

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Something New, 6/23,
11:00 a.m.



Safety Task Force, 6/25,
7:00 p.m.



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

This week brings together three very different moments: Juneteenth, the FIFA World Cup, and the sacred act of gathering for a funeral. At first glance, they may seem unrelated. Yet each reminds us of something deeply human: our need to remember where we have been, who we belong to, and what we hope for.

Juneteenth invites us to remember. It commemorates the day when the last enslaved people in Texas learned of their freedom, long after freedom had already been declared. It is a reminder that justice delayed is still worth pursuing, and that freedom is not only a historical event but an ongoing calling. We remember not to dwell in the past, but to help shape a more faithful future.

The World Cup, now capturing the attention of millions around the globe, reminds us of our shared humanity. People from every language, culture, and nation gather around a common field of play. For a few moments, borders seem less important than belonging. We cheer, celebrate, and hope together. It is a glimpse of the diverse community that God continues to gather from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

And then there are funerals—those sacred moments when we gather to remember a life, give thanks for love shared, and entrust one another to God's care. In the face of loss, we discover that grief and gratitude often walk hand in hand. Funerals remind us that our lives are connected to one another in ways that endure beyond death itself.

Whether remembering freedom won, watching nations gather in friendly competition, or honoring a loved one's life, we are reminded that life is not merely about individual achievement. It is also about community, memory, and hope.

As followers of Christ, we believe that God meets us in all these moments—in our celebrations, our competitions, our struggles for justice, and our tears. The God who liberated the oppressed, gathers the nations, and comforts the grieving continues to lead us toward a future filled with hope.

May we remember well, gather graciously, and live faithfully.



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



- June 20 Carl Strand's Funeral Service, 10:00 a.m.
 21 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
 23 Something New, 11:00 a.m.
 25 Safety Task Force, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



- 21 Kam Grant
 22 Taylor Bond
 22 Camden McLean



- 21 Doug & Sharon VanWie
 23 Brian Bodt & Carol Galloway
 24 Matthew & Shannon Cameron
 24 David & Debra Bond
 24 Christianne & Michael Smith

Carl Strand's Funeral Service:



All are invited to celebrate the life of our beloved, **Carl Strand**, on Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m. Lets surround Claire, Cari, C.J. and family with our love and support. You will find the link to Carl's obituary [here](#).

Something New:



Something New will be meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Safety Task Force:



The **Safety Task Force** will be meeting on Thursday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Promise Kids Update:



Promise Kids continues throughout the summer, and we are having a great time exploring our June theme, "**Against All Odds.**" Through stories like Jehoshaphat, Joshua and the walls of Jericho, and Gideon's 300 men, we are learning that God is with us in every challenge and that we can trust and obey God even when things seem impossible.

Don't forget to sign up for **Vacation Bible School!** VBS is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, enjoy games, music, crafts, and discover more about God's love together.

See you on Sunday!


LAST CALL FOR 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

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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