

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



Join us on Sunday for worship at 10:00 a.m.



SPRC will meet on Monday at 7:00 p.m.



Something New will meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



Check out our new YouTube channel — link on our website. See page 3 for update.

From Our Pastor

Staying awake



Like many of you, my thoughts turn to the approaching snowstorm. When there is even a small chance of snow on a Sunday, I find myself checking the weather more often than usual. Sunday mornings place me “on call,” and the first thing I do is confirm whether the church parking lot has been plowed. I am grateful to our Trustees for their careful supervision in making sure it is safe. I take this responsibility seriously, because the well-being of those who come to worship matters.

As the reports about the storm continue, my focus begins to shift. I move from simply watching the forecast to preparing for what might happen. I look in the refrigerator and think about meals. I charge phones and laptops and gather portable batteries in case the power goes out. I take out extra blankets and think about firewood. Preparation, in these moments, becomes an act of care.

That shift in thinking leads me to another question. Do we prepare with the same care for spiritual storms? We know how to stock up on food, batteries, and blankets. But when a season of uncertainty, grief, exhaustion, or deep questioning starts to take shape, do we recognize it in time? Do we build reserves of prayer, community, patience, and trust before the storm arrives, or only after we find ourselves in the dark?

Weather forecasts are never perfect, yet they are offered thoughtfully, based on careful study, to help people prepare. In a similar way, our spiritual lives are shaped less by certainty and more by attentiveness. Wisdom grows when we learn to notice the signs, tend what sustains us, and prepare our hearts ahead of time—so that when the storm does come, we are not simply trying to get through it, but are steady enough to endure and able to care for one another along the way.

Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim
Senior Pastor
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Our Week at a Glance . . .



January 25 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
26 SPRC, 7:00 p.m.
27 Something New, 11:00 a.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



29 Alyssa Carey

IMPENDING WEATHER!



The Church Council chair, Trustees chair, and Pastor Steve will make a call regarding whether we will have in-person worship on Sunday, 1/25, by 8:30 a.m. If in-person worship is canceled, the service will be fully livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Please be on the look out for an email on Sunday morning, if canceled.

SPRC— January 26

SPRC will be meeting in the Faithful Thomas Room on Monday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Something New—January 27th:

Something New will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 27th at 11:00a.m.

Chicken Pot Pie Orders—LAST WEEK TO ORDER



Due to the forecast for Sunday, it is imperative that Dot has a count of the number of pies people would like. The order for ingredients has to be placed on Sunday afternoon. If you have not ordered and would like to please email your order to Dot by Saturday night at dotbmattson@att.net. Small pies are \$9.00 and large are \$17.00. **Please email your order** even if you think you will make Church as it is possible I will not be there to pick up your order. The pies will be assembled on Saturday, February 7th at 9 a.m. See Dot Mattson for more info. Please find a link for the order form [here](#).

Valentine's Candy Collection



It's almost Valentine's Day and time to send our college-age kids a box of sweet treats just to remind them that we're thinking of them and how much we love them. There is a box in the narthex labeled "CAMPUS CANDY" for your donations of candy and other sweet treats (non-perishable please). The deadline is February 6. Please see Ginny Ludwig for more information. Thank you for helping to support this ministry.

THANK YOU!

Thank You, Santa! I received a pleasant surprise on my first day back after being sick over the Christmas holiday. Santa left me a lovely gift of which was thoughtful and appreciated. To thoughtful you, from thankful me.—Dot Mattson

Sign ups for Altar Flowers and Fellowship:



We have many open sign up slots for Altar Flowers and Fellowship hour. Sign-up sheets for **altar flowers** can be found just outside the sanctuary and **coffee hour hosts** sign-ups can be found in Fellowship Hall. Ask someone to host fellowship time with you! Flower orders are \$65.

From our Technology Committee



We have a new YouTube channel and we encourage you to check it out. Links are available on our church's website to access both our worship services in real-time as well as archived services beginning this past July. **Open YouTube, search Cheshire United Methodist Church, then hit Subscribe for easy access.** You can turn on Notifications to be notified when a new service is uploaded. Let's up our subscriber count.

From our Education Committee



Our Education Department is in need of one additional Sunday School teacher. The requirement is one Sunday a month you will work with an experienced teacher to help provide the foundation of Christian Education for our young children. Please speak with Brian Sullivan, Lianne Adamczyk or Steve with your interest.



Please keep in mind that Fridays are the Pastor's Sabbath. Unless it's a pastoral emergency, please call the church office (203-272-4626) if you are in need of something on Fridays. Thank you.

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