

THE WEEKLY COURIER

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Coming soon to our sanctuary . . .



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



Church Council is Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



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MAJOR UPDATE for our online directory. Please see page 4.

From Our Pastor



I've never been much of a gardener, but I love watching things grow. There's something miraculous about seeing a small green shoot push through the soil or a flower open to the sun. It's beautiful—and if you think about it, it's also a little heroic. Plants have to endure a lot: hard soil, strong winds, dry days, and harsh weather. Yet they keep growing toward the light.

For any plant to grow and bloom, it needs two simple things—sunlight and water. Our love for God is much the same. When we pray, read Scripture, come to worship, help others, and show kindness, we're giving our faith what it needs to flourish.

Plants grow because it's in their nature—they are made to grow. I believe we are too. We are created in the image of God, and deep within us is a longing to love and to be loved by God. It's part of who we are.

After the resurrection, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter answered, "Yes, Lord." And Jesus replied, "Then feed my sheep." Love for God always takes shape in care for others. Every act of kindness—every bit of compassion—is like sunlight and water for the soul.

So keep tending the garden of your heart. Let prayer and love be your daily care. And don't be afraid to let your little miss sunshine shine through.

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



November 09 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 11 Church Council, 7:00 p.m.
 12 Bells practice, 6:30 p.m.
 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Our Church Family Celebrations



9	Ryan Bogrette
11	Seraphina Howard
11	Jacob Eckert
13	Terressa Howard
14	Jennifer Roeder
14	John Vey
15	Colin Bogrette
15	Cynthia Decker



5	Maurice & Angel Lins
8	Justin & Kaitlin Heuser

Church Council — Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.



Church Council meet Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend and see how decision making is done at Cheshire UMC. Minutes from the October meeting are [here](#).

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!

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.

Booklettes — November 18



Booklettes Women's Book Club will meet on October 21 in The Faithful Thomas Room. The book for November is *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. Our December meeting will be at the home of Mara Weed on December 11. All women of the church are invited.

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: Thank you so much for the amazing response to the stuffing collection. We are at **183 BOXES of STUFFING** for the Cheshire Food Pantry. We only need **2 more boxes**!! Last day of collection is this Sun, Nov 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, **we have 2 coats left**. You can get a slip (with size/style) at church this Sunday OR email Jennifer Roeder at jjlynnroeder@aol.com. **Coats need to be back at CUMC no later than November 16th.**



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!

Join us on Instagram



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.

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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