

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



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From Our Pastor



Mother Teresa once said, *“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”*

Doing good can be surprisingly complicated. Even after we’ve done something kind or generous, we might wonder, *Did it really make a difference?* Sometimes, we comfort ourselves by saying, *At least it made me feel good.* But if goodness only serves to make us feel better, is it truly good?

Let’s take a step back. None of us exists in isolation. We become who we are through others. A person is a person because of relationships—because of belonging. Families, friends, and communities shape us, hold us, and give meaning to what we do.

The church, at its best, is one such intentional community—a place where we choose to belong because we follow Jesus Christ. Baptism and confirmation are not simply rituals; they are moments of saying, *I belong to this story, this people, this way of life.*

Now imagine this: one small stone can make ripples across the water. What happens when a whole community casts stones of love, compassion, and faith together? The ripples multiply. They become waves—perhaps even a tsunami of goodness.

That is the vision I hold: that a single act of faith might set off a chain reaction of hope—one ripple at a time, until the waters of the world begin to move with grace.

You might say that goodness, when shared, doesn’t just echo—it transforms. Let us do all the good you can

Many blessings,

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

Our Week at a Glance . . .



October	02 Worship 10:00 a.m.
	03 The Chosen, 7:00 p.m.
	04 Trustees. 7:00 p.m.
	05 Bells practice, 6:30 p.m.
	Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



- 3 Chris Driscoll
- 3 Mara Weed
- 4 David Wilkinson
- 5 Miriel Kim
- 6 Meghan VanWie
- 7 Caroline Stevenson

All Saints Day



All Saints Day is this Sunday, November 2nd. Join us as we remember saints who remain in our hearts.

Children's Bells continue this Sunday



🎵 Join Our Sunday School Bell Players! 🎵

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!

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.

Missions Opportunities:



Operation Christmas Child: Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of Jesus Christ. There are boxes available in the narthex, if you would like to be a part of this ministry. Before taking a box, please make sure that you know all the details of how to fill the boxes & what not to include. **Boxes need to be returned by Sun, Nov 23rd with \$10 for shipping** (attach envelope with cash to outside of box).

Go to: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org> for more info, including how to track your box to see where it ends up.

It's a busy time of year with school in session, the days getting shorter, and the holidays quickly approaching. The Cheshire Food Pantry is currently collecting winter coats for children and food items for Thanksgiving dinners for our Cheshire neighbors. CUMC has committed to assisting the Pantry with the following. Please consider making a contribution. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please see Jennifer Roeder or one of the missions volunteers after church in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Basket Collection: We are collecting **185 BOXES of STUFFING** for the Cheshire Food Pantry. We committed to supplying **185 boxes** of stuffing for Cheshire families!!! We were able to collect 46 boxes at Trunk or Treat, so we only have 139 to go. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, November 9th.

Children's Coat Collection: We have information for 18 children of different ages and genders who have requested a NEW winter coat. If you would like to provide a coat, you can get a slip (with size/style) at church this Sunday and next OR email Jennifer Roeder at jlynnroeder@aol.com. **Coats need to be back at CUMC no later than November 16th.**

Shelter Now: Looking for volunteers to help make breakfast for the residences of Shelter Now in Meriden. We serve the shelter on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Commitment is from 8:30-10a.

Currently looking for 1 volunteer for each of the following: November 8th and December 13th.

If you would like to help out, contact Jennifer Roeder at 203-444-4067 or jlynnroeder@aol.com.

Blood Drive — November 20



CUMC is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday Nov 20 from 12:30-5:30. Sue Trumbo is looking for volunteers to generally help out, but mostly to greet donors. Homeade refreshments are always welcome and appreciated. Please let Sue know if you are interested.

We are always looking for donors. You can book an appointment online, or contact Sue if you'd like her to make an appointment for you.

Thank you!

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."

Online Directory NEWS

Our church directory has been updated. To access it, please follow the steps below to create a new password.

Go to app.onlinememberdirectory.com (if you have trouble with the link, please copy and paste it into your browser)
Click the option labeled **"First time login from old system."**
Enter

Your First Name
Your Last Name
Your Email Address that appears in our directory
Your Email Address



4. Once your record is found, review the information and click **"Yes, this is me"**

Follow the prompts to migrate your account. Then you'll be logged into our church directory.

If you used the Online Member Directory mobile app before, it should still be on your device. It has been updated and now has a black background as pictured here:



After completing the steps above, you can log into the app using your email address/password OR cell phone (if it's listed in the directory).

Thank you for your patience as we get familiar with our updated church directory program!



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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