

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



Fall Clean Up —
November 8



The Chosen continues on
Monday



See Sue Trumbo to volunteer for a Sunday of Child

From Our Pastor

"How is it with your soul?"



This was a question early Methodists in 18th-century England would ask one another in small groups. Their gatherings—called “class meetings”—were spaces of encouragement, accountability, and prayer.

That old question feels especially timely today. With so much news of violence and oppression, our souls can feel weighed down. Freedom, safety, and peace often seem out of reach.

This Sunday marks the **International Day of Peace** (World Peace Day, September 21). Just days later, on October 2, we observe the **International Day of Non-Violence**, Gandhi’s birthday. These days remind us how deeply our world needs peace and non-violence.

I want to invite you into a simple practice: **journaling for peace and non-violence**. This isn’t about retreating into silence or attempting something grand. It’s about beginning where we are—allowing peace to take root in our own souls and flow into our daily actions. Small steps of kindness, patience, and care compound over time to create lasting change.

A journal will be available this Sunday in hardcopy, or you can download a PDF today here: ([Link](#))

May our prayers, reflections, and journaling draw us closer to God’s own heart—a heart that longs for peace and justice in the world God called good.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Our Week at a Glance . . .



September 21 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 24 Bells, 6:30 p.m.
 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



24 Maggie Ray
 27 Lisa Moran



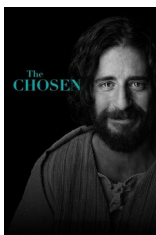
21 Chris & Sally LaRusso
 22 Tom and Cindy Russo
 27 Barb & Matt Heafy

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 22



The Chosen is back! This week will be Season 5, Episode 2. Class starts at 7 p.m. and usually ends 8:30-9 p.m.

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.

Missions Opportunity — Kind Works



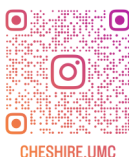
The CT MidState Cooperative Parish will be volunteering at the Kind Works Studio located at 32 Stony Hill Rd in Bethel, CT. Volunteers will work on a variety of art activities and projects, usually painting pottery beads or Kindness Coins.

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

The next volunteer opportunity is 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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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!

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.

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.

Booklettes — October 21



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on October 21 in The Faithful Thomas Room. The book for October is *When the World Fell Silent* by Donna Jones Alward.

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.



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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