

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



Booklettes meet on Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.



The Chosen begins Monday



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

From Our Pastor



Jacques Ellul once said, *“The role of the Christian in society is to shatter the false necessities and fatalities of violence.”*

Yesterday marked 24 years since September 11. I don’t bring this up to reopen painful memories or trigger grief, but to invite us to pause and pray. We remember the families who lost loved ones, the first responders who gave their lives, and also those around the world—especially in the Middle East—who suffered as innocent people, wrongly blamed and dehumanized by violence they did not cause. The shockwaves of that day still ripple across our nation and the world.

And loss continues. Just this week, the news of Charlie Kirk’s death on September 10 stirred both media and social media. Whether the loss is one life or many, my heart aches. As a pastor, I hold both the grief of remembering the dead and the care for those who mourn.

And yet—life continues to rise in the midst of death. This Sunday, we will celebrate an infant baptism. Not as a quick turn to the “bright side,” but as an honest witness to the tension we live in: death and life, sorrow and new beginnings. In baptism, we are reminded that God meets us in this in-between place, this liminal space where we often feel lost.

As the baptismal covenant reminds us: *“The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.”*

So where do we go from here? We walk forward in faith, trusting that no matter where we find ourselves—in grief or in joy—God is with us. And in that promise, it is well with our souls.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Our Week at a Glance . . .



September 14 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 16 Booklettes, 7:00 p.m.
 17 Bells, 6:30 p.m.
 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



14 Jeff Hanke
 15 Jessica Gilleylen Miller
 16 Daniel Adamczyk



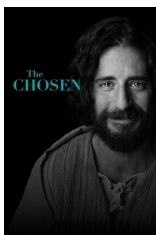
16 Michele & Scott Bloom
 17 Don and Mary Bogrette

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. See Barb or Sue Trumbo to get your name added to the list. Remember, “many hands make light work.”

The Chosen — September 15



The Chosen is back! Season 5 with 8 Episodes begins on Monday, September 15th, for 8 weeks, ending on Monday, November 3rd. Class starts at 7 p.m. and usually ends 8:30-9 p.m.

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. Carolyn Kelly will be hosting. For the schedule for our 2025 books, see [here](#).

Missions Opportunity — Kind Works



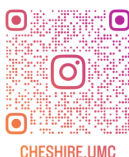
The CT MidState Cooperative Parish will be volunteering at the Kind Works Studio located at 32 Stony Hill Rd in Bethel, CT. Volunteers will work on a variety of art activities and projects, usually painting pottery beads or Kindness Coins.

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.

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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.

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!

Church Council — October 14



Church Council meets next on Tuesday, October 14 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 — October 11



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; Email: jlynnroeder@aol.com.

Cleanup Day — November 8



Trustees are announcing a Fall Cleanup on Saturday, November 8th at 8am . . .until the work is done! There is ample outside and inside work to do, so choose your favorite! Raking leaves, spreading wood chips, putting up stakes for the snow plow, dusting benches, clearing out the supply closet, washing windows, etc. Or, maybe you see something that needs doing? Thank you.

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.



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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