

# THE WEEKLY COURIER

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## Coming soon...



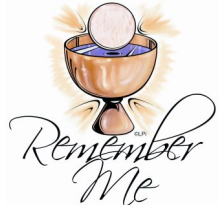
Pulpit Prep  
March 4  
7:30 p. m.



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry  
March 7  
7:00 p. m.



Lenten Supper Study  
Series begins March 10  
5:00 p. m.

## From Our Pastor



On Tuesday, the global United Methodist Church, at a special General Conference, voted in favor of the "Traditional Plan" regarding issues of human sexuality within the church. Rather than throw in my two cents, I thought you should hear directly from our Bishop, who shares his view of this significant denominational development with us via video. I strongly encourage you to [click on the link to this 3-minute clip](#), so that you are well-informed on this important legislation. [[Link](#)]

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

<b>Lector:</b>	Sharon Coyner	<b>Ushers:</b>	Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
<b>Prayer Cards:</b>	Chris Driscoll	<b>Counters:</b>	Sharon Coyner, Bruce King
<b>Outreach:</b>	Marge Jordan	<b>Nursery:</b>	Carla Reagan, Mary Bogrette
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Ben Merchant	<b>Sunday School:</b>	Dot Mattson, Jeff Clark
		<b>Communion Stewards:</b>	Don and Theresa DuPont

## This Week at a Glance...



- 3/3 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 3/3 - Last Day to Order Chicken-Pot-Pies
- 3/4 - Pulpit Prep; 7:30 p. m.; Luke 4:1-13
- 3/5 - Prayer Shawl Ministry;
- 3/6 - Ash Wednesday Service; 7:30 p. m.
- 3/6 - Choir Rehearsal; After Ash Wednesday Service

## Chicken Pot Pie: Don't Miss the Opportunity, Last Weekend!



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.

## 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" (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.

## Pulpit Prep This Week...



Our final Pulpit Prep class until after Easter will be held tomorrow at 7:30 pm. We will study Luke 4:1-13.

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

## 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!

## 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 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 just the change that will make our Cheshire UMC family feel right at home... Thank you!

## Explorers Group



Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask will be exploring Judaism this Sunday, March 3, and Christianity on March 10, in Room A at 9 a.m. You are invited to see the dvd on Judaism and interact with an interesting group of people or simply listen and think--whatever is your style.

Len Mecca, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, and Sergio Deganis are the coordinators in case you have questions. You are INVITED!

## 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, March 6th 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.**

## 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](https://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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## The Cheshire Community Food Pantry—This Week's 'Wish List'...



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

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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!

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

<b>Lector:</b>	Mark Eckert	<b>Ushers:</b>	Gerry Connelly, Joe Driscoll
<b>Prayer Cards:</b>	Kathy Esposito	<b>Counters:</b>	Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
<b>Outreach:</b>	Marge Jordan	<b>Nursery:</b>	Carla Reagan, Gerry Connelly
		<b>Sunday School:</b>	Tiffany Russo, Sally 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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