

# THE WEEKLY COURIER

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## Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Church Council, 6/9,  
7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube  
Channel-link on website



### From Our Pastor:

From June 11–14, United Methodists from across the New York Annual Conference—from the Catskill Mountains to the eastern end of Long Island—will gather for our annual meeting. We call this gathering the New York Annual Conference (It is confusing, I know, to call the entity and the event the same way).

For Methodists, Christian Conferencing is more than a business meeting. It is a means of grace—a way God works through our conversations, discernment, decisions, and shared ministry. We trust that God's Spirit is present not only in worship and prayer, but also in the way we listen, speak, and seek God's will together.

That can be difficult to imagine, especially in a time when public conversations often become polarized and decision-making can feel more divisive than life-giving. Yet Christian Conferencing invites us to imagine a different way.

What does it look like for God's grace to be spoken and embodied among us?

Henri Nouwen, in his book *Compassion*, suggests that compassion requires intimate listening, honest confrontation, and patience. These qualities help us not simply talk to one another, but truly journey with one another.

I believe the same is true for meaningful Christian Conferencing.

Intimate listening and honest confrontation create space for people to wrestle together as the Body of Christ—much like Jacob wrestling with God until daybreak. In that space, we practice the sacred art of listening deeply and speaking truthfully in love.

Patience, too, is essential. It is not passive resignation, but an active commitment to remain engaged in the complexity of life. Rather than dismissing difficult questions, patience keeps them at the center of our attention and care as we seek God's wisdom together.

As I prepare to attend this year's Annual Conference, this is my hope: to listen deeply, speak faithfully, and participate in the work of Christian Conferencing with compassion, courage, and grace.

I would be grateful for your prayers as I participate in this sacred work.

Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim  
Senior Pastor  
Cheshire United Methodist Church



## Our Week at a Glance . . .



- June 7 Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
 7 Church picnic, following worship  
 9 Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

## Our Church Family Celebrations



- 8 Connor Valerio  
 8 Jaxon Cameron  
 8 Brian Prentice  
 11 Stella Sullivan  
 12 Renee Poet  
 13 Elizabeth Thomas  
 13 Linda Howe



- 9 Paul & Laurie Bellagamba  
 11 John & Audrey Vey

## Church Picnic:



Stick around after worship on Sunday for a **church picnic** hosted by the Fellowship Committee! We'll have burgers, dogs, and drinks ready to go. Bring a side or dessert to share, and let's enjoy good eats and even better company.

## Church Council:



**Church Council** will be meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. You can find last month's minutes [here](#).

## Promise Kids Update:



June is an exciting season of transition for many of our children. As the school year comes to a close, they say goodbye to teachers and classmates and look forward to summer camps, family vacations, new adventures, and special activities.

**Promise Kids** will continue meeting throughout the summer as we help children grow in a faith that becomes part of their everyday lives. During June, we will explore what it means to stay strong and courageous with God through life's challenges, worries, and uncertainties by learning from faithful people in the Bible.

This Sunday, we are excited to premiere our very first **Promise Kids** music video, which will introduce our June theme and celebrate the wonderful children who participated in this project!

We are also **looking for volunteers to help in both the Nursery and Promise Kids classrooms during the summer months**. If you are available to serve on any Sunday this summer, please let Rose know. We would love to have your help!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

[promisekids@cheshireumc.com](mailto:promisekids@cheshireumc.com)

## VBS Registration:



Promise Kids families are invited to join **Vacation Bible School** hosted by our Co-operative 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](mailto:ameydivito@gmail.com)

Promise Kids – Rose Kim: [promisekids@cheshireumc.com](mailto: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.



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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