

# 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.



See Page 3 for info on The Chosen



Come early for HYMN SING this Sunday!

## From Our Pastor



Dear Beloved Community,

Like many of you, I woke up on Wednesday heartbroken by the news of another tragic shooting—this time in Minnesota. A place where people live everyday lives—where kids go to school, where neighbors share meals, where families make memories—suddenly shaken by fear, gunfire, and deep loss.

We don't yet know all the details. But we do know this: lives have been taken, families are grieving, and a whole community has been changed forever.

Even in the face of such heartbreak, we are called not to turn away or become numb—but to keep showing up. With compassion. With prayer. With a deep commitment to say: this is not the way it has to be.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, confused, or simply heavy-hearted, please don't carry it alone. I'm here if you need someone to talk to, pray with, or just sit with in silence.

And on a different note—Rally Sunday is just around the corner, and I truly look forward to meeting you. Come as you are. Come to worship. Come experience the warmth of this community and the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

With care and hope,

Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

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## Our Week at a Glance . . .



August 31    Worship 10:00 a.m.  
September 2    Trustees 7:00 p.m.  
                    3    Choir Potluck and Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

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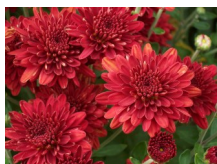
## Our Church Family Celebrations



1 Calleigh McLean  
5 Phelan Maruca-Sullivan  
6 Trevor Bond  
6 Nolan Missakian

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## 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.

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## 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!

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## 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.

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## 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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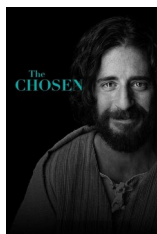
## Shelter Now — September 13



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 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067;

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## The Chosen — September 15



**The Chosen** is back! Season 5 with 8 Episodes will begin on Monday, September 15th, for 8 weeks, ending on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Class starts at 7 p.m. and usually ends 8:30-9 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the class needs to let Steve know by September 7<sup>th</sup>, as space is limited to 12 participants. If there is a large response, a second class may be added.

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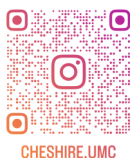
## Booklettes — September 16



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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## Join us on Instagram



Scan this QR code to follow Cheshire UMC on Instagram.  
Thanks to Trish Jenings for leading our Instagram account.

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## Choir is BACK!!



Calling singers, ringers, and all who want to be! We kick off our Choir Season on Wednesday, September 3 with a potluck supper at the church, 6:30 p.m. A brief rehearsal will follow our fellowship time. Choir will join in Rally Day with our traditional anthem, "With a Voice of Singing". Bell rehearsal will begin on September 17. If this small group ministry is something you have considered, please join us!

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## Something New — September 23



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.

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## Sign up for Fellowship and Flowers

Sign-up sheets for altar flowers and coffee hour hosts are up for the remainder of 2025. Ask someone to host fellowship time with you! Flower orders are \$65.

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## Welcome — from SPPR



Steve, Rose, Joseph, Daniel and Miriel are adjusting to a new town, school, friends and church. Let's all be intentional in our efforts to welcome them into our community and church family in the coming months. A phone call, an invitation to dinner, meeting out for an ice cream, a chance to sit over a quiet cup of coffee, meeting at the church for dessert or even a game night in fellowship hall. The sky's the limit when it comes to being good neighbors!



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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