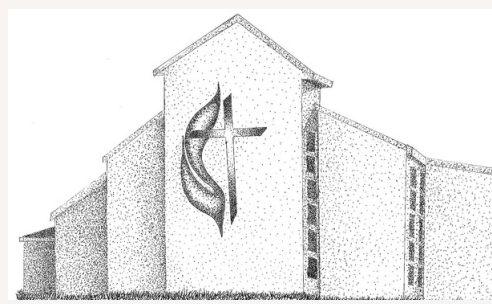
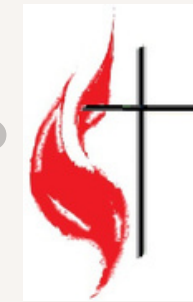




The Weekly Courier

A weekly newsletter brought to you by Cheshire United Methodist Church



From the Pastor:

September brings us back.

Back to school. Back to work. Back to practices, rehearsals, meetings, homework, alarms, calendars, and routines.

After the looser rhythm of summer, “back-to-school” often means something larger than returning to a classroom. It means returning to structure.

Structure can sometimes feel restrictive. We may prefer the freedom of an open calendar, a late morning, or a day without plans. Yet healthy structure is not simply about limitation. It can also create the space in which life grows.

A trellis gives a vine somewhere to climb. The banks of a river give water direction. The lines on a musical staff help turn scattered notes into music.

Our spiritual lives need structure too.

Jesus had rhythms of prayer, worship, teaching, serving, withdrawing, and returning to community. The early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Their faith was not sustained by inspiration alone. It was nurtured through practices repeated again and again.

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From the Pastor Continued:

Perhaps September invites us not only back to school, but back to the practices that school our hearts.

Back to worship. Back to prayer. Back to Scripture. Back to community. Back to serving our neighbors.

Back to paying attention to God.
Structure will not make every day easy. But faithful rhythms can hold us when life becomes unpredictable.

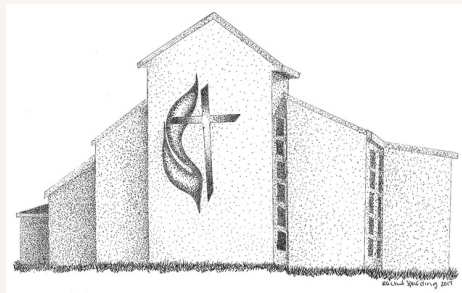
So as backpacks return to shoulders and calendars begin filling again, perhaps we can ask:

What spiritual rhythm do I want to return to this fall?

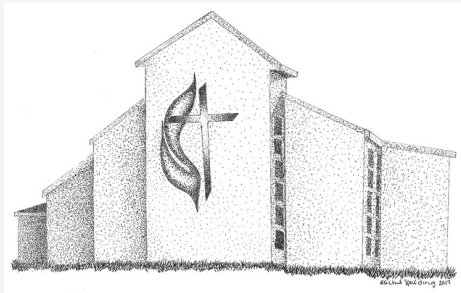
Sometimes going “back” is not moving backward at all.
Sometimes it is how God helps us move forward.



Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim
Senior Pastor
Cheshire United Methodist Church



This Week at CUMC:



September 6	Worship, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
September 8	Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
September 8	Church Council, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
September 12	Shelter Now, 8:30 a.m., Meriden

Our Church Family Celebrations



6	Trevor Bond
6	Nolan Missakian
10	Marisa Deganis
12	Mark Valerio



VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Volunteers for Worship 9/6:



<i>Usher:</i> Holly Carey	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Rhonda Pattberg
<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Fellowship:</i> Sergio and Dawn Deganis	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Steve Trumbo
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Carolyn Kelly	<i>Counters:</i> Leean Spalding, Elaine Lau
<i>Lector:</i> Kai Grant	<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Ginny Ludwig
<i>Communion Steward:</i> Farai Grant	<i>THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY CARE PROVIDED THIS WEEK.</i>

We will be collecting for the Food Pantry this Sunday!

Finance Committee:



The Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Council:



Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can find last month's minutes [here](#).

Shelter Now:



Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. The time commitment is from 8:30-10:00 a.m. We will next be serving on September 12th. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jlynnroeder@aol.com.

Clothesline Fundraiser:



This weekend is the close of the Clothesline Fundraiser. To this point, we have raised \$8,229! Wow! What a blessing for our church. If you would still like to help “clear the line,” your contributions will be accepted on Sunday!

Rally Day NEXT WEEK!:



We will be celebrating Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th, following worship! Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in bringing a side or dessert to share!

Promise Kids Update:



Summer break is officially coming to an end, and it's time to head back to school! Some of our children have already started, while others will begin after Labor Day. We're praying for every child as they enter a new year of learning, growing, and making new friends.

Our Children's Ministry team is also working hard to plan and prepare an exciting new year for Promise Kids! We're grateful for your prayers, support, and continued interest—each one is greatly appreciated and deeply needed.

We look forward to a wonderful year together!

Cooperative Parish Bake Off!:

SAVE THE DATE: Cooperative Parish Dessert Bake Off

Where: Asbury UMC, 90 Church Ave, Bristol

****Carpooling options will be available if you would like to go.**

When: Sunday, September 27th, 1-3pm

Cost: Free Will Donation

Money going to Heifer International for our collective fundraiser.

Come for a fun afternoon of fellowship, sampling lots of delicious desserts, and of course, voting on your favorites!

Looking for bakers:

Do you love to bake? Have a favorite recipe to make? When you serve it, does everyone always want seconds? Come bake for us!!

- 2 to 3 bakers from each church. There will be a Sign Up Genius coming soon.
- Recipes should be able to be divided into small servings for tastings.
- Bring 10 copies of your recipe.
- Fun prizes to be awarded. Plus bragging rights for the winners!

Thank you:



Thank you to all of CUMC for the love shown to me this past Sunday. It has truly been an honor to be a part of the ministry of our wonderful church. You have made me a better musician. . .and there's still room to grow!

Thank you to David for his kind words, both his own and those he shared from Ken. Thank you to SPPR for the wonderful Fellowship Time, the beautiful flowers and the generous gift. And, thanks to Steve for the prayers as a new window opens for me (and for CUMC).

I told Rose she needed to be in church so I could hand the baton to her. I know the ministry of music that has been CUMC since I first came, will continue to grow and lead us forward. Much love to all and not goodbye, but arrivederci! - Love, Mara Weed

Grandparents Day Flowers:



As a reminder this Sunday, September 6th, is the last Sunday to place your order for Grandparents' Day Mums. You can find the order form [here](#). For further information, please speak with Dot Mattson.

Website Announcement:



Website rebuild is almost ready. We need your pictures as you take them to keep the site updated and relevant to what we are. Please ALWAYS send them to Rhonda at eamused@gmail.com or 203-980-7163.

Announcement from Worship Committee:



The Worship Committee is working to clean out their closet. In doing so, they've come across 6 long heavy duty tubes, they're approximately 7 ft long. They're great for storing fabrics. If you have a use for these tubes, please let Dawn Deganis know.

CCC Announcement:



Cheshire Creation Care (CCC) is sponsoring a talk as part of its mission to educate the community about the environment. Please mark your calendars for O! O! O! Opossums, Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 at the First Congregational Church in Cheshire.

Pam and Bill Lefferts from the Ferncroft Animal Rescue will present their Backyard Wildlife: All About Opossums program complete with live, in-person marsupial ambassadors. This presentation is family friendly, geared for all ages not just children, and is guaranteed to increase your appreciation for these gentle and beautiful creatures. Learn about opossums' biology, habits, and rehabilitation and get a chance to touch one! (They are actually very soft!).

If you would like more information about the work of Cheshire Creation Care, contact Steve Trumbo (203-859-1670 or trumbo@uconn.edu).

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BEWARE:



Important Scam Alert

Dear Church Family,

I want to make you aware of a recent email scam involving my name. One of our church members received an email that appeared to be from me, but it came from a suspicious email address and asked the recipient to purchase gift cards.

Please carefully check the email address of the sender whenever you receive a message that appears to come from me. My official church email address is pastor@cheshireumc.com. If you receive a message claiming to be from me from any other email address—especially one asking for gift cards, money, or other financial assistance—please consider it suspicious. Do not respond, click on any links, or make any purchases.

Thank you for helping us keep one another informed and safe.

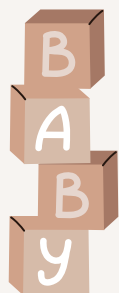
Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Welcome:



We would like to give a warm welcome to our a new Music Director, Rose Kim. Rose will be taking over at the bench this Sunday, September 6th. She has years of musical experience to share with our congregation and we look forward to hearing all she has to offer. Welcome, Rose!

Nursery Care:



Unfortunately, there will be **NO** nursery care this Sunday, September 6th. Please make note.

Media Ministry Opportunity:

Sign-up for a Scripture Reading Video Session with Cole Jackson for CUMC's Media Ministry!



Are there any bible verses that stand out to you as particularly meaningful or memorable? Do you have a favorite? Is there a moment in your life reflected in scripture? Was there a particular verse that changed your life? Let's share it with our community and help build a critical part of CUMC's Media Ministry! Each filming session takes only 10 to 20 minutes of your time. No experience necessary and the scripture need not be memorized. Bring yourself, your scripture, why it is important to you, and of course, bring your faith!

Time slots are still available:

Thursday September 10, 6:00–7:30 PM

Saturday September 12, 6:00–7:30 PM

Sign-up & additional details: <https://tacticalfocusmedia.pixieset.com/booking/scripture-reading-video-session>

Lectors:



We are still looking for lectors to help finish out the year! If you're interested, please see the sign-up sheet just outside of the sanctuary or contact the office.



Please keep in mind that Fridays are the Pastor's Sabbath. Unless it's a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 203-272-4626 or email office@cheshireumc.com and it will be addressed ASAP. Thank you!



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