

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



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



Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday 3/3 at 7:00 p.m.



Check out our new YouTube channel — link on our website.



From Our Pastor:

A compass is uncomplicated. It responds to a steady magnetic pull and points north. It stays fixed on something larger than itself. When the surrounding force is steady, the needle rests. When too many forces interfere, it wavers and spins.

We live within forces too: moral, economic, political, cultural, spiritual. We cannot see them, but we feel their influence. They shape what attracts us, what repels us, and how we interpret one another. At times we cling to what feels safe and familiar. At other times we resist what seems different or uncomfortable. The environment around us quietly guides our reactions and choices.

Lent begins by leveling the ground. On Ash Wednesday we are reminded: from dust you came, and to dust you shall return. Beneath our achievements and arguments, we share the same fragile beginning and ending. That truth humbles us. It softens sharp edges. It calls us back to our shared humanity.

Yet we live in a noisy moment. Many voices claim to show the way. Fear demands attention. Anger spreads quickly. Greed makes quiet promises. Pride pushes us to defend ourselves at all costs. With so many pressures pulling at us, it is easy to feel unsettled. When everything claims to be ultimate, it becomes hard to know where to stand.

Lent offers a chance to reset. It asks us to consider what truly shapes our lives. For Christians, direction is not an abstract idea but a living example. Jesus. His way of mercy, courage, and self-giving love becomes the steady reference point.

In a world full of competing pulls, Lent is a gentle practice of returning. Returning to humility, to our shared dust, and to the path of love that directs the heart.

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



March 1 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 3 Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



1 Dorie Prentice
 5 Caitlyn Desmond

Trustees:



The Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, 3/3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

LAST SUNDAY FOR SECRET SISTERS SIGN UP:

Secret Sisters 2026/2027

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Secret Sisters is an opportunity to pray for, think of and let another woman 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, without letting her know it's you.

A new year of Secret Sisters will begin in March. Complete the form [here](#), and place in the offering plate through Sunday, March 1st. The Secret Sister assignment will take place immediately following, and you will be notified of your Secret Sister via email/snail mail if you don't have an email.

There will be a Secret Sister Reveal Dinner in February 2027! If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Roeder (jlynnroeder@aol.com or 203-444-4067). Secret Sister is an all-age inclusive opportunity for ALL sisters in Christ!

PowerPoint Help Needed!



We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with enhancing the PowerPoint presentation used in worship. This role primarily involves creative embellishment—bringing beauty, cohesion, and visual warmth to our slides. If you have a gift for design or visual presentation, or are even just willing to learn, we invite you to consider sharing your time and talents to help make our worship experience even more meaningful and engaging. Please see Matt Heafy or Pastor Steve for more information.

Pastoral Visitation:



If you are interested in scheduling a pastoral visitation with Pastor Steve, you are invited to sign up for a time that is convenient for you! Please click [here](#) to view the available time slots. An additional sign-up sheet will also be set up outside of the sanctuary to fill in your desired slot. If you are unable to attend worship in person and would like to arrange a visitation, you may contact the church office or Pastor Steve directly.

Nursery help needed:



Will you consider volunteering one Sunday in our CUMC nursery? This is an important ministry at CUMC, which Barb Heafy coordinates. The nursery needs to be staffed by two volunteers each Sunday. Please see Barb if you're interested in supervising of the nursery fun!

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.



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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