

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



Join us on Sunday for
worship at 10:00 a.m.



See page 3 for needs at
the Food Pantry



SPPR meets Tuesday at
7:00 p.m.



Something New meets on
Tuesday, 11:00 A.M.

From Our Pastor



Dear Beloved Community of Cheshire,

This week has been filled with the joy of putting names to faces. For me, it's been especially meaningful for two reasons: first, the simple gift of getting to know someone new; and second, the deeper connection that happens when that getting-to-know takes place around a shared table.

There's a phrase I once read on a banner outside a bookstore in Seoul. Translated, it reads: *"The coming of a person is a tremendous thing, because an entire life comes with them."*

That's exactly what I witnessed at our tables this week. Each person brought their story, and somehow, in conversation and laughter, those stories found common ground. That common ground became a shared table—complete with sweet treats, lemonade, and tea. In welcoming each other, we're taking part in something truly sacred. And yes, a spoonful of sugar—just a teaspoon—only sweetens the work!

As much as I cherished our time together, I found myself wishing we had just a little more. More time to invite each other in, to let our lives walk side by side. Because that—this act of making room for one another—is no small thing. It's a tremendous gift.

And for such a gift, we say with full hearts: *Thanks be to God.*

With full heart,
Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Our Week at a Glance . . .



July 20 Worship
 22 Something New, 11:00 a.m.
 SPPR, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



20 Justin Van Wiewa
 21 Madison Napolitano
 22 Taylor Bond
 22 Lucian Ferraiolo
 22 Karan Myers
 23 Jason Dioses
 23 Joe Attanasio
 25 Don Bogrette
 26 Mark Gilleylen
 26 Carolyn Kelly



25 Carl & Mary Helming

Something New — Tuesday



Something New meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. This is a time for anyone to meet together in a casual coffee/tea time atmosphere for fellowship and fun conversation.

SPPR — Tuesday



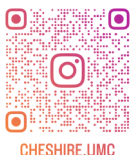
The SPPR Committee meets this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in The Faithful Thomas Room.

Church Council — July 29



Church Council meets next on Tuesday, July 29 in Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m. This will be our first meeting with Steve. All are welcome to be a part of this meeting. Minutes for the June meeting are [here](#).

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Cheshire Community Pantry Needs and Shelter Now — July 12



Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. Currently looking for volunteers for August 9, September 13 and October 11. The time commitment is about from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067;



From Your Editor:

So. . .I received NO takers for a family story. . .so, let's try a different tactic. Tell us about your favorite pet. Send your story to office@cheshireumc.com and it will be included in next week's Courier.

Mara: When I was about 2 1/2 years old my family got a new dog (I don't remember the previous dog). The night he arrived is my earliest memory. My dad came home on a rainy night with an adorable beagle puppy. We kids were already in bed, but were awakened to meet our new "brother". What I most remember is that he was given a small bowl of milk, but just looked at it. Then my dad gently pushed his mouth into the milk, and he began lapping up that milk! We named him Josh and he was with us 16 years.

Booklettes — August 18



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on August 18 in The Faithful Thomas Room. The book for August is *Woman with the Cure* by Lynn Cullen. Dawn Deganis will be hosting. For the schedule for our 2025 books, see [here](#).



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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