

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



Join us on Sunday for worship at 10:00 a.m.
Hymn Sing at 9:50



Fall Clean Up —
November 8



The Chosen continues on
Monday



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

From Our Pastor



At a recent Connecticut District clergy gathering, we were asked a simple but profound question: *Why do you do ministry where you are?*

It made me think of the disciples. They walked closely with Jesus—saw him, heard him, ate with him—and still they wrestled with doubt, fear, and even frustration. Later, when they became apostles—literally “those who are sent”—their calling was not just to follow Jesus but to go where God’s heart ached.

So why do we do what we do? This isn’t just a question about survival or existence; it’s about purpose. And purpose is never static. It involves both a journey and a destination, a process and a product. Which leads to more questions: What is our purpose? Where are we headed? Who is traveling with us? And to whom are we sent?

I admit, I carry more questions than answers. But maybe that’s the point. Instead of trying to settle it with an easy response, I want to leave us with a different direction to ponder:

What would our community miss if the church was not here?

That question, too, begins with *why*.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Dr. Steve Kim

Our Week at a Glance . . .



September 28 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 29 The Chosen
 October 1 Bells, 6:30 p.m.
 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



27 Lisa Moran
 30 Don Ludwig
 30 Luke Heuser
 1 Brianna Prentice
 1 Barbara Foster
 2 Janis Evancha
 3 Peter Madden
 3 Dennis Englehard
 4 Kim Englehard

Coming soon. . . Committee Job Fair



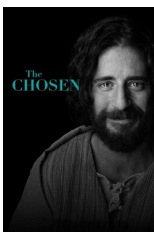
Committees from Church Council will be holding a Job Fair on Sunday, October 12. See the many areas that keep Cheshire UMC moving, and look for a spot you might want to fill. If you are not currently on a committee, maybe you can join. If you are on a committee, but are looking for a change, maybe this is your opportunity. Remember my grandmother's adage, "many hands make light work." Check [here](#) for the flyer.

Trunk or Treat! October 25



Also fresh from Church Council, Cheshire UMC will host a Trunk or Treat time for the Cheshire community from 3-5 p.m. We invite people to open their cars, decorate them for Halloween, and be ready to hand out candy to the trick-or-treaters who come our way. People in the congregation who want to contribute candy are most appreciated. Bring large bags of candy to be distributed to "our" kids and those who visit us.

The Chosen — Monday



The Chosen is back! This week will be Season 5, Episode 3. Class starts at 7 p.m. and usually ends 8:30-9 p.m.

Did you know it's 90 days until Christmas????!!



If you have ever wanted to be a part of our Christmas Cantata, but did not want to commit to a full year of choir, there is an opportunity open to you. Come to choir (Wednesday) at 7:30 and we will spend the first 30 minutes of rehearsal working on the cantata. Following that we will continue with our regular practice. You may leave for that, BUT our hope is that you see how much fun we are having, you will want to stay! Give it a try!!

Shelter Now — October 11



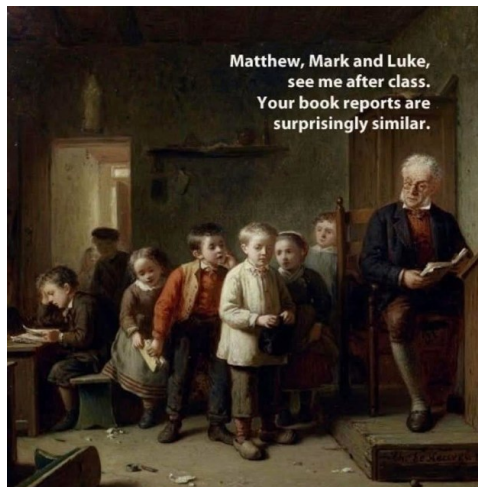
Shelter Now in Meriden: making breakfast for the men, women, & children staying at the shelter. Currently looking for volunteers for October 11. The time commitment is from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jlynnroeder@aol.com.

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](#).

A little Gospel Humor



Matthew, Mark and Luke,
see me after class.
Your book reports are
surprisingly similar.

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.

Something New — October 28

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.

Flowers and Fellowship



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.

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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