



Chatham United Methodist Church CIRCUIT RIDER

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Chatham UMC UMW Rummage Sale

Saturday May 7th, 9:30AM-2:00PM

Bag Sale @ \$5 per bag: 2:15-3:00PM

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Proceeds benefit non-profit organizations that work to better the lives of women and children in our area and around the world. Items that do not sell are donated to CUMAC, Market Street Mission, and PeaceWorks.

Volunteer at the sale:

Wednesday, May 4, 12 pm to 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday, May 6, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Set-up is always a great time - lots of people to meet and fun to be had!

Just show up! The more, the merrier!

(Work 2 hours and you are welcome to pre-shop!)

Donations for the sale will be accepted:

Wednesday, May 4, from 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday, May 6, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon



If you can't help the week of the sale you can help by:

- *Making Sandwiches and goodies for the workers
- *Including this mission and its participants in your prayers
- *Providing storage space for the next sale

PLEASE - NO computers over 5 years old, **NO** adult books, **no broken items.** These items don't sell and proceeds are depleted having to pay for removal.



Thanks to a fabulous AV crew, all of our Sunday services are recorded and posted on our website and Facebook page. Please visit www.ChathamUMC.com to view or listen to any of CUMC's Sunday services.





The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

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Dear Friends,

I would like to share some very good news. The Rev. Sharon Yarger, who has been our Associate Pastor for the past year, has successfully finished the last step towards ordination as a Full Deacon in the Greater New Jersey Conference. She has spent the last few years finishing up the very long process towards ordination in the UMC. She has intentionally spent the last few months writing and submitting paperwork, and two days in March, 2016 being interviewed by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry on the topics: Theology, Preaching, Practical Ministry and United Methodist Polity. On March 16, 2016 the Board of Ordained Ministry called Sharon with the good news that she has been affirmed for full ordination. Sharon has been faithful to this very long and discerning process and is deeply grateful for the part Chatham UMC has played in this discernment and empowering process in her ministry.

Since the early Church, the Christian community has helped people discern their Call. For most their call is to be a faithful layperson, living out the Gospel in the church and in the world. For a few, the Christian community has discerned spiritual gifts that lend themselves to pastoring. We here at Chatham UMC, and the Greater NJ Conference of the UMC, have discerned Sharon's spiritual gifts to be an ordained Deacon in the UMC. Deacons are ordained to preach the Word, to help the church be a bridge of compassion that is made real in the world through acts of compassion and social justice. Sharon has been doing this faithfully for many years, and we are so blessed to have her in our midst.

The Chatham UMC is invited to the ordination service, which will be held at the Greater NJ Annual Conference of the UMC on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 7PM. The ordination service will be held at the Wildwoods Convention Center in Wildwood NJ with Bishop John Schol presiding. We will also try and live stream the ordination service to the TV in the Asbury Room at our Church for those who cannot make the long drive to Wildwood NJ.

Notes of support, congratulations and blessing can be sent to Pastor Sharon here at the Chatham UMC, 460 Main Street, Chatham NJ 07928.

Please join me in thanking God for Sharon, and thanking Sharon for her willingness to respond to God's Call, which she so generously and graciously lives out with the Chatham UMC.

One of your grateful pastors,

Jeff



From the desk of:

Rev. Sharon C. Yarger

Associate Pastor

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*For further information on Congregational Care Ministry,
please contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger
at 201-602-8823 or scyarger@optonline.net.*

Dear Friends,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The Great Fifty Days have begun! On Sunday morning March 27 we celebrated in glorious fashion the day of days, the day that gave birth to our Christian faith - Easter Sunday. Like Christmas, for the church Easter is both a day and a season. The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and lasts fifty days, until Pentecost (this year that's May 15, also Confirmation Sunday). Our wise forbears in the faith recognized that, as one writer puts it, "The explosive force of the resurrection of the Lord is too vast to be contained within a celebration lasting just one day." The Great Fifty Days of Easter allow for an extended time of rejoicing in Christ's resurrection victory over sin and death. Why fifty? The number emerges from Christianity's roots in Judaism. The numbers seven and fifty both had sacred meaning among the ancient Hebrews. Seven connoted fullness, completion – as in the days of creation. Even more so, seven times seven (49), or a week of weeks.

How are we to grasp the amazing truth of Christ's victory over sin and death through the resurrection? According to the Gospel writers, the resurrected Christ exhibited qualities of both a spirit (difficult to recognize, able to spontaneously appear and disappear) and a resuscitated corpse (possessing flesh and bones and able to eat). However, the resurrected Christ was more than either or both put together. Just as with our understanding of God, our grasp of Christ's resurrection can at best be incomplete and must include holy mystery. I fall silent in the face of this mystery, relying on and affirming the words of Pastor and Seminary Professor Emeritus Laurence Hull Stookey:

Only if we come to understand the resurrection as this wonderful and unfathomable mystery can we understand how it can be the center of the Christian interpretation of time and of all reality. Only so can we recover the conviction that the resurrection affects everything of significance, for the Risen Lord is seen to be the very center of the universe, the One in whom "all things hold together" (Col. 1:17). The resurrection was a kind of cosmic explosion that reverberated in all directions. It gave the followers of Jesus a new understanding of the present, but also of the past and of the future. Through the resurrection (and that alone) the cross, that instrument of capital punishment by the hated Romans, ceased to be an enigmatic embarrassment and became the central symbol of the faith.

Therefore, from now until the Day of Pentecost and beyond, let us continue rejoicing –

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings,

Sharon

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Weekly Noontime Bible Study on Acts Mondays 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Whether you're brand-new to the Bible, or know it inside and out, you're welcome to join co-facilitators Pastor Sharon and Su Jung Shin in a lively and thought-provoking look at the New Testament Book of Acts. We're following the movement of the Holy Spirit and the actions of the disciples as they spread the word about Jesus from Jerusalem to "the ends of the earth," and encounter remarkable challenges and rewards along the way. There's no homework for this study, so any and all are welcome whenever you can be there. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or snack, and a friend! We meet each Monday from noon – 1:30 pm in Room 7.

Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net.



Meditative Taizé Prayer Wednesday, April 13, 2016 7:30PM in the Asbury Room

All are welcome to enjoy a brief time of worship, scripture, singing, prayer, silence and community at our monthly Taizé Prayer. The Taizé style of praying reflects the practices and customs of the early Christians, which is being practiced and rediscovered throughout the world, by seekers, and people of various Christian traditions. Come, let us seek God together, in ancient and new ways.



Lectionary for April

April 3, 2016: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150 (*UMH 862*); Revelation 1:4-8;
John 20:19-31

April 10, 2016: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30 (*UMH 762*); Revelation 5:11-14;

John 21:1-19

April 17, 2016: 4th Sun of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23 (*UMH 754 or 137*), Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

April 24, 2016: 5th Sun of Easter Festival of God's Creation

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 (*UMH 861*), Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35



In Memoriam

A Memorial Service for Otmar Schreiber will be held at the Chatham UMC on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11:AM. Otmar was a good and faithful member of the Chatham UMC for many decades. He is already missed by his wife Ruth, his entire family, and his church family. We can easily hear Jesus saying, "Well done Otmar, thou good and faithful servant."



Cards can be sent to Ruth Schreiber at 33 Ellers Dr., Chatham NJ 07928-2218

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD & WELCOME! SEEKING LITURGISTS, USHERS & GREETERS

We'd like you to join us in delivering God's Word. We enjoy hearing lots of different voices in worship here at Chatham UMC, and perhaps yours is one that can deliver the good news in fresh way. If you'd like to participate in the worship service as a liturgist, please contact our new Worship Committee chair, Barbara Babbitt (bbabbitt@optimum.net).

If your gifts are more for welcome and hospitality, consider serving as an usher or greeter. Contact Barbara Babbitt or our new Membership Committee chair, Tom Kitson (tekitson@gmail.com) for more information.

News from around the CUMC Circles

Abigail Circle

Meets at 7:30 - 9pm the 3rd Tuesday of every month at church.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, April 19,
7:30 pm in the
Asbury Room.

Contact: Call the church office at 973-635-7740.

Elizabeth Circle

Meets irregularly/ occasionally, usually at night (*most of the group works during the day*) and often with spouses.

Contact: Corkie Ziegler, 973-635-9667, corkiez@yahoo.com, or Sheri Omelczuk at msgomel@gmail.com

Rebecca Circle

Meets the 1st Wednesday evening of every month, usually in member homes.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 6,
7:30pm Asbury
Room.

Contact: Dot Dunn, 973-635-7599 or email dbdunn45@gmail.com

Sarah Circle

Meets at 9:30am on the 1st Tuesday of every month at church. **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 5,
Asbury Room:
"Getting to Know You" with Ana Wahidy.

Contact: Nan Canfield, 973-635-2408, or email shipyard@verizon.net

The following was shared by Rev. Kath Stone at our recent UMW Event in February

Charter for Racial Justice in an Interdependent Global Community



“We recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society.” (Social Principles, ¶ 162 B)

Our Values

Racial justice is an ongoing focus of United Methodist Women mission work. We conduct regular racial justice workshops with members, and work in coalition with human and civil rights groups to track hate-crimes and to promote racial justice in the United States and the world.

United Methodist Women's Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women's Division in 1978 and successfully adopted by the whole denomination in 1980. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The Charter continues our urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

We are conscious that "we have sinned as our ancestors did; we have been wicked and evil" (Psalm 106:6 GNT). We call for a renewed commitment to the elimination of institutional racism. We affirm the 1976 General Conference Statement on The United Methodist Church and Race, which states unequivocally: "By biblical and theological precept, by the law of the church, by General Conference pronouncement, and by Episcopal expression, the matter is clear. With respect to race, the aim of The United Methodist Church is nothing less than an inclusive church in an inclusive society. The United Methodist Church, therefore, calls upon all its people to perform those faithful deeds of love and justice in both the church and community that will bring this aim into reality."

Because we believe:

1. That God is the Creator of all people and all are God's children in one family;
2. That racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ;
3. That racism denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ;
4. That racism robs all human beings of their wholeness and is used as a justification for social, economic, and political exploitation;
5. That we must declare before God and before one another that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers of other races in thought, in word, and in deed;
6. That in our common humanity in creation all women and men are made in God's image and all persons are equally valuable in the sight of God;
7. That our strength lies in our racial and cultural diversity and that we must work toward a world in which each person's value is respected and nurtured; and
8. That our struggle for justice must be based on new attitudes, new understandings, and new relationships and must be reflected in the laws, policies, structures, and practices of both church and state.

News for Youth & Kids

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The Confirmation class hit the road for a little Philly Cheese Steak and a lot of American Methodist History. Ask us what we saw and learned at historic St. George's UMC!



Thanks to Junior Youth for the fun Easter Egg Hunt!



After a lesson about the symbols of Holy Week, kids hunted for Easter Eggs prepared and hidden by the Junior Youth group.



Sunday School kids and youth turned classrooms into bedrooms to welcome Family Promise guests.



Youth Opportunities

- Apr. 1 — CUMC Game Night
- Apr. 13 — Taizé Prayer
- Apr. 23 — Confirmation Retreat
- Apr. 24 — Youth groups at 3:30 for Earth Day
- Apr. 30 — RISE team: April in Paris



- Looking ahead:
- May 15 — Confirmation
 - May 22 — RISE tool training
 - June 27- July 1 — VBC

VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

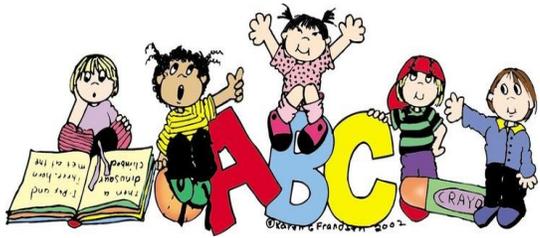


June 27-July 1

Register today at www.chathamumc.com

It's gonna be EPIC!

NURSERY SCHOOL



This winter was not too bad. We were able to get

outside for fresh air throughout the winter. We look forward to playing outside more, opening the sand box, and riding bikes.

We are happy that our spring break is back in April. Both the Threes and Fours will be decorating the classrooms with signs of spring. Both classes celebrated Easter with parties and lots of bunnies and chicks.

The Threes will be making their large pond filled with frogs and making caterpillars. They will be getting ready for the Art Show in May.

The Fours will be studying insects and will have a special program "What Makes Insects Unique." They will transfer a "volunteer" into a bug and touch live invertebrates. The children will make a variety of insects, listen to stories and sing some songs about bugs.

The Kindergarten Enrichment classes are

playing new sight word games, writing new pages for their classroom books and making

spring projects as they learn about animals and animal babies.



Registration for the fall 2016 is ongoing. We have openings in our Three-Year-Old Program. Please contact Katie Bealer at 973-635-6538 if you would like an application. If you would like a personal tour, please call our Director, Sue Maher at 973-635-5261.

Kindergarten Enrichment is accepting fall applications with a confirmation in late spring after the public schools Kindergarten assignments are known.

Happy Spring!

Nancy Monahan



Mother's Morning Out



Mother's Morning Out is so happy it's spring! The shamrocks and leprechauns have been replaced by colorful eggs, spring flowers, and butterflies. We are so happy to be back on the playground so we can be outside in the sunshine. This month we will be celebrating Earth Day by planting flowers in the barrels by the playground. We love the children being part of our community by planting and nurturing plants for all to enjoy.

The MMO program consists of free play, outside play, snack, story time, circle time, music/movement, and simple crafts. Children must be 18 months old by September 1, 2016 to enroll. Our program runs Monday through Friday and we have 1, 2 or 3 day options. We have some open spots for the Fall, if you know someone who would benefit from our program, please help us spread the word. If you would like to enroll your child at MMO please feel free to reach out to me!

Amy Crandall, Director, MMO anbc@optonline.net

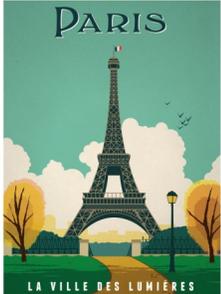
AN EVENING IN PARIS



Une Soirée à Paris!
a la boîte de nuit célèbre Salle Rodda!

Dinner
Dancing
Entertainment

Saturday, April 30th — 6:00pm — \$30 per person to benefit RISE



Mock Cocktails
Appetizers, Pate, Brie,
etc.
Coq au Vin
Carrots in butter
Mashed potatoes
Croissant
Dessert

Rodda Hall will be transformed into a Paris night club! French music will fill the night! UMW Fundraiser to benefit RISE. \$30 per person, \$200 for a table of 8. Please make checks payable to UMW with "evening in Paris" in the memo.

Yang-Hee's Organ Recital is May 1!

Chatham UMC's very own, Yang-Hee Song, will perform an organ recital in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m. Come and hear compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Guilmant, Ives, Bridge, Haydn, Joplin, Wagner, and Walker. Joining Yang-Hee will be Andrew Filippone, trumpet. The Masterwork Camerata, CUMC's Covenant Choir, and Youth Singers will also join Yang-Hee for two triumphant anthems. A light reception will follow! Join us for a wonderful evening of music.



MUSIC NOTES

by PETER Hill, Music Director

This Spring our music program continues with exciting opportunities to participate and hear beautiful music that inspires you.

On May 1st, our very own, **Yang-Hee Song**, organ, will perform a recital with works by Bach, Beethoven, Guilment, Ives, Bridge, Haydn, Joplin, Wagner and Walker. Guest artists will include Andrew Filippone, trumpet. Yang-Hee will also accompany the Masterwork Camerata and the our Covenant Choir for two joyous anthems. If you are an experienced singer and would like to join the choir of this performance, please contact Peter Hill, music director.

On Sunday, May 8th all males of the church are invited to sing for an easy-to learn hymn in honor of Mother's Day. Rehearsals will take place between services on the two Sundays leading up to May 8th. Join the choir!

Sunday, May 15th for both services the **Drew University Chorale** will travel to Chatham UMC to sing special anthems before they leave on their Spring Tour.

Our Covenant Choir, Wesley Ringers, Youth Singers and Ringers, Kid's Bell Choir, Sunday School Music, and the Kenaniah Praise Band continue to participate in services throughout each month. New musicians are always welcome to join the music program; for more information contact me at petepiano@mac.com. Join our music community!

Join in the effort to raise money to purchase the United Methodist music supplement, **Worship & Song!**

The music supplement, *Worship & Song*, was published in 2011 and it, like the previous United Methodist supplement, *The Faith We Sing* that presently sits in our pew racks, provides new music (about 280 pieces) to congregations between larger publishing ventures like denominational hymnals (like 1989's *United Methodist Hymnal* that contains about 850 pieces of music).

In a supplement like *Worship & Song* we find classic hymns that were not included in our

previous resources, like: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* and the spiritual *Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door*. We will also find newer congregational songs that are familiar to many of us (*Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone, In Christ Alone, Tradin' My Sorrows*) and newly composed songs (from writers like Mark Miller: *The Lord's Prayer* and *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing!*). When we explore a new musical resource in a congregation, we are introduced to new hymns and congregational songs that we can learn together. We can discover songs that might become "heart songs:" songs that become special to you or to us as a congregation.

Chatham UMC is a singing congregation and continually adding to our local canon of congregational song keeps us vibrant. We participate in the United Methodist denomination and attract visiting Methodists. Those who have already used it in other churches will see that our church is maintaining a current and up-to-date music program. We also attract new congregation members outside of our denomination by singing the supplement's songs that are both traditional and contemporary.

The cost for the total number of supplements that we will need is about \$3800. The Memorial Committee has graciously decided to donate \$1,620.00, a fantastic start, and they will honor the memories of those interred in our Memorial Garden and whose names are on the plaques (numbering 84) with book plates. The remaining \$2000 will be raised over time. Each supplement will cost \$15 and with each you may dedicate it in memory or in honor of family and friends. Order forms are available online from the church website (chathamumc.com) and from the display outside the church office. You'll be hearing more about *Worship & Song* in information sessions between services. If you have questions ask me directly, I'm happy to answer and to talk about our new music supplement and all manner of congregational song.



**DREW UNIVERSITY CHORALE MAY 2016 PUBLIC TOUR
AT CUMC ON SUNDAY, MAY 15, 8:45 A.M. AND 11 A.M.**

Hear the Drew University Chorale, a select chamber choir performing repertoire ranging from the Medieval period to the 21st century, at a tour stop near you. More information at [Facebook.com/ChoirsatDrew](https://www.facebook.com/ChoirsatDrew).

Men's Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, April 16 9 a.m.

At the home of Kate and Steve Davis

Feed the Need Challenge 2016

Last year we discovered the Feinstein Foundation had quietly discontinued their annual \$1million Challenge. As a result last summer we did not receive a grant augmenting the original gifts. This year an anonymous foundation pledged a \$5,000 grant if we can raise \$90,000 during our **Spring Feed the Need Challenge**.

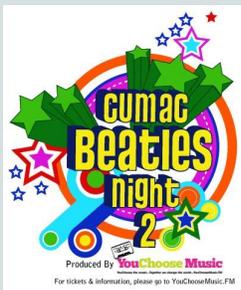


YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Every dollar donated to the Challenge provides nutrition, support and caring to your neighbors in need. CUMAC can provide a meal for only \$.57, so a donation of \$50 will feed a child for an entire month.

If you gave \$50 in the past, would you consider \$55 this year? Last year Chatham UMC made a financial donation of \$2,550. let's try to top that this year.

Make your check payable to CUMAC (with "Feed the Need Challenge" in the memo section), and place your offering in the plate on Sunday, or mail to the church.



Remember, the need for food is ongoing. Keep filling the stairwell!!! We will take the stairwell donations to CUMAC soon.

For more information, call or write Ruth Moloney at 973.507.4058 - rum1929@comcast.net, or Barbara Bennett 973.635.6016 - barbabennett@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

The Circuit Rider

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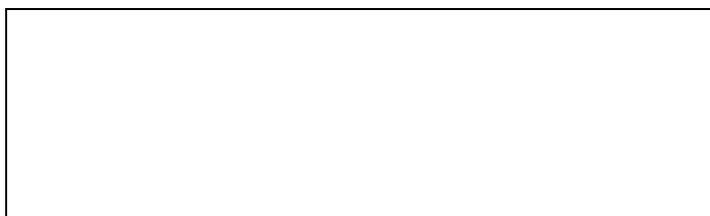
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Sexton: Donald Underhill

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Markay

Associate Pastor: Rev. Sharon Yarger

Mark Your Calendars & Keep in Prayer

April 1: Game Night

April 4: Sound System Event Training

April 5: Church & Society Committee Meeting

April 5: Sarah Circle

April 6: Rebecca Circle

April 7: Nursery School Board Meeting

April 10: Seminary Teaching

April 11: Circuit Rider Submission Deadline

April 12: Church Council Meeting

April 13: Taizé Prayer

April 16: Men's Group Meeting

April 19: RISE Board Meeting

April 19: Abigail Circle

April 20: UMW Planning Meeting

April 23: Confirmation Retreat

April 23: Memorial Service for Otmar Schreiber

April 26: Trustees Meeting

April 30: RISE Adult Leader Training

April 30: An Evening in Paris

May 7: UMW Rummage Sale

June 27-July 1: Vacation Bible Camp

~ OUR MISSION ~

To Celebrate the Good News by

Empowering all to follow Christ,

Equipping all to do what is just,

Encouraging all to show loving kindness,

Energizing all to walk humbly with God.

The **May Circuit Rider submissions** deadline is **Monday, April 11, 2016**. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office: chatumc@optonline.net.