

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our Sanctuary:



Sunday Worship, 10:00am



Something New,
7/28, 11:00 a.m.



SPR, 7/28, 7:00
p.m.



Check out our YouTube
Channel-link on website



From Our Pastor:

Sometimes the things we carry do not settle quietly.

A concern keeps circling through our thoughts. An unanswered question stirs our emotions. A past hurt rises again, clouding what once seemed clear. Like sand swirling in water, our worries can make it difficult to see where God is or what we should do next.

When the sands don't settle, our instinct may be to shake the jar even more—to replay every possibility, force an answer, or fix everything at once. But constant striving only keeps the water cloudy.

Instead, be still.

Stillness does not mean pretending that nothing is wrong. It means bringing what troubles us into the presence of God and trusting Him with what we cannot control. We can name each burden honestly, release it prayerfully, and resist picking it back up every few minutes.

Clarity may not come immediately. The circumstances may remain unchanged for a while. Yet as we wait before God, something within us begins to settle. Fear loosens its grip. Our breathing slows. His peace guards the places where anxious thoughts once ruled.

And when our minds begin stirring the water again, we return to Him again. Surrender is not always a single moment; sometimes it is a daily, even hourly, decision.

You do not have to see through the cloudy water to know that God is present. You do not have to understand everything to take the next faithful step. Let Him hold what is too heavy for you. Allow His truth—not your worry—to become the ground beneath your feet.

When the sands don't settle, stop shaking the jar. Be still, pray, wait, and trust the One who sees clearly even when you cannot.

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." (Isaiah 26:3)



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Our Week at a Glance . . .



July	26	Worship, 10:00 a.m.
July	28	Something New, 11:00 a.m.
July	28	SPR, 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



25 Don Bogrette
26 Mark Gilleylen
26 Carolyn Kelly
30 Brayden Jean



25 Carl & Mary Helming
31 Steve & Sue Trumbo

Something New:



Something New will meeting on Tuesday, July 28th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SPR:



SPR will be meeting on Tuesday July 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

Back to School Collection:



CUMC will be collecting school supplies for children at Fair haven School and Conte West Hills in New Haven now through Aug 16th. Please consider making a donation-see list for most needed items. Leave your items in the collection bin in the narthex. If you would prefer to make a monetary contribution, you can put cash or a check (made out to CUMC with note "Back to School" in the offering plate. Cash (or checks made out to CUMC w/notation of Back to School) donations should be in no later than Sun, Aug 9th, so we can shop before school starts. For more details please see Jennifer Roeder.

Needed Items (**most asked for):

**Good Quality #2 Pencils

**Paper- Loose Leaf, Composition Books, Spiral Notebooks

Also:

Binders/Folders

Backpacks

Markers/Crayons

Staples has deals on school supplies including:

Spiral notebooks- \$0.35; Composition notebooks- \$0.50; Folders- \$0.25; 8-Packs of Staples pencils- \$0.65

Altar Flowers - Special Announcement:



Our dear friends at Plumb Farms have decided to retire. We have loved their creative approach to beautifying our worship space. As we find a new vendor, the **Worship Committee** is asking that once people have enjoyed the flowers they contributed, **please return the vase for reuse.**

Clothesline Fundraiser:



Our **Clothesline Fundraiser** is running now through Labor Day. We have already raised **\$3,324!!** 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. Please provide your name so we can give you credit for your donations. Pastor Steve will share weekly updates as we work to "clear the line!" Filling every envelope would raise **\$11,325** for our church! What a blessing that would be.

Promise Kids Update:



Last Sunday, our Promise Kids explored the Big Question, "**Who is the Holy Spirit?**" We learned that the Holy Spirit helps us show kindness and do good for our friends, families, and neighbors. We also discovered how important it is to listen to and obey God's voice. When we follow the Holy Spirit, God shapes our hearts and helps us become more like Jesus.

This week, I encourage your family to pause and ask, "**How is the Holy Spirit inviting us to show God's love today?**" It may be through a kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart, or simply choosing to do what is right.

We look forward to worshiping and learning with you again this Sunday. See you at Promise Kids!

Supporting Bryan as he leaves for Canada:



As many of you know, our friend **Bryan Sijabat** from Indonesia, has been working locally as a greenhouse worker for the last few months. He has chosen to worship with us during his time here, and you have welcomed him warmly. He recently interviewed to stay in the program and his current boss drove him to Canada yesterday to connect with an affiliated greenhouse business. With Steve's blessing, I am **collecting contributions** from anyone who would like to **help Bryan out** as he relocates. (We did the same for Wadzie when she left for Canada). This is totally voluntary. If possible, please have your contributions to me by Sunday. Once he is established there, I will wire the donation to him. Thank you. - Carolyn Kelly

Chair lift to give:



Do you know someone who could use an **Acorn stairlift** for their home? Carolyn Kelly is offering a complete, fully disassembled lift **free to anyone in need**. There are a few product-specific details, so please connect with Carolyn if you're interested.

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

Pastoral Emergency:



Pastor Steve will be away from 7/20-7/30. In the event of a **pastoral emergency**, Rev. Ahn from the First United Methodist Church in Wallingford will be on call. He can be reached by email at soon. Ahn@nyac-umc.com or by mobile phone: 203-500-1119. For non-emergencies, please reach out to the office.

CUMC Summer Sports:



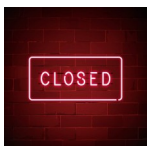
Tiffany Russo is spearheading some summer fun for us! If you're interested in playing **co-ed pickleball or softball**, this info is for you! **Pickleball** meet ups will be held 8/2, 8/16, and 8/30. A **Softball** meet up will be held on 8/9. All meet ups will be at 4:00 p.m. at Cheshire Park for pickleball and 4:00 p.m. at Bartlem Park for softball. Please let us know if you'll attend the softball game, so we know if we have enough participants. Invite a friend! **All skill levels are invited, kids, too!** Let's have some fun and friendly competition. Please see **Tiffany** for more information!

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 Pastor Steve, Rhonda or Mara NOW**. The current PowerPoint personnel are more than willing to work with you as you learn.

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!



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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