

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon...



Palm Sunday
This Sunday
10:00 a. m.



Maundy Thursday
April 18
7:30 p. m.



Good Friday
April 19
7:30 p. m.



Easter Sunday
Living Cross
10:00 a. m.

From Our Pastor



Did you know that the Sunday before Easter hasn't always been called "Palm Sunday"? That's right, centuries ago, it used to be called "Sunday of our Lord's Passion".

As the name suggests, the Sunday of our Lord's Passion focused LESS on the parade held in honor of the blessed one who rode humbly into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey and MORE on the suffering and sacrifice of the blessed one who was betrayed, denied, beaten, scourged, spit upon and then crucified on a cross.

The problem was, hardly anyone came to church on the Sunday of our Lord's Passion because it was too sad, too somber, and, by all accounts, too ugly. So some minister of marketing changed it to "Palm Sunday" and the pews filled up! Everybody loves a good parade! But that's only part of the story.

Well, this Sunday, we're going to do our best to observe BOTH the Lord's parade and the Lord's passion. See you then?

Helping out on Sunday Morning, April 14th...

Lector:	Evan Missakian	Ushers:	Mark DeVilbiss, Steve Trumbo
Prayer Cards:	Kathy Esposito	Counters:	Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
Outreach:	Dot Mattson	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Rachel Spalding
Fellowship Hour:	Deganis Family	PowerPoint:	Gary DeVilbiss
Acolyte:	Gary DeVilbiss	Bible Bearer:	Derrick DeVilbiss
Sunday School:	Jennifer Roeder, Sally LaRusso		

This Week at a Glance...



- 4/13 - Bruce G. King Memorial Service; 11:00 a. m.
- 4/14 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 4/14 - Palm Sunday Service; 10 a. m.
- 4/14 - Lenten Super Study; 5:00 p. m.
- 4/17 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/18 - Maundy Thursday Service; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/19 - Good Friday Service; 7:30 p. m.

Bruce G. King Memorial Service



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 **Saturday morning at 11 a. m.**

Explorers Group



Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism: Covenant Old and New (wonder where that exploration will take us? along with dvd presentation and group exploration?) at 9 a.m. in Room A on Sunday. Coordinators are Sergio Deganis, Len Mecca, and Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt.

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Wanna support the Cheshire HS Ram Band?



Several of the kids in our youth group are also in the band at school, and they're having a town-wide fundraiser being led by our own Elyse Lanzer. If you'd like to find out more info, please [click here](#). Thanks!

Lenten Supper Study Series Concludes 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 "the Gospel of Bartholomew".

Special Offering for Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi



On Sunday, we will take up a special offering in support of UMCOR's relief efforts in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi as they try to recover from a devastating cyclone that recently hit the area. For more details, read our bishops letter. ([Link to letter](#))

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!

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.

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...](#)

Church Clean-up... April 27



Church Spring clean-up is scheduled for April 27th at 9 a. m. More details to come.

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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 May and June. 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 May 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!

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 May 2, 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, 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.

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!

Men's Book Club



The Cheshire UMC Men's Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p. m.** We are reading Mark Sullivan's "Beneath the Scarlet Sky".

Pulpit Prep...



Pulpit Prep is on hiatus until after May.

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Pulling Back the Curtain on Oz!



It's been almost a year since two televisions were installed in our sanctuary and it's time to pull back the curtain on the graphical wizardry behind the scenes. Have you ever wondered HOW we do something or WHY we do it the way we do? Would you like to learn more about PowerPoint for work, school or perhaps because you think you might like to help with this ministry but need to know more about it before you decide? Or would you simply like to hear about graphic design and online resources (some free, some not) that you can use to create your own masterpieces?

Whatever the case, we have you covered! We will be offering FREE PowerPoint training on Sunday, April 28th, after worship. This is hands-on training, so please bring a laptop, if you have one. We will provide sample PowerPoint presentations and reference materials (with pictures and instructions!) that you can keep for yourself. For those interested in the visual arts ministry, you do not need to be a computer expert nor a natural-born artist to volunteer. We will help you learn what you need to know and/or team you up with a partner to complement your interests and/or current skills. Rest assured that you are under no obligation to volunteer just because you come to the training – this is truly a “no harm, no foul” opportunity.

Please call Deb Glenn-Long at 203-777-9629 or reach out by e-mail (debglennlong@yahoo.com) with any questions you may have or to sign up for the training. Come enjoy the magic!

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.

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!

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Prayer Cards:	Kathy Esposito	Counters:	Kim Ferraiolo, Joe Driscoll
Outreach:	Ginny Ludwig	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Rachel Spalding
PowerPoint:	Ben Merchant		

April Birthdays...



12	Anthony Ferraiolo	23	Eric Simmons
13	Eileen Schwartz	25	Timothy Graver
14	David Bond	25	Rebecca Graver
15	Christina Gilleylen	26	Jennifer Dupre
16	Addison Witkowski	26	Mark Valerio II
17	Kyle Lanzer	27	Koda Bauer
18	Cheryl Horning	28	Kellie Moran
19	Daniel Smith	29	Leah Ferraiolo
20	Anthony Mecca	29	Justin Heuser
23	Kendra Hall	30	Fabio L. Dioses

April Anniversaries...



14	Dick & Carolyn Kelly
21	Joseph and Penney Ondrizek