

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



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



The Finance Committee will meet on 3/10 at 6:00 p.m.



Church Council will meet on 3/10 at 7:00 p.m.



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



From Our Pastor:

In many parts of Connecticut, homes depend on well water. Some people like it. Some would rather have a public water system. A public system is certainly more convenient. You turn on the tap and trust that someone else is maintaining the pipes and checking the quality.

With well water, the responsibility sits with the homeowner. Filters need to be changed. The water needs to be tested. The sanitation system needs periodic attention. None of this is dramatic, but it does require steady care. Without that care, the water may run dry, or it may become contaminated.

That ordinary experience offers a useful way to think about our inner lives.

Each of us lives with something like a well inside the soul. From that well we draw what shapes our lives, our virtues, our habits, our perspectives, our character. Different traditions name it in different ways, but the idea is familiar. We all draw from an inner source.

Two problems can develop in a well.

First, the well can dry up. When that happens in life, we often call it burnout. The energy is gone. The motivation disappears. What once flowed naturally now feels empty.

Second, the water may still be flowing, but it may not be clean. If filters are not changed or the system is not maintained, contamination seeps in. Something similar can happen within us. Anger, resentment, fear, or distorted stories about ourselves and others can quietly pollute the water we draw from.

So there are two main concerns for the soul: dryness and contamination.

Here is another important piece. A well does not create its own water. It draws from deeper underground sources, larger streams that run beneath the surface of the earth.

I believe our inner wells work in a similar way. The water we draw is connected to deeper currents: the narratives we inherit, the stories our culture tells, the memories we carry, the beliefs that shape how we see the world. Whether we notice it or not, these deeper waters seep into our lives.

Which raises a quiet but important question: When was the last time we checked our well?

Is the water running dry?

Or is it flowing, but carrying something that needs to be filtered?

These are not questions of blame. They are questions of attention. Because the health of the well quietly shapes the life that flows from it.

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.—Proverbs 4:23, NRSVue.

Our Week at a Glance . . .



March	8	Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	10	Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
	10	Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



8	Jim Long
13	Mason McLean
13	Diane Huxley
14	Ken Kieffer

Finance Committee:



The Finance Committee will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council:



Church Council will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. You can find the minutes from last month's meeting [here](#).

Palm Sunday Brunch:



Join us on Sunday, March 29th, for a special Palm Sunday Brunch immediately following worship. As we begin Holy Week with shouts of, "Hosanna!" and hearts full of praise, let us continue the morning in joyful fellowship around the table.



We are seeking donations of brunch food items (bacon, eggs, fruit juices, and other basics) to help make this gathering possible. If you'd like to contribute, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for helping us celebrate this meaningful and hope-filled day together.

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.

Thank you from the Missions Committee:

**Thank
You**

We had two successful collections thanks to all of you who donated. We collected 114 winter clothing items & blankets that were taken to Thy Eagle's Nest in Wolcott to keep our neighbors warm. And, last week we put together 41 Blessing Bags for the homeless! Filled bags are in a container near the coat closet. Please feel free to take 1, 2 or more bags to hand out to someone who might need a little helping hand. It is a great alternative to giving someone cash, and you can keep the bag(s) in your car, so you have them handy when you need them. - Jennifer Roeder

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.

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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