

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



Join us on Sunday for worship at 10:00 a.m. Come early for Hymn Sing.



Sunday School request, page 4



Trunk or Treat is Sunday, 3:00-5:00. See you there!



IMPORTANT news regarding our online Directory is on page 2.

From Our Pastor



The March First Movement is remembered as a powerful act of nonviolent resistance by the people of Korea against Japanese colonial rule. On March 1, 1919, a young woman named Yu Gwan-sun became one of its leading voices. Mentored by Methodist missionaries Alice J. Hammond Sharp and Lulu Frey, she organized peaceful demonstrations that lifted a cry for independence, dignity, and hope for her people.

About thirty-five years later, in 1954, that same spirit of nonviolence rose again—this time in the American South. Rosa Parks, Diane Nash, and countless others carried forward that same vision: to stand against injustice not with fists of anger, but with hearts of love.

What connects these two movements, Korea's struggle for freedom and America's fight for civil rights, is a deep conviction that love has power. Love is not weak or passive. Love resists evil not by returning harm, but by refusing to join in it.

“To do no harm” is an intentional choice; to hold back anger, to pause before reacting, to seek peace where conflict seems inevitable. It is, in truth, love in action—the radical strength to overcome hate without becoming hateful.

This kind of love may seem small, like a mustard seed, yet it holds the power to move mountains of injustice.

Whether in the March First Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, or in the quiet choices we make each day—with our families, coworkers, and neighbors—the same invitation remains before us: It begins small—with one choice, one act, one heart willing to love.

Will you take that step of love today?

Many blessings,

Rev. Dr. Steve (Young Dong) Kim
Senior Pastor
Cheshire United Methodist Church

Our Week at a Glance . . .



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| October | 26 | Worship 10:00 a.m. |
| | 27 | The Chosen, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 28 | Something New, 11:00 a.m.
SPPR, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 29 | Bells practice, 6:30 p.m.
Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. |

Our Church Family Celebrations



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| 27 | Gemma Davis |
| 27 | Ginny Ludwig |
| 29 | Diane Gaborc |
| 31 | Cari Strand |

Campus Candy Collection



Please take a Campus Candy Box to mail to one of our young adult/youth.

Trunk or Treat! SUNDAY, 3:00-5:00 p.m.



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.

Children’s Bells to begin on Sunday

🎵 Join Our Sunday School Bell Players! 🎵



Starting **this Sunday**, all Sunday School children are invited to join a fun new Bell Playing group! We'll meet **right after Sunday School lessons** to practice and prepare music pieces for **Thanksgiving Sunday**.

No experience needed—just bring your excitement and a smile! You don't even need to read music. If you can tell colors apart, you're all set to ring and shine!

Come make joyful sounds together as we give thanks this season!

Something New — Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.



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: Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child has started again and runs through the last day to drop off shoeboxes on Sunday November 23 morning.

If you have done this before, thank you, and please only take the larger pamphlet if you have not done this before or really need it.

What is new: the larger pamphlet contains an envelope you can use for the \$10 per box (each box, please) and it contains a shipping label. You may also use a plain white envelope for the \$10 per box. Please do not give larger

quantities like \$20 for 2 boxes as the church we bring them to in Cheshire for shipping cannot break the bills.

There are separate shipping labels also if you have done this before. We have limited pamphlets. The boxes are there to take with easy assembly instructions on them.

The web site for Samaritan's Purse and link to Operation Christmas Child will give you any information you need to know, including what items are contraindicated (like toothpaste).

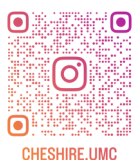
If you want to track your box around the globe, you must put in the number that is on the shipping label online only.

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 works, so select "Forgot your password" and follow the steps so reset it. We will send an update as soon as everything is up and running

Join us on Instagram



Scan this QR code to follow Cheshire UMC on Instagram. Thanks to Trish Jenings for leading our Instagram account.

All Saints' Day



All Saints Day is next Sunday, November 2nd. If you have a name that you'd like included on the Roll of the Departed, please give it to Steve by tomorrow.

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: jlynnroeder@aol.com.

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.

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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