

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Shelter Now, 6/13,
8:30- 10:00



Booklettes, 6/16,
7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

This week feels like one of those moments when many seasons overlap at once.

The New York Annual Conference gathers as I write this message for worship, conversation, discernment, and decision-making. Students and teachers are closing the books on another school year. Families are making plans for summer vacations, camps, and long-awaited days outdoors.

In our own household, Daniel's baseball season has entered the playoffs. After months of practices, games, wins, losses, and lessons learned, the season now moves into a new chapter where every game matters a little more.

The Church, too, enters a new season.

Following Pentecost, we begin what is known as *Ordinary Time*. It is the longest season of the Christian year. Yet there is something misleading about the word "ordinary." It does not mean unimportant. Rather, it is the season where faith is practiced in everyday life.

There are no major holidays this week. No dramatic mountaintop experiences. No burning bushes or empty tombs.

Instead, there are conference meetings and baseball games. Report cards and summer schedules. Family dinners and Sunday worship. The ordinary things that make up most of our lives.

And perhaps that is precisely where God does some of God's best work.

Jesus spent far more time walking dusty roads than standing on mountaintops. He taught by lakeshores, shared meals around tables, and met people in the routines of their daily lives. The kingdom of God often grows quietly, through small acts of faithfulness repeated day after day.

Maybe Ordinary Time is not ordinary at all. Maybe it is the season that teaches us how to recognize God's presence in the everyday moments that shape who we become.



As summer begins, may we not rush through these days. May we discover God's grace in the conference room, on the baseball field, at family gatherings, and in the quiet rhythms of daily life. And may we find that Christ continues to meet us—not only in extraordinary moments, but in the beautiful gift of the ordinary in-between.

Grace and peace in-between,

Pastor Steve

Our Week at a Glance . . .



June 13 Shelter Now, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
 14 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 16 Booklettes, 7:00 pm.

Our Church Family Celebrations



14 Christianne Smith
 15 Steve Kim



17 Dick & Elaine Lau
 19 Mike & Natalie Missakian

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 June 13th. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jllynroeder@aol.com.

Booklettes:



The **Booklettes** will be meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Special Request from the Strands:



Great news! Carl is doing well enough for them to plan a week of vacation in New Hampshire around July 4. However, they've hit a stumbling block—they can't find anywhere to rent a **portable oxygen concentrator** for travel. They'd need it for about a week and a half. If you have one or know of any options, please contact Claire directly at (203) 435-7710 or the church office.

Promise Kids Update:



During the month of June, **Promise Kids** is exploring Bible stories about battles that seemed impossible to win—but where God brought victory in unexpected ways.

Last Sunday, we learned about King Jehoshaphat and how God defeated three opposing kingdoms without Judah having to fight. Instead, God caused the enemy armies to turn against one another.

This Sunday, we will discover the story of the Walls of Jericho and how God helped the Israelites overcome a seemingly impossible obstacle through faith and obedience.

To help bring these stories to life, we are connecting each lesson with simple games and activities that reinforce the Bible's message in a fun and memorable way. We look forward to another great Sunday together!

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

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.



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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