

# 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



See Sue Trumbo to volunteer for a Sunday of Child Care.

## From Our Pastor



### **“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”**

Rally Sunday is just around the corner, and I believe it marks that first step—our beginning or recommitment to a shared Christian journey. For some, it may be the start of something brand new. For others, it’s a reminder that we are not walking this path alone. And if you’re someone who hasn’t yet stepped onto the path—I want you to know: you are welcome here.

Let’s be honest—who really *likes* a journey? Especially in a world that prizes quick fixes, instant results, and fast turnarounds. The idea of a long, winding road can feel daunting. We want to get to the destination quickly—and efficiently.

But there’s an old proverb that says:

**“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”**

What makes this journey meaningful isn’t just where we’re headed—it’s who we walk with. The companions we meet along the way are gifts, even when the road is hard. Let’s be real: not every traveling companion is easy to love. Sometimes, relationships can be challenging. But maybe that’s part of the journey too—learning how far we’re willing to go to meet one another where we are.

Along the way, we’ll hit rest stops—some that feel like an oasis, others that seem like distractions, and still others we’d rather avoid. But even those moments can teach us something about life, about faith, and about why we’re on this road to begin with.

Maybe I’m making a big deal out of Rally Sunday. But honestly? It means a lot to me. Because I believe it’s not just the start of another church year—it’s a sacred step in the lifelong journey of faith. And I’m so glad we get to take it together.

See you Sunday. Come as you are. Let’s begin again—together.

Grace and peace,  
**Rev. Dr. Steve Kim**

## Our Week at a Glance . . .



September 7 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 9 Church Council, 7:00 p.m.  
 10 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

## Our Church Family Celebrations



10 Marisa Deganis  
 12 Mark Valerio  
 13 Gary DeVilbiss  
 13 Tate Jenings  
 13 Joe Pisani

## Nursery Care — See Sue Trumbo



Will you consider volunteering one Sunday in our CUMC nursery? This is an important ministry at CUMC, which Barb Heafy coordinates. The nursery needs to be staffed by two volunteers each Sunday. Sue Trumbo will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the potluck lunch on Rally Day. Remember, “many hands make light work.”

## 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!

## 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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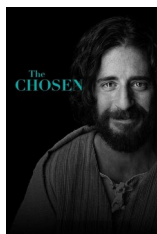
## Shelter Now — September 13



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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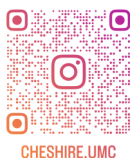
## Booklettes — September 16



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! 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 for rehearsals, Bells at 6:30 p.m., Choir at 7:30 p.m.

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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!

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## Missions Opportunity — Kind Works

The CT MidState Cooperative Parish will be volunteering at the Kind Works Studio located at 32 Stony Hill Rd in Bethel, CT. Volunteers will work on a variety of art activities and projects, usually painting pottery beads or Kindness Coins.

While volunteer opportunities are free to the public, a \$5 donation per person is suggested to help support kindness education and studio programming.

Volunteer opportunities will be on Sat 9/13 from 11am - 1pm and Tues 9/23 from 10am - noon. Kind Works is approx 45 mins from CUMC, so please consider carpooling.

[CLICK HERE](#) to signup. Please see Jennifer Roeder with any questions. You can also touch base with these church members who have already volunteered to see how their experience was: Mark Gilleylen, Dot Mattson, Renee Poet, & Jean Roeder.



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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