

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



Calling acolytes! See page 2.



Trustees meet August 19, 7:00 p.m.



See page 2 for school supplies being collected by our Missions Comm.

From Our Pastor



Dear Beloved Community of Cheshire,

On a recent trip to the West Coast, I made the mistake of wearing sandals for hiking instead of sneakers. It didn't take long for small rocks and sand to find their way in. Most of the time, I could keep walking, but eventually one sharp little stone stopped me in my tracks.

I was still annoyed—until we came across a creek. Everyone else in my family, wearing sneakers, hesitated to take theirs off. Me? I was in the water instantly, sandals and all. That “mistake” suddenly became a gift—an invitation to pause, splash, and enjoy the cool refreshment together.

We often regret mistakes, whether from not knowing better or from plain stubbornness. Yet God has a way of redeeming them—teaching us, surprising us, and turning them into moments of joy.

The Old Testament repeats God's words: “Fear not.” Fear can stop us just as quickly as that tiny stone. But whether God removes the stone or leads us to the water, we are never left without hope—or refreshment.

Would you care to journey with God in sandals or sneakers? Me? Wherever God is going, I am all in, even my bare feet!

Our Week at a Glance . . .



August 17 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 19 Booklettes 7:00 p.m.
 19 Trustees 7:00 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



19 Teagan Jean
 20 Wadzanai Chigumira
 20 Derrick DeVilbiss



19 Andy and Gail DeBoer
 21 Paul and Juanita Champagne
 21 Henry and Diane Dynia

School Supplies Collection—Missions at Work!



This is the final Sunday CUMC will be collecting school supplies for children at Fair haven School and Conte West Hills in New Haven from July 27th- Aug 17th. 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 donations should be in no later than Sun, Aug 10th, so we can shop before school starts.

Needed Items (**most asked for):

**Good Quality #2 Pencils

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

Also:

Binders/Folders

Backpacks

Markers/Crayons

Calling Acolytes!



After worship this Sunday, August 17, there will be a meeting in the sanctuary for children in third grade or higher who would like to be an acolyte. A parent needs to accompany the child. Please see Dawn with any questions.

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](#).

Something New — August 26



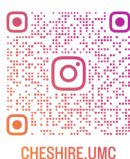
Something New meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. This is a time for anyone to meet together in a casual coffee/tea time atmosphere for fellowship and fun conversation.

Church Council — September 9



Church Council meets next on Tuesday, September 9 in Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to be a part of this meeting. Minutes for the July meeting are [here](#).

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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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