

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Something New, 5/26,
11:00 a.m.



Safety Task Force, 5/28,
7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

One who comes alongside others

Pentecost is often remembered through wind, fire, and many voices speaking at once. But at its heart, Pentecost is about advocacy.

The Holy Spirit came not to keep the disciples hidden in an upper room, but to send them into the world with courage. Fear gave way to witness. Silence gave way to truth. Isolation gave way to community.

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the *Advocate*—the One who comes alongside others. That matters deeply in the twenty-first century. We live in a world where many feel unseen, unheard, and divided from one another. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit still moves among people who are willing to listen, speak with compassion, and stand beside those pushed to the margins.

The miracle of Pentecost was not that everyone became the same. It was that *people heard one another in their own language*. Difference was not erased; it was embraced.

Perhaps that is the calling of Pentecost today: to become a people who hear one another again, who choose courage over fear, and who allow the Spirit to move us beyond silence into love-filled action.

The wind of Pentecost still blows.
And the Spirit is still calling ordinary people to do extraordinary things.



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



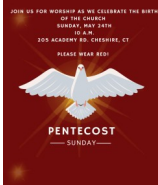
- May 24 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 26 Something New, 11:00 a.m.
 28 Safety Task Force, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



- 24 Lisa Davis
 24 Fabio A. Dioses
 24 Steve Trumbo
 26 Lilah Heuser
 28 Hui-Chen DeVilbiss
 29 Rachel Spalding
 30 Stan Esposito

Pentecost Sunday:



Pentecost Sunday is this Sunday, May 24! Let's fill the sanctuary with the color of the Spirit—remember to **wear red** as we celebrate the Church's birthday.

Something New:



Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Safety Task Force:



The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Save the Date!:



Save the date for our **June 7th Church Picnic** following worship! We'll fire up the grill with hot dogs and hamburgers, keep the coolers stocked, and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. If you'd like to bring a dessert or side, the sign-up sheet is waiting for you in the Fellowship Hall.

Free Piano:



Looking for a piano or know someone who is? A **Yamaha console piano**, lovingly cared for by its sole owner (Carolyn Kelly), is available **free to a good home**. It's in excellent condition and ready to bless a new household. Please see Carolyn Kelly for more details.

Promise Kids Update:



Promise Kids continue to learn that the God who saved Moses and the people from Egypt is the same God we worship today—the God who walks with us and cares for us through every hardship and challenge we face.

Along with our Bible stories, we are continuing to grow through discussion groups where children share questions, joys, and concerns while learning to pray for one another and build a caring community together.

As many of our **Promise Kids** families are busy with sports, performances, and other activities during this season, we continue to pray for their safety, joy, and meaningful experiences. Even when families are away from church, they remain an important part of our **Promise Kids** community. Your prayers and care are meaningful for all of us!

VBS Registration: Promise Kids families are invited to join **Vacation Bible School** hosted by our Cooperative Parish partner church, Grace UMC in Southington! We hope many of our Promise Kids can participate together for a week of faith, fun, music, games, and community.



📅 June 28–July 2

🕒 5:15–7:45 PM

🍽️ Dinner provided

💰 \$30 per child

📅 Registration open through June 22

We would love for our children to attend together as a Promise Kids group, so please consider registering soon!

For questions, please contact:

Grace UMC – Amey DiVito: ameydivito@gmail.com

Promise Kids – Rose Kim: promisekids@cheshireumc.com

[VBS Registration Link](#)

Lectors Needed:



Have you ever thought about being a **lector**? We're filling the lector schedule through the end of the year, and we'd love to include you. The role is simple—just reading Scripture in front of your church family. You'll find the schedule attached [here](#) and another posted outside the sanctuary. Please write your name next to a date that works for you, or reach out to the office if you'd like help signing up. Also, please note that dates that have been filled are marked with a "X."

From the office:



A **new large wall calendar** is now hanging in the church office just behind the desk. As you plan meetings, appointments, special services, fellowship gatherings, or any time the building will be in use, please stop by and add them to the calendar. Keeping everything in one shared place helps us stay organized and support one another's ministries. If you're unable to add to it yourself, just let the office know! In this particular instance, oversharing is encouraged.

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.

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.



Nursery Help Needed:



Will you consider **volunteering one Sunday in our CUMC nursery**? This is an important ministry at CUMC, which Barb Heafy coordinates. The nursery needs to be staffed by two volunteers each Sunday. Please see Barb if you're interested in supervising of the nursery fun!

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.



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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