

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



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Keep bringing that candy for TWO upcoming events: Campus Candy and Truck or Treat



IMPORTANT news regarding our online Directory is on page 2.

From Our Pastor



In the fall of 1762, in England, Rev. John Wesley — the founder of the Methodist movement — wrote a short letter to his friend and lay leader, Dorothy Furlly.

Dorothy had asked about something that puzzled many in the early Methodist community — the idea of *Christian perfection*. Rev. Wesley didn't mean perfectionism, but rather the hope and possibility that one's heart could be made wholly faithful to God — not only at the moment of death, but even while living. His response was simple yet profound:

“I want you to be all love. This is the perfection I believe and teach.”

Many of us strive for excellence — whether in pickleball or in prayer, in the everyday or the sacred. We try to do things well, to be better at what we do. Yet when it comes to faith, the goal can feel less clear.

I think of my own New Year's resolutions — often strong for three days before old habits return. Our routines and patterns easily take over, dimming the vision of who we hope to become.

And still, here we are — again and again — drawn back to the place of grace. Not cheap grace that asks nothing of us, but costly grace that reminds us: someone has already taken our place of judgment and offered us a new beginning.

So that we, too, may become — all love.

Many blessings,

Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim
Senior Pastor
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Our Week at a Glance . . .



October	19	Worship 10:00 a.m.
	20	The Chosen, 7:00 p.m.
	21	Booklettes, 7:00 p.m.
	22	Bells practice, 6:30 p.m.
		Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



23 Nadia Bauer
23 Sharon VanWie

Job Fair — UPDATE



What a wonderful Church Council Committees did with exhibits showing the work done at Cheshire UMC. It is said that strong laity is the hallmark of a strong church. We look forward to new opportunities to continue the work. Feel free to contact any committee chair or member to volunteer!

Online Directory NEWS



Our church directory is undergoing an upgrade and the mobile app is temporarily unavailable. In the meantime, you can access the directory on your web browser by copying this link <https://app.onlinememberdirectory.com/> and pasting in your browser. Click the blue LOGIN button, enter your email address that appears in our directory, and click Sign In. Your old password no longer

Campus Candy Collection



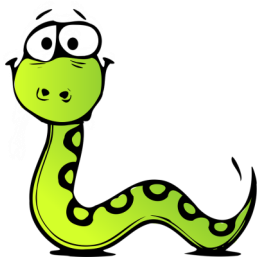
Every Halloween (and Valentine's Day) we send a box-full of candy to our college-age kids - a simple reminder of how much we love them! There is a festive Halloween box in the narthex for your donations of non-perishable sweet treats. Please be sure to drop them off no later than October 24. Boxes will be stuffed and addressed - ready on Sunday, October 26 to be mailed.

IMPORTANT Sunday School Request



Our Education Department is in need of one additional Sunday School teacher. The requirement is one Sunday a month you will work with an experienced teacher to help provide the foundation of Christian Education for our young children. Please speak with Brian Sullivan, Lianne Adamczyk or Steve with your interest.

From Cheshire Creation Care — October 20



Snakes Are Our Friends. Really. Monday, October 20 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall at The First Congregational Church. Herpetologist Dennis Quinn will give a talk about Connecticut's snakes. These fascinating but often misunderstood creatures play a vital role in our ecosystem and should be embraced not hated. Dennis Quinn is an expert on reptiles and is co-author of the latest CT DEEP publication: *Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles of Connecticut*. He serves as an environmental consultant, teaches at CCSU and NVCC, is an accomplished photographer, and founded CT Herpetology. Come and learn to love or, at least, appreciate these natural pest control masters. Sponsored by Cheshire Creation Care (CCC).

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. For the schedule for our 2025 books, see [here](#).

Trunk or Treat! October 25



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. Please see Jenn Roeder, Jim Jackson or Gerry Connelly for details.

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.

Choir Opportunity!!



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!!

Childcare Ministry



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. Remember, "many hands make light work."

Shelter Now — November 8



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. Contact Jennifer Roeder for more info or to sign up. Cell: 203-444-4067; Email: jllynnroeder@aol.com.

Sign up for Flowers and/or Fellowship Time



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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