

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



The Booklettes, 4/21,
7:00 p.m.



Safety Task Force,
4/23, 7:00 p.m.



Spring Clean Up Day,
4/25



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

“Time running out” but never love of God

There are moments in the life of a church when joy and sorrow meet in the same breath.

We are saddened to share that our beloved member, Carl Strand, has come to the end of his fight with cancer, as treatment is no longer an option. Carl’s prayers, presence, and quiet faith helped shape who we are as a community. His life among us was meaningful. It was and still is a true witness.

Even now, we hold onto the promise that nothing given in love is ever lost. As Scripture reminds us, “whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s” (Romans 14:8).

This is who we are—a Resurrection people.

At the same time, we welcome new members into our community. New names, new stories, new steps of faith. This, too, is holy. It is a sign that God is not finished with us yet. The Spirit continues to move, to call, to gather.

The church has always lived in this rhythm, letting go and receiving, remembering and becoming. “For everything there is a season... a time to mourn, and a time to dance” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4). And somehow, by grace, these seasons do not compete. They belong together.

So we give thanks, for the life that has been entrusted back to God, and for the lives now being entrusted to this community. We carry one in memory and love. We embrace the other with hope and promise.

And in it all, we remain one body in Christ, held together not by time, but by the enduring love of God.

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



April 19	Worship, 10:00 a.m.
April 19	New Members Luncheon
April 21	Bookettes, 7:00 p.m.
April 23	Safety Task Force, 7:00 p.m.
April 25	Trustees' Spring Clean up Day

Our Church Family Celebrations



19 Paul Champagne
20 Anthony Mecca



21 Joe & Penney Ondriezek

New Members Luncheon:



The Fellowship Committee invites you to a New Members Luncheon following worship on Sunday, 4/19. Join us for soup, sandwiches, and the simple joy of being together as we celebrate and welcome our newest members.

Bookettes:



The Bookettes will be meeting on Tuesday, 4/21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Safety Task Force:



The Safety Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, 4/23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Spring Clean-Up Day, 4/25:



The Trustees invite everyone to join in a church-wide **Spring Cleaning Day** on April 25. Mark your calendars and come lend a hand as we freshen up our building and grounds. Many hands make light work, and your help—whether for an hour or the whole morning—makes a real difference.

Tech Tip:



Do you have a dreadfully slow cell phone when you're at the church? That's your phone trying to connect to, or use, a WiFi network or hotspot. Try turning off your WiFi (Internet) connection under "Settings" on your phone. That will force your phone to use cell service instead, which these days is almost always significantly faster than the church's notoriously slow WiFi connection. Close your phone's browser or whatever app you're using and try again. And, yes, this tip can apply to other public places where your phone is sluggish but you have cell service.

CCC Event:



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

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!

Spiritual First Aid Workshop:

SPiritual First Aid Workshop™

Turn your compassion into effective care for unmet mental health needs with this interactive, hands-on training.

WHO THE WORKSHOP IS FOR:
Everyday helpers, churches, and organizations.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:
A proven step-by-step approach to spiritual and emotional care that's easy to learn and use.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN:
Practical skills and tools that take the guesswork out of helping so you can feel confident in the care you give.

DATE: SAT MAY 2
TIME: 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

HOST: WHITE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH
LOCATION: 120 MAIN ST. CHESHIRE, CT

COST: \$40 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
RSVP TO: LAURA COFFIN TEXT 203-927-6761

Mental health is complex. Helping doesn't have to be.

This workshop is for everyday helpers, churches and organizations to teach attendees what to say and how to help people who are hurting. This is a Biblically-informed, evidence and trauma-informed presentation. You will learn a step-by-step approach to spiritual and emotional care that is proven and easy-to-use. It will give you practical skills and tools in an interactive, hands-on training, intended to help care for unmet mental health needs from a spiritual and Biblical approach. This is different from Mental Health First Aid training, but organized by licensed clinical social worker, Laura Coffin, as well.

Website: www.spiritualfirstaid.org

Date: May 2, 2026, Saturday, 8:30am-4:00pm

Place: White Oak Baptist Church (near Cheshire Library)

Address: 120 Main St. Cheshire, CT

Cost: \$40, Scholarships available

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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.