a series of DVD segments and there will be group exploration. The participants find that the explorations being done of other religions are clarifying for our own Christian beliefs and experiences. You are invited any or all Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room A. Sergio Deganis, Len Mecca, and Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt are the coordinators. No preparation needed and no problem if you aren't present every time (except that the group will miss you!).

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 "Enoch".

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.

The group meets **Tuesday, March 26th at 11:00 AM**. For more information speak with coordinators Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig or Marge Jordan.

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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!

Men's Book Club



The Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will be meeting at the home of George Engelhardt (34 Charlton Hill Road; Hamden) on **Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p. m.** We will be discussing "Sapiens".

Fifth Sunday Brunch: Tacos!



On March 31, Cheshire UMC will host the Fifth Sunday Brunch after worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please, sign-up to bring something to share. See Kim Ferraiolo or Karen Kieffer with any questions.

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. Thank you!

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...](#)

A Message from Our Financial Secretary...

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as a counter on one of our teams. The teams are responsible for recording the weekly offerings, making the deposit, and ensuring that the weekly tally sheet (on which the information is recorded) and the deposit ticket are equal. There are a total of 5 teams, so as a practical matter you will only be counting every 5th week.

Anyone interested should contact Carl Strand at (203) 271-3530 or by email at carl_h_strand@snet.net. Thank you.

Carl Strand, Financial Secretary

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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!

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 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.

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, Cookies, Crackers, Coffee – Decaf & Regular, Salad Dressing.

Pulpit Prep...



Pulpit Prep is on hiatus until after Easter.

Annual Church Picnic: Save the Date!



The Ferraiolo Family will host our annual church picnic again this year (290 Sorghum Mill Drive, Cheshire) following worship on **August 18, 2019**. Mark it on your calendar!

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Inquirer's Class on April 8 at 7:30 p.m.



Anyone interested in being received as a new member of our growing congregation is invited to join Pastor Ken on April 8 for an informal class designed to cover the 2,000 year history of the church, the 235 year history of the Methodist movement, and the 50 year history of our beloved Cheshire UMC - all in 90 minutes or less!

Booklets Women's Book Club



Booklettes Women's Book Club **will meet on April 25 at 7:30 pm at the home of Diane Dynia** (335 Forest Street, Hamden) to discuss ***Born a Crime*** by Trevor Noah. Join us!

Easter Flowers



Share in the decorating of our sanctuary this Easter with a flower order in honor or in memory of your loved one. **Orders are due on April 7th!** After service you may take your flowers home with you, they make for a lovely gift, too! See the .pdf attachment or this Sunday's bulletin for the order form. Thank you!

Our Condolences...



Our condolences to Sue King (174 Sycamore Drive; Prospect, CT 06712) on the death of her husband, Bruce, on March 19, 2019. His memorial service will be held here at Cheshire UMC on **Saturday, April 13.**

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Lector:	Elaine Lau	Ushers:	Jean Roeder, Mark Eckert
Prayer Cards:	Jeff Clark	Counters:	Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Outreach:	Carolyn Kelly	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Marge Jordan
Fellowship Hour:	Warner Family		

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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