

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Trustees, 4/7, 7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

Good Friday, Red Cross, and power of Love

There is something unsettling about Good Friday.

A day marked by suffering and death hardly feels "good."

Yet the meaning of this day is not found in what happens to Jesus, but in what is given through him. On the cross, he gives, his body, his breath, his blood, not as defeat, but as love poured out for others.

That same quiet truth lives on in the simple act of giving blood through the American Red Cross. It is not dramatic or loud. Someone simply offers a part of themselves so that another might live.

This year at Cheshire UMC, that connection becomes tangible. Good Friday will also be a day of giving, through a Red Cross blood drive. The story we remember becomes a practice we embody

So the question of "Good" Friday gently turns toward us:

What does it mean to give life to another?

The day may still feel heavy, and perhaps it should.

But within that weight, something deeper is revealed. Love that gives, even at a cost.

And that kind of love is what makes this Friday, in the truest sense, good.

As we walk through Good Friday, we are led to Easter Sunday, the day when love overcomes death and its power is revealed to all. Do not miss it.

Love cannot be contained. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty, because love will not stay buried.

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



April 5 Easter Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 April 7 Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



8 Joshua Bauer
 8 Penney Ondriezek
 10 Barb Heafy



8 Stanley & Kathy Esposito

Easter Egg Hunt—THIS SUNDAY



Following our Easter Sunday worship on April 5, we invite all children to take part in a festive Easter Egg Hunt. As we rejoice in the resurrection, may this simple joy remind us of the abundant life God offers.

Trustees Meeting:



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

Shelter Now—April 11th:



Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. The time commitment is from 8:30-10:00 a.m. We will next be serving on April 11th. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jllynroeder@aol.com.

INVITATION TO PRAYER FROM CT MID-STATE COOPERATIVE PARISH—from your co-lay leader, Sue T.

Amidst the tremendous amount of violence, unrest, and bad news in the Middle East, our own country, and elsewhere, your Cooperative Parish is organizing times of prayer.

Please consider joining with us by praying (wherever you find yourself) on Saturday April 4, at 10 a.m. Even 5 minutes of corporate prayer can be powerful and effective.

A link to the Journal of Peace and Non-Violence can be found [here](#) that Pastor Steve shared with us back in the Fall. You might find this helpful in your prayer time, or at some other time.

"Then you will call upon me and pray to me, and I will hear you." Jer 29:12 RSV



CCC Events:



Here are two upcoming events being hosted by Cheshire Creation Care (CCC) which CUMC is a part of:

Event 1: Saturday **April 11th**, 10am-1pm **Clothing Swap**

The **Coalition for a Sustainable Cheshire** is collaborating with **Cheshire Public Library** to host our **Spring 2026 Clothing Swap**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to fight the gears of fast fashion and consumerism by donating your gently used or never worn clothing and refresh your wardrobe by finding a completely free new outfit for spring and summer!

We hope you can join us at the Cheshire Public Library on **April 11th from 10am-1pm** to find a new outfit.

Clothing donations will be collected on Thursday, April 9th 5pm-8pm and Friday, April 10th 1pm-4pm

Event 2: Saturday, **April 25th**, 10am - 1pm, there is a **Repair Cafe**.

Where: Cheshire Public Library
When: Saturday April 25, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Why a Repair Café? Our aim ultimately is to keep items out of our already overflowing landfills. Why throw away when we can reuse, recycle and repair!

Here's "who" is in our Repair Café tool box so far:
Sewing (no zippers),
Bike repair
Tool sharpener
Computer troubleshooting
Knitting/crocheting

Joanna Miller heads up our event, and she would love to see even more fixers this year! If you have a skill, come on and help the effort!

We're on YouTube!:



We have a 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.



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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.