

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am

THERE IS **NO** CHURCH COUNCIL OR
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
THIS MONTH



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

Over the past few weeks, we have watched languages, flags, songs, and cultures come together in stadiums and living rooms around the world. We cheer for our own nations, celebrate moments of brilliance, sigh through moments of disappointment, and watch strangers embrace over their shared love of the beautiful, and at times, not so beautiful games. Rivalries remain, but so does a remarkable truth: the tournament only exists because every nation agrees to play by the same rules and pursue the same goal. The

World Cup will end in ten days, but should its message end with it?

The Church has something to contemplate from that.

The people of God have never been one culture, one language, or one nation. From the beginning, God's vision has been a community gathered from every tribe, every people, and every tongue—not to erase our differences, but to celebrate them as gifts offered to God.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that the Church is one body with many members. (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:12) A body is not healthy because every part looks the same. It is healthy because every part contributes something unique to the life of the whole.

Perhaps that is why the Church often looks more like the World Cup than we realize. We come with different stories, traditions, personalities, and perspectives. Yet we are invited onto the same field—not as competitors, but as teammates in God's mission of love, justice, mercy, and hope.

The world often asks, "Which nation will win?"

The Church asks a different question: "How can all God's people flourish together?"

May this World Cup remind us that our deepest identity is not found in the flag we wave, but in the grace we share. And may the Church become a place where all God's people come together as one beautiful team.

One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One people of God.

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



Our Week at a Glance . . .



July 12 Worship, 10:00 a.m.
THERE ARE NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Our Church Family Celebrations



12 Meaghan Desmond
13 Rachel Driscoll Raffone
14 Sebastian Little
15 Tracy Hanke
15 Will Trumbo



17 Joe & Linda Pisani

REMINDER:



There will be **NO Church Council** or **Finance Committee** meeting this month.

PowerPoint Help Needed URGENTLY!



Dear Congregation— It takes 'many hands to make light THE work'...as you all know. This church currently has 3 people who **embellish the PowerPoints** to supplement our worship. 2 of the 3 will be unavailable for much of the summer, leaving only one person able to create them. If you can utilize this fun application called PowerPoint, **please reach out to Matt Heafy NOW**. The current PowerPoint personnel are more than willing to work with you as you learn.

Clothesline Fundraiser:



Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. During our first week, we raised **\$540!!** Wow, what a start! How it works: Choose any of the **150 numbered envelopes** (plus children's decorated envelopes). The number is the **minimum donation** placed inside. Add your name/address if you want it recorded toward your pledge; anonymous gifts are also welcome. Pastor Steve will share weekly updates as we work to "clear the line!" Filling every envelope would raise **\$11,325** for our church!

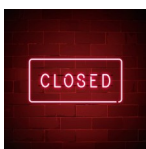
Summer Music:



Our Choir is on 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.

Church Office Closed on Fridays:



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!

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 7/19, 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 month, we're exploring some of the **Big Questions** of our faith:

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is the Church?

Last Sunday, we began with **“Who is God?”** Throughout the week, take a few moments as a family to notice the many ways God shows love and care—through your family, good health, the beauty of creation, and the everyday blessings all around you. Simple conversations like these help children grow in gratitude and deepen their understanding of who God is.

We can't wait to continue the journey together this Sunday. Promise families, come and worship with us!

Church Website Update:



We're refreshing our church website! Please send any church or event photos to **eamused@gmail.com**.

Website designers—I'd love to connect.

Committee chairs: please send a brief description and yearly highlights.

— Rhonda Pattberg



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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