

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



UMCOR Sunday
March 31



Lenten Supper Study
Series - March 31
5-6:30 p. m.



Red Cross Blood Drive
April 2
7:30 p. m.



Prayer Shawl Group
April 4
7:00—9:00 p. m.

From Our Pastor



More and more, I hear from our “newbies” that among the things that draw them to our church, our friendly atmosphere and warm hospitality rank quite high.

Well, both will be on display on Sunday as we invite everyone in our congregation to join us for a very special “Taco Bar” brunch immediately following worship. Please be our guest on Sunday and get your heart warmed and your tummy filled.

Oh, and if you have kids in your household, please make sure they bring their phones to church. They might need them for the sermon. Curious? Good!.

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

Lector: Elaine Lau
Prayer Cards: Jeff Clark
Outreach: Carolyn Kelly
Fellowship Hour: Warner Family

Ushers: Jean Roeder, Mark Eckert
Counters: Sergio Deganis, Carl Strand
Nursery: Carla Reagan, Marge Jordan

This Week at a Glance...



- 3/31 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 3/31 - Lenten Super Study; 5:00 p. m.
- 4/2 - Finance Committee Meeting; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/3 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/4 - Prayer Shawl Group; 7:30 p. m.

Fifth Sunday Brunch: Tacos!



This Sunday, March 31, Cheshire UMC will host the Fifth Sunday Brunch after worship service. Please plan on joining 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!

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



If you have signed up for this 6-week course, please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sundays for our Lenten Supper Study Series at 5 p.m. We will be studying “Esther”.

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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.**

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!).

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!

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...](#)**

Our Blood Drive...

Thank You

Our commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference! We registered **29 total donors** and collected **23 pints of blood.** These efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need. We're looking for a Blood Drive Coordinator to be our liaison for our next blood drive, interested? See the SPPRC!

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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, April 23rd at 11:00 AM**. For more information speak with coordinators Chris Driscoll, Ginny Ludwig or Marge Jordan.

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.

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!

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 the morning of **Saturday, April 13**.

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Bookletes Women's Book Club



Bookletes 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!

Refundable Bottle and Can Drive...



The Missions team will be taking over the ongoing returnable can and bottle collection and the proceeds will go towards upcoming Missions projects. If anyone has cans or bottles, they can leave them in the container in the kitchen. Thanks!

Men's Book Club



The Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p. m.**

Helping out Next Sunday Morning, April 7th...

Lector:	Elizabeth Thomas	Ushers:	Cindy Decker, Jennifer Roeder
Prayer Cards:	Chris Driscoll	Counters:	Sharon Coyner, (Alternate)
Outreach:	Carolyn Kelly	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Mary Helming
Fellowship Hour:	Connelly Family	PowerPoint:	Rachel Spalding
		Communion Assistants:	The Celinos

April Birthdays...



1	Steve Smith	18	Cheryl Horning
4	Jordan Kolpak	19	Daniel Smith
5	Evan Missakian	20	Anthony Mecca
8	Joshua Bauer	23	Kendra Hall
8	Penney Ondrizek	23	Eric Simmons
9	Deb Morck	25	Timothy Graver
10	Barb Heafy	25	Rebecca Graver
12	Anthony Ferraiolo	26	Jennifer Dupre
13	Eileen Schwartz	26	Mark Valerio II
14	David Bond	27	Koda Bauer
15	Christina Gilleylen	28	Kellie Moran
16	Addison Witkowski	29	Leah Ferraiolo
17	Kyle Lanzer	29	Justin Heuser
		30	Fabio L. Dioses

April Anniversaries...



5	Christon & Doug Smith
8	Stanley & Kathy Esposito
14	Dick & Carolyn Kelly
21	Joseph and Penney Ondrizek

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