

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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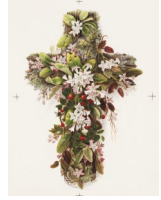
Palm Sunday
April 14
10:00 a. m.



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



I haven't been your pastor long enough for you to know that I have certain preaching traditions that I observe, one of which will be on display this Sunday when I preach my annual "demonstration sermon". Once a year, I like to remind us all that the extraordinary story of Jesus can be shared while doing even the most ordinary of things. You may recall that last year I pet my pug while preaching

about leading a dogly life. This Sunday, I hope to deliver my sermon while juggling stuff (unless I accidentally cut my hands on the chainsaws while rehearsing). Seriously, if you've ever been forced to juggle things like your faith, your job and your family, I think you'll identify. See you Sunday!

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, Marge Jordan
Fellowship Hour:	Connelly Family	PowerPoint:	Rachel Spalding
	Communion Assistants:		The Lanzers

This Week at a Glance...



- 4/7 - Explorers Class; 9 a. m. in Room A
- 4/7 - Holy Land Trip Informational Meeting; 11:15 a. m.
- 4/7 - Confirmation Class; 11:15; a. m.
- 4/7 - Lenten Super Study; 5:00 p. m.
- 4/8 - Inquirer's Class; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/10 - Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p. m.
- 4/13 - Bruce G. King Memorial Service; 11:00 a. m.

Easter Flowers Deadline is Sunday



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 this Sunday!** 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!

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.

Lenten Super 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 Super Study Series at 5 p.m. We will be studying "The Infancy Gospel of Thomas".

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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!

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](#))

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

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!

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.**

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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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.

Booklettes 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!

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".

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.

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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, or see her at church. [More details on-line...](#)

From the Mail Bag



Dear United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the CCFP Board of Directors, Volunteers and Clients, please accept our appreciation for your generous donation of Miscellaneous Items to The Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

The Pantry relies on the support of the Cheshire Community and donations to meet the needs of our neighbors. We are able to purchase perishable items -- meats, poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables and supplement our non-perishable inventory at less than wholesale costs. Donations such as yours enable our clients to enjoy a better quality of life. Together, we will work to fulfill our mission to insure no family goes without food and basic needs.

Your kindness, generosity and continued support of our mission are greatly appreciated.

Warmest Regards,

Jim Thomas, President

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

Lector:	Evan Missakian	Ushers:	Mark DeVilbis, Steve Trumbo
Prayer Cards:	Kathy Esposito	Counters:	Carol Hotz, Matt Heafy
Outreach:	Dot Mattson	Nursery:	Carla Reagan, Mary Helming
Fellowship Hour:	Deganis Family		

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. Diones

April Anniversaries...



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

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