

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Last Choral Anthem for
the summer, 6/28



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

We have reached the middle of 2026.

Half the year is behind us. Half still lies ahead.

Some of us look back with gratitude; others with questions, grief, or unfinished hopes. Life has likely unfolded differently than we expected. Yet God has remained faithful through it all.

The midpoint of the year is not an invitation to measure what we have accomplished. It is an invitation to consider how we will live the days still before us.

Jesus never asked for half-hearted disciples. He invited us to love God and our neighbors with our whole hearts. Faith is not about finishing quickly but about remaining faithful, compassionate, and hopeful—one step at a time.

As we enter the second half of 2026, may we continue to choose kindness over indifference, hope over fear, and love over weariness. The God who has carried us this far is already waiting in the days ahead.

Halfway through.
Halfway left.

But never half-hearted.



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Our Week at a Glance . . .



June	28	Worship, 10:00 a.m.
June	28	VBS, 5:15 p.m.
June	29	VBS, 5:15 p.m.
June	30	VBS, 5:15 p.m.
July	1	VBS, 5:15 p.m.
July	2	VBS, 5:15 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations

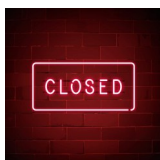


28	Peg Edgar
29	Joseph Kim
30	Audrey Vey
1	Connor Bauer
2	Chris LaRusso
2	Kathy Esposito



26	Don & Ginny Ludwig
1	Len Mecca & Sharon Coyner
3	Daniel & Lianne Adamczyk

Summer Office Hours Update:



For the summertime, the church office will be **closed on Fridays**. This means that for July and August, Fri-mail will be “Thurs-mail.” We will return to Fri-mail in September! If you have an announcement to include in the *Courier*, please be sure it reaches the office by **Wednesday**. Thank you for helping us stay organized during these summer months!

SPR Announcement:



Our much loved music director, **Mara Weed**, has decided the time has come to **retire**. We are so happy for her and have truly been blessed by the many years she has supported the **music ministry** at CUMC. Although this Sunday will be her last day leading the choir in worship, she will continue to serve in her role throughout the summer with her last official day being Sunday, Aug 30th.

The SPRC has been praying and working together to search for someone to fill this very significant vacancy. God has answered our prayers! **Rose Kim**, a member of our church family, comes to us with many musical talents and expertise. She has **graciously accepted the position of music director** which will be effective in Sept and allow for a seamless transition of our continued music ministry together. She will also be able to continue in her position as Director of Christian Education.

Thanks be to God!

Website Update Announcement:



Since Covid was now six years ago, it's time to refresh our church website—and I need your help! If you have **photos of the church, congregation, or events**, please send them to eamused@gmail.com.

If you have **website design experience**, I'd love to connect. I'm learning as I go and enjoying the process.

Committee chairs: please send a **brief description** of your committee and **highlights from this past year**. Thank you! **-Rhonda Pattberg**

Summer Music:



Our Choir is heading into its summer hiatus! If you'd like to offer **special music** this summer, please see **Mara**.

Does your child play an **instrument**? We'd love to hear what they've been learning! And, if you enjoy singing, keep an eye out for **pick-up choir** opportunities—simple, low pressure ways to join others in offering special music.

CUMC Summer Sports:



Tiffany Russo is spearheading some summer fun for us! If you're interested in playing **co-ed pickleball or softball**, this info is for you! **Pickleball** meet ups will be held 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, and 8/30. **Softball** meet ups will be held on 7/26 and 8/9. All meet ups will be at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park. **All skill levels are invited, kids, too!** Let's have some fun and friendly competition. Please see **Tiffany** for more information!

Promise Kids Update:



This Sunday, our children will learn about the **Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10–18) and discover how God equips us to stand strong in the spiritual battles we face every day. Through Bible stories, discussion, and activities, they will explore how faith, truth, righteousness, peace, salvation, and God's Word help us live courageously as followers of Jesus.

We are also excited to begin participating in **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** with our friends at Grace UMC in Southington starting this Sunday. We look forward to a wonderful week of worship, learning, friendship, and fun!

As summer continues, we invite you to keep all of our children, families, volunteers, and leaders in your prayers.

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."



Please keep in mind that Fridays are the Pastor's Sabbath. The office will also be closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Unless it's a pastoral emergency, please leave a message at 203-272-4626 or email office@cheshireumc.com, and it will be addressed on Monday. Thank you!



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