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Congratulations and Blessings, Congregational Care Ministers!



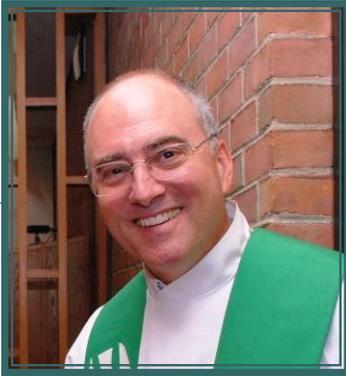
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On Sunday, May 17, at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, Pastor Jeff anointed and our congregation commissioned, ten Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs). These persons have discerned and responded to God’s call to us as Christians to care for one another. CCMs are receiving ongoing training and equipping from Pastor Sharon and members of the Pastoral Care Department at Morristown Medical Center. We are blessed to have them joining the Pastors in being available to journey with persons in our congregation before, during, and after hospitalization, as well as spend time with out home-bound members and nursing home residents.



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,

On Sunday, I asked the congregation, "Have any of you gone through construction at your house?" Most of the congregation raised their hands. Then I asked, "Was it stressful?" The same people raised their hands again. I said, "So our sanctuary is going to be having some construction done, and therefore we'll all experience a bit of stress. Please pray for one another and this process."

The Trustees for the two years have been working diligently with architects, contractors, carpenters, flooring experts, carpeting company, even acousticians, to make sure that our sanctuary update is done efficiently, faithfully and economically. The work has already begun. The pulpit has been taken to the carpentry shop so that it can be resized and refinished using the same wood as the original pulpit. The lectern has also been removed so that it can be made movable and outfitted with a wireless microphone. The Altar area will be removed and refinished during the month of July. The sanctuary work will begin at full speed during the first week of July. The carpeting and flooring should all be finished during the month of July, 2015. Please pray for each other, and for this process.

In the interim, we will continue to worship the Lord. We will have worship in Rodda Hall. I hope you will continue to come to worship, and invest in the community of faith that God continues to nurture here at Chatham UMC. Worship on Sundays begins at 10:AM.

I write with love, and with prayer,

Jeff Markay



From the desk of:

Rev. Sharon C. Yarger

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*For further information on Congregational Care Ministry,
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Dear Friends,

Hmmm ...Where does God go on vacation? The beach? (my first choice!) The mountains? A theme park? An exotic travel spot? Yes, yes, and yes! Wherever *you* go on vacation, God goes. The psalmist expressed this very well when s/he wrote: "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast." (Ps. 139:7-10) In other words, God is *always* with God's beloved children – all of us. God won't be taking a vacation from us, so let's remember not to take a vacation from God! In fact, vacation time can offer many structured and spontaneous opportunities for individuals and families to grow in faith.

Here are a few suggestions:

- While enjoying nature, marvel at God's creation and say "thank you."
- Use travel time to read Bible stories together, memorize Bible verses, learn the Lord's Prayer, memorize the Apostle's Creed, or create prayers to say at mealtimes or bedtime.
- Take your Bible and/or a family or individual devotional booklet along on vacation
- Make a point of praying for family members or new people you meet while on vacation
- Take photos during vacation of things for which you are thankful; then make an illustrated booklet of prayers of gratitude.
- Attend a worship service while on vacation to meet God and see how others "do church."
- Use your own God-given creativity to come up with other ideas!

I'll love hearing where and how you experienced God while on your vacation!

Blessings and Peace,

Sharon

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



New Small Group Forming!

Summer Sunday Morning Prayer Group

“For thus says the Lord: ... my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

(Isaiah 56:7)

Would you like to grow your prayer life? Would you like to help grow our church and help people in need? Then plan to join us for a time of prayer before our 10:00am summer worship services. We'll gather in the Wesley Room at 9:15am to pray for the ministries and people of our church and the needs of the world. Not comfortable praying aloud? Join us anyway – there are many ways to pray! Our first meeting will be Sunday, June 21 (first single 10:00 am worship service of the summer). For further information, please contact Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net. See you then!



Lectionary for July & August

July 5: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 (UMH 782); 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5; 12 b-19; Psalm 24 (UMH 755); Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807); Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-66

July 26: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 (UMH 746); Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August: 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11-26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,31-33; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111 (UMH 832); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 (UMH 804); Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Congregational Prayer Initiative

Members of the Chatham UMC make, among other commitments, a commitment to pray for one another. Each week Pastor Jeff will be praying for 12 members/families, and will be sending a letter assuring them of our collective prayers. Their names will appear alphabetically in the bulletins and emailed prayer list. It will take about a year to intentionally pray for each member. Let us keep these brothers and sisters in Christ in our prayers each week, trusting that God knows how to respond. If you feel led to reach out to them, to check in with them, or say that you are praying for them, let the Spirit lead you.



Preaching Schedule at 10AM on Sundays this Summer:

July 5: Rev. Jeff Markay with Communion.
 July 12 Rev. Jeff Markay
 July 19 Rev. Jeff Markay
 July 26 Rev. Sharon Yarger
 August 2 Rev. Sharon Yarger
 August 9 Micah Coleman Campbell and the Taizé Pilgrims
 August 16 Micah Coleman Campbell
 August 23 Rev. Jeff Markay
 August 30 Rev. Jeff Markay

Our Pastoral Staff will be available for pastoral conversations this summer. If for some reason one of our pastors are not available for a pastoral emergency, there are other United Methodist pastors in the area who cover for each other's churches. Please contact the church office who will contact one of our pastors or a pastor who is covering for Chatham UMC.

Litany of Blessing for Rich, Shawn and Conner Tomasello.

Sunday, July 19, 2015 during the 10:AM worship service.

Our friends the Tomasellos will be moving to Florida in July. They have served the Lord and this church so faithfully in many capacities of leadership. We want to send them with our thanks, our blessings and our prayers.

If any of you know that you are moving, please contact Rev. Jeff Markay so that we can arrange a time when our congregation can say thank you, and send you with our prayers and blessings.

Staff Vacation Schedules

Ministry will continue throughout the summer, but the staff will be taking various times of vacation with family. Please keep them in your prayers as they rejuvenate their spirits, enjoy family and travel, and take some well-deserved Sabbath rest.

Pastor Jeff: August 4-19	Peter: July 1-4
Pastor Sharon: 2nd half of August	Heather: August 21-28
Karen: 2nd half of August	Donald: end of August
Yang-Hee: All of August	Sarah: TBD

Would you like to share a

CHURCH CAN HAPPEN

Anywhere

Moment?

You are invited to share 1-2 minutes about an experience outside of the church, when you felt the Spirit was moving, or people were talking about faith, or where God was being worshiped, where compassion was given or received, or where "Church" just happened! Please sign up, share your story in worship, and plan on getting a T-Shirt!

Sunday, July 12 _____

Sunday, July 19 __Hilary Stannard_____

Sunday, July 26 _____

Sunday, August 2, ___Chris Fillimon_____

Sunday, August 9, _____

Sunday, August 16, _____

Sunday, August 23, _____

Sunday, August 30, _____

Sign up sheet is across from Pastor Jeff's Office.

See video of Pastor Jeff explaining his "Church Can Happen Anywhere" Moment at Dunkin Donuts! <https://vimeo.com/132658062>

News for Youth & Kids

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Was it just me, or did we have one of the best Vacation Bible Camp's ever this year? The power of God, a.k.a. G-Force was truly moving through us and the halls of CUMC the last week of June! What a great way to kick off the summer!

VBC is such an important outreach mission and an excellent opportunity to show the community what we are all about here at CUMC. And a big part of that story is the involvement of our youth in the mission of the church. I counted **at least 22 junior and senior youth from CUMC** (not including the friends you brought in!) putting their faith in action to shepherd children, bring Bible stories to life, teach crafts, serve snacks, take pictures, play games, sing songs, and dance, not to mention coming early to decorate, learn lines, build sets, build mountains!, sort t-shirts, make name tags, stage an old testament throne room or new testament break-in! It was powerful to look out each morning and see how God was energizing you to move, act, care, follow, and above all share the love of God with all who came through our doors.

On behalf of all the children whose lives you touched—**THANK YOU.**

Whether you were with us for VBC or not, we hope you will enjoy the photos on the next few pages—reminders that "In God We Live, Move, and Exist".

Karen



Summer can be a big time for visitors with young worshippers to come check out our church. Hallelujah!! It's great to encourage them to sing the songs, pray the prayers, and learn to worship with the family of God. However, a full hour can be a long time to sit still.

We need volunteers this summer to continue to offer "Children's Church" which takes place during the sermon at the worship service each Sunday and includes a reading of the day's scripture from a children's Bible, a brief discussion or activity, and prayer time.

This is a low-level commitment, high-level joy opportunity to guide our younger Christians through worship.

Grab a friend or sign on as a single and we'll match you with a partner.

All materials are provided. Sign up today across from Pastor Jeff's office or email Karen: youthchatumc@optonline.net.

How can I continue to share my faith this summer?



Youth Opportunities

July 12 ~18 — RISE mission trip
 July 19 — RISE sharing in worship
 July 22 ~ Aug. 3 — Taizé Pilgrimage
 July 26 — Youth liturgist needed
 Aug. 2 — Youth usher Sunday
 Aug. 9 — Taizé sharing in worship

Looking ahead:

Sept. 1 — Back to School Night service
 Sept. 6 — Youth usher Sunday
 Sept. 9 — Taizé Prayer Service
 Sept. 13 — Rally Day worship and picnic

Faces of Vacation Bible Camp



Kids were greeted each morning by Liesl Owens and Shelley Rack before the opening assembly led by Barbara Babbitt, Peter Hill, Karen Berry, and Zac Ball. Checkers the Cheetah and Pastor Jeff also stopped by each day to chat with the campers.





Bible stories came to life in the Faith Fueling station



Campers were kept on the "Move" by the Rec Team.



Things were always rockin' and rollin' in the Music Zone!

The power of imagination was in full force in the Creation Station.



Shepherds guided the kids through the building. The "Cheetah Chow Zone" was always a favorite stop.





By Diane Van Patten, UMW Co-President

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church has declared that "In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women" (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2008, 256.5).

Purpose of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

How does UMW at the Chatham UMC live out our purpose?

Circle Meetings, UMW Luncheons & Gatherings, Rummage Sales, Special Fund Raisers, Supporting the following missions over the years:

Within Our Church

RISE

Camper Scholarships

Within Our Community

Community Soup Kitchen

Interfaith Food Pantry

Our Place

Jersey Battered Women's Shelter

Roots & Wings

Drew Women's Scholarships

Within Chatham

Chatham Emergence Squad

Senior Center of the Chathams

Within the State

C.U.M.A.C.

Bristol Glen

A Future With Hope Sandy Relief

Skeep

Throughout The World

U.M.C.O.R.

A Future With Hope Imagine No Malaria

Our Spring Rummage Sale netted approximately \$9,200. Let's continue to work hard so that we are able to continue to do the mission work to which we are called.



News from around the CUMC Circles

Abigail Circle

Meets at 7:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month at church.

Contact: Helen Bryant, 973-377-4586 or email bryantpine@aol.com

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 Tuesday evening of every month, sometimes in member homes.

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

Next Mtg: Tuesday, **October 6**, at **7:30** pm in the Asbury Room.

Sarah Circle

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

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

Next Mtg: Tuesday, **October 6**, at **9:30 am** in the Asbury Room.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



CUMAC's Greater Food need in the Summer

CUMAC's food needs are particularly great during the summer. Children are out of school and no longer receiving free school lunches. Please donate canned food items for kids' summer meals: cereal, peanut butter & jelly, plus the usual: canned meats & fish, canned fruits & canned vegetables, bags of rice & dried beans, boxed instant potatoes & rices, powdered milk & bottled juices. Also - please continue to bring in both empty coffee cans as well as paper & plastic bags all used for food distribution. Thank you!



School's Out for Summer—Time for CUMAC's School Supply Drive!

We may be on vacation but CUMAC, northern NJ's largest food distribution center, is not. This summer in addition to food, they are collecting school supplies to prepare for the coming academic year. A few things they want us to know:

- Supplies will go to K-12 boys and girls including children most in need in Paterson's schools, children of CUMAC's staff and Pathways to Work participants.
- Don't fill backpacks! It's easier for CUMAC to equally pack and distribute items to children when book bags are not individually pre-packed.
- Shortages: items for high school students (calculators, reference books, book covers, etc.) and "secondary" supplies like tape and sharpeners.
- Economy bulk packs of items that can be split up work great!

All school supplies should be delivered to the Church Office. Pick up your School Supply shopping list by visiting the bulletin board near Pastor Jeff's office and/or the CUMAC bulletin board under the stairwell.



Marlene Smith

June 11, 2015

CARE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

To share God's love with all our church family, volunteers are needed to prepare meals, deliver meals, and provide rides to doctor's appointments. Please call Marie Watt at (973) 635-7326 if you can help.



If you need a ride or meals, please call the church office at (973) 635-7740 or Marie.

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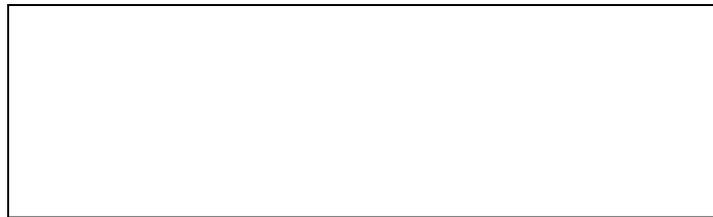
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The CUMC Ministry Team

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Markay

Associate Pastor: Rev. Sharon Yarger

Youth & Children's Ministry: Karen Berry

Seminary Intern: Micah Coleman Campbell

Music Ministry: Peter Hill

Organist: Yang-Hee Song

Secretary: Heather Stober

Communications Administrator: Sarah Mercuri

Sexton: Donald Underhill

Finance & Office Manager: JoAnn Graziano

Lay Leaders: Loren Taylor & Peggy Melvin

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Robert D. Simpson

Mark Your Calendars

July 3: Office Closed

July 12-18: Youth RISE mission trip

July 12: Reception for Yang-Hee's upcoming wedding

July 15: UMW Planning Meeting

July 22-Aug. 3: Taizé Trip to France

July 27-Aug. 7: Nursery School Enrichment Program

August 20: Lunch Bunch

~ 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 **September Circuit Rider** deadline for submissions is **Monday, August 10**. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office:
chatumc@optonline.net.