

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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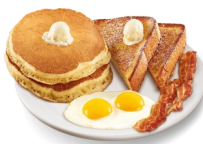
Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Trustees, 5/5, 7:00 p.m.



Shelter Now, 5/11, 8:30 a.m.



Check out our YouTube Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

I walked into a Cheshire School District art show and was immediately drawn in—rows of drawings, sculptures, colors, each one carrying a kind of bold, quiet beauty. I found myself asking a simple but unsettling question: how can a child create something like this?

That question stayed with me. Not because it needed a quick answer, but because it opened something deeper. These weren't just art pieces—they were interruptions. The kind that slow you down just enough to notice what you've been missing. A kind of holy distraction.

And then it came—the shift. The “aha” moment.

Maybe children create this way because they are not yet confined by what is already known. They see beyond the finished lines of the world. They reach toward something still forming, something not yet fully clear—and somehow, they trust it enough to bring it into being.

That is when the words of [1 Corinthians 13:12](#) came alive: we see only in part, as a reflection. What we see is incomplete, but it is not empty. It is a beginning.

The Good News is this: what we now glimpse dimly does not stay distant. In Jesus of Nazareth, what was partial becomes personal. What was unclear draws near.

And suddenly, that art show was more than a display. It was a reminder—what feels unfinished in us is not lacking. It is still becoming.

So the question now is: who are you becoming?



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



May	3	Worship, 10:00 a.m.
May	5	Something New, 11:00 a.m.
May	11	Shelter Now, 8:30 a.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



1 Gail DeBoer
3 Teagan Ferguson
4 John Van Wie
7 Grey Adamczyk
8 Steven Davis



4 Brian & Phelan Sullivan
8 Joe & Chris Driscoll

Trustees:



The **Trustees** will be meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Shelter Now:



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 May 9th. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jllynroeder@aol.com.

Mother's Day Flowers:



This Sunday, May 3rd, is the last Sunday to place your orders for **Mother's Day hanging plants**. You can find the order form [here](#). Please speak with Dot Mattson for more information.

Promise Kids Update:



In April, our children explored who they are—God's beloved, created with purpose and care. This Sunday, we begin a new theme: "Same God." As we journey through the stories of the Bible, we'll discover that the God who was present with God's people in every challenge is the same God who is with us today.

We start with the story of the fiery furnace, where three faithful friends trusted God even in the face of danger—and found that they were not alone. Through this story, our children will reflect on what it means to trust God in their own lives.

All are welcome to join Promise Kids for worship and discussion. Your presence, support, and care continue to help nurture a space where our children can grow in faith together.

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.

Sign ups for Altar Flowers and Fellowship:



We have 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.



Spiritual First Aid Workshop TOMORROW:

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 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

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

RSVP: Laura Coffin, LCSW, Text 203-927-6761

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

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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

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



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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.