

# THE WEEKLY COURIER

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## Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Spring Clean Up Day,  
4/25, 8:00 a.m.



Something New,  
4/28, 11:00a.m.



SPR, 4/28, 7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube  
Channel-link on website



### From Our Pastor:

Many of you know that April 22 is Earth Day. Lately, I've been thinking about what astronauts connected to Artemis II have been sharing. As they prepare to see Earth from a distance, and reflect on returning to it, they keep coming back to one truth: Earth is more than a place we live. It is our shared home.

From space, there are no borders or divisions. There is no "us" and "them." There is only one living planet, held together by grace.

Yet here on the ground, we often act as if the Earth is ours to use without limit. We take more than we need. We harm both land and people. We lose sight of the simple truth that what we do to the Earth, we do to each other. Seeing Earth from afar makes something clear that we often miss up close: everything is connected.

Scripture says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). The Earth is not something to use up. It is something entrusted to our care: a gift, a responsibility, a calling.

Earth Day is not just a date on the calendar. It is an invitation to wake up, to notice how easily we take this gift for granted, and to remember that caring for the Earth and caring for one another belong together. It calls us to live differently: with gratitude instead of excess, with responsibility instead of control, with love instead of fear.

New images of Earth from space take your breath away, a beautiful planet, our shared home, held in the vastness of the universe. Yet we don't have to leave Earth to begin seeing it with new eyes.

We can begin right where we are. In the choices we make each day. In how we treat what we've been given. In turning away from habits that harm and choosing what brings life.

We are not separate from the Earth. We belong to it. And it belongs to God.

So let us remember: This home is a gift. This moment carries responsibility. And this life we share, with all creation, is worth caring for, together.

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



April 26 Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
 April 28 Something New, 11:00 a.m.  
 April 28 SPR, 7:00 p.m.

## Our Church Family Celebrations



26 Mark Valerio II  
 27 Deb Glenn-Long  
 27 Koda Bauer  
 28 Kellie Moran  
 29 Leah Ferraiolo  
 29 Justin Heuser  
 30 Fabio L. Dioses  
 30 Paige Mazzone

## Spring Clean-Up Day, TOMORROW:



The Trustees invite everyone to join in a church-wide **Spring Cleaning Day** tomorrow, April 25 at 8:00 a.m. 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. Additionally, the Trustees are looking for people to help spread loam starting at 8:30 a.m.. Please bring a shovel if you can help!

## Something New:



**Something New** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## SPR:



**SPR** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

## NO BELLS/CHOIR:



As a reminder, there will be **no bell or choir rehearsal** on Wednesday, April 29th. We will still be singing in worship on the surrounding Sundays.

## 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:

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. For those who are not available to attend in person on May 2nd but are interested in the course, it can also be taken online as an individual. Contact Laura Coffin by email [lbcoffin77@gmail.com](mailto:lbcoffin77@gmail.com) or call/text 203.927.6761. Once you pay the \$40 fee she will send you a QR code to get access. You can do the course at your own pace over a period of time. The fee can be paid by Venmo (@Laura-Coffin-7) or by mailing a check made out to Jared Coffin memorial Fund & sent to Laura Coffin at 30 Mountain Edge Court Cheshire, CT 06410

Website: [www.spiritualfirstaid.org](http://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.