

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.



Something New, Tuesday



Grandparents' mums See page 2.

From Our Pastor



Dear Beloved Community,

This time of year, many children and families step into the newness of the first day of school. New teachers, new classmates, new routines—even new pencils and backpacks. For some, it is exciting. For others, it feels a little uncertain. Yet all of it is part of a journey that helps them grow, learn, and discover new possibilities.

In much the same way, the Church is called into God's newness. We are invited to take steps into what may feel unfamiliar—new ministries, new relationships, new ways of being community. Sometimes this newness excites us; other times it stretches us. But just like those children walking into their classrooms, we do not step alone. God walks with us, guiding, encouraging, and surrounding us with grace.

So as we see signs of new beginnings all around us, may we also embrace the newness God is unfolding here among us. Let us bring our curiosity, courage, and compassion to this season, trusting that God is leading us into a future where love is deeper, joy is wider, and our welcome grows ever more expansive.

With hope for what God is making new,

Steve

Our Week at a Glance . . .



August 24 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 26 Something New 11:00 a.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



24 Colin Strand
 28 Jane Quinn



23 Steve and Rose Kim
 30 Mark and Christina Gilleylen

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.

Grandparents' Day Mums



Cheshire UMC will observe Grandparents' Day on September 7th. Check [here](#) to access a form to honor and memorialize important grandparents, or people who are like grandparents in your life. Orders must be in the office no later than August 31st.

Calling Acolytes! — September 7



After worship on Rally Day Sunday, September 7, 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.

Rally Day — September 7



It's coming! Cheshire UMC's Rally Day is September 7. Students are asked to bring backpacks to be blessed. Sunday School will begin anew. And, all will be topped with a picnic! Come one, come all. . .you really don't want to miss this!

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](#).

Shelter Now — September 13



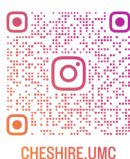
Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. Currently looking for volunteers for September 13 and October 11. The time commitment is about from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067;

Booklettes — September 15



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on September 15 in The Faithful Thomas Room. The book for August is *Lovely One* by Ketanji Brown Jackson. Elaine Lau will be hosting. For the schedule for our 2025 books, see [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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