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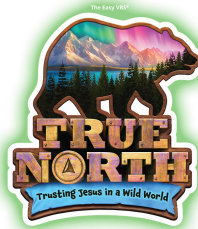
Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



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Help us welcome the Kims.
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From Our Pastor



Dear Beloved Community of Cheshire,

What a joy it is to say hello for the very first time—even if it's through text!

In today's world, we're used to connecting through messages, apps, and social media. It makes sense that our first meeting might be through words on a screen. But we also know—nothing replaces the power of being together in person. There's something sacred and irreplaceable about looking one another in the eye, sharing a smile, and simply showing up.

This first issue of the *Courier* is a small step toward connection. If reading this is helpful to you, I'm so glad we've met here. And if you prefer face-to-face conversation, then let's meet on Sunday. I'd love to greet you with a smile that no emoji can match.

They say it takes at least 40 hours for a first impression to take root—so let's not count this one just yet. I hope the first real impression we make on each other is this Sunday, in worship. Come as you are. Bring your hopes, your questions, your heart. Together, we'll begin this new season grounded in God's love, justice, and peace—on earth as it is in heaven.

I look forward to meeting you.

With joy,
Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Our Week at a Glance . .



July 6 Worship

Our Church Family Celebrations



8 Trish Jenings
9 Claire Strand
10 Dick Lau
11 Peter Weed
12 Meaghan Desmond



6 Creighton & Karan Myers
10 Barbara & Michael Foster

Let's Celebrate. . .with a good, old-fashioned Ice Cream Sundae party



While we are in celebration mode, let's all join in welcoming our new pastor, Steve, and his family, Rose, Joseph, Daniel and Miriel. Following worship on July 6th the Choir will host Ice Cream Sundaes. You can start planning your toppings already!!

Vacation Bible School — Grace UMC, Southington



Grace UMC in Southington has graciously invited our Sunday School children to be a part of their VBS. It will be July 6-10, from 5:15-7:45 each evening. This is for PreK-8th grade kids. Please use this [link](#) to register your child/ren. (You will need to do a separate registration for each child. Several of our kids have attended in the past and asked to go back the following year!! Cost is \$30 per child and includes snack and dinner. For more information please reach out to the church office or Amey DiVito ameydivito@gmail.com Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant Street, Southington.

Booklettes — July 15



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on July 15 in The Faithful Thomas Room. The book for July is *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout. For the schedule for our 2025 books, see [here](#).

Something New — July 22



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.

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](#).



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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