



# Chatham United Methodist Church

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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](http://www.ChathamUMC.com) to view or listen to any of CUMC's Sunday services.



It was our joy to confirm 8 young people into the full membership of the Chatham UMC. They made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ in this congregation of the UMC, and to support this church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We made a commitment to surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, and to encourage them in their faith journey. At the end of the service, we spoke words to the Confirmands, that some people wait their entire lives to hear said to them: "We accept you. We bless you. We claim you." May God continue to knit us all together in love, so that we can do what is best in Methodism: Do good. Do no harm. Stay in love with God.



*Our Confirmation class pictured with Rev. Jeff Markay, Amy Ball, Karen Berry, Rev. Sharon Yarger, and Ron Yarger.*





## The Pastor's Pen

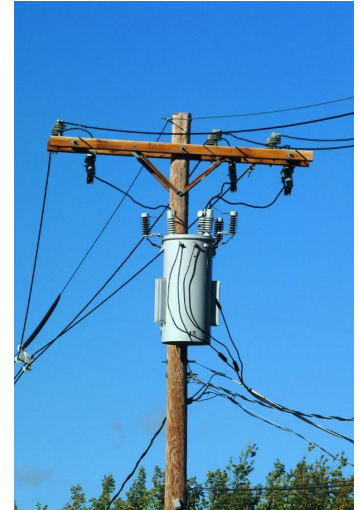
Rev. Jeff Markay

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*"If you do not transform your pain, you will with 100% certainty transmit it... To use a metaphor, most people are like electric wires: what comes in is what goes out. Someone calls you a name, and*

*you called him a name back; that is most people pass on the same energy that is given to them. Now compare an electric wire to those big ugly gray transformers that you see on telephone poles.*

*Dangerous current or voltage comes in, but something happens inside that gray box and what comes out is, in fact, now helpful and productive. When you see transformers on the telephone pole from now on, think of Jesus. That is what he did: he hung on the cross and the energy that came toward him, he did not return in kind. He held it inside, and made it into something much better that would now pass through history."*



### **A Lever and a Place to Stand: The Contemplative Stance, the Active Prayer**

by Richard Rohr. Selected parts from Chapter 7

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23: 32-34

Dear Friends,

I want to share with you a metaphor which is becoming immensely meaningful and helpful to me, and others: the transformer. As you have read in the reflection from Richard Rohr above, followers of Christ, have an example of what a transformed and transforming life can look like. I want to become a Christian that can take in negative energy and produce fruitful and loving energy. By God's grace and our willingness, this is possible.

You will see a transformer placed near my office at the church, with some handouts that I hope people will pick up and read. These are written for our church members as well as the hundreds of people who come in and out of our church building each week. As we go through massive cultural, political and ecclesiastical tensions, shifts and debates, there will be ample opportunity and need to become transformed Christians, who can transform energies of hate and fear, into responses of love and compassion.

May God help us to become transformed and transforming people.

Peace,

*Jeff*





From the desk of:

**Rev. Sharon C. Yarger**

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Dear Friends,

As we continue to pray and discern how God wants us to live out our prayer “Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,” I came across the following in my daily devotional reading and felt led to share it with you.

“Jesus’ command of love is tough. People throughout the ages have tried to make it work. Some people have died for it; almost all have known the discouragement of failing to make it work. What does this love demand? Of all the attempts to bring some insight into what love demands, I have found those which explore the notion of “hospitality” to be the most helpful. The New Testament word for this kind of love which is commanded, and which is the love that reconciles, is agape. The Greek word, however, does not seem to work for most people today. Who knows what it means? “Hospitality” works. Everyone seems to have some idea of what it means.”

-From *To Walk Together Again* by Richard M. Gula

In our ongoing prayer, discernment, and movement together in oneness into God’s future, may we open ourselves to receiving and offering God’s hospitality in our own lives, in our congregation, our community and “all the world.”

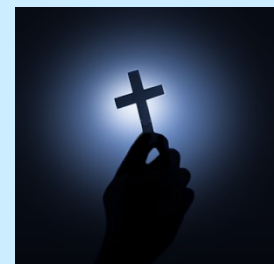
Blessings and Peace,

Sharon

## Summer Sunday Morning Prayer Group

“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 CUMC and help people in need? Then join us for a time of prayer before our 10:00 AM summer worship services. We’ll gather in the Wesley Room at 9:00 AM to pray for the people and ministries of our church and the needs of the world. Not comfortable praying aloud? No worries – there are many ways to pray! Our first meeting will be Sunday, June 19 (first 10:00 am summer worship service). Join us for one Sunday or every Sunday, as your schedule allows! For further information, please contact Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at [scyarger@optonline.net](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net). See you then!





## 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](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).



### Meditative Taizé Prayer

**Wednesday, June 8, 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.



### *Lectioary for June*

#### **June 5, 2016: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146 (UMH 858); Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7: 11-17

#### **June 12, 2016: 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 742);

Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

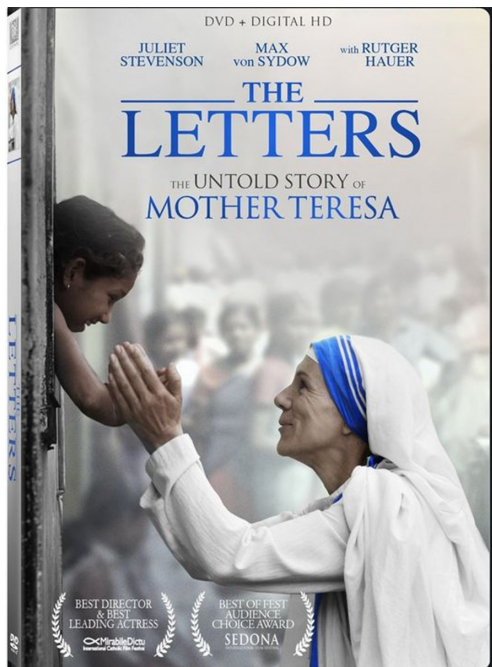
#### **June 19, 2016 5th Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day**

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

#### **June 26, 2016 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798); Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62





## Movie Night

**Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 7PM**

**Rodda Hall**

**Film:** *The Letters. The Untold Story of Mother Teresa*

Panel discussion to follow: featuring the editor of the film, Andras Ostrom, whose parents are Chatham UMC members Edit and Ben Ostrom! Andras will be flying in from LA for the weekend. We hope you can join us for this wonderful event about the doubts and faithfulness of Mother Teresa.

### You're Invited - Summer Small Groups!

Summer offers a fresh pace and rhythm to our lives. We experience change in the weather, our activities, our food (think "Jersey Fresh"), our attire, perhaps even our home base location. Likewise here at CUMC. Our summer schedule involves both an increase in activity (VBC and RISE) and a decrease (fewer meetings and rehearsals, less daily people-traffic throughout the building).

Being on a different schedule can also provide wonderful opportunities to grow our faith in new and fresh ways (see below). Prayerfully consider participating as your summer schedule allows!



## News from around the CUMC Circles

### Abigail Circle

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

**Next Meeting:**  
**Thursday, June 21,**  
**6:30pm (note time & place change) at La Pastaria**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening of every month, usually in member homes.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 1,**  
**6:30pm (note time change), pot luck at Dona's.**

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

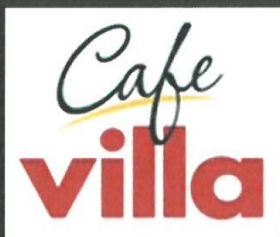
### Sarah Circle

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

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday,**  
**October 4,**  
**Asbury Room.**  
**Have a good & healthy summer!**

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





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to physical or economic  
inability.*

Just bring this flyer when you stop by Café Villa  
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**Monday, June 13, 2016**

All Day Event — Stop in for Lunch or Dinner  
or Pick Up a Pie to Go!

Location Details:

**CAFÉ VILLA**

465 Main Street, Chatham, NJ Tel: 973.635.0880



# News for Youth & Kids

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On behalf of all the children, their parents, and our community, I'd like to thank our Sunday School Teachers—Sue Maher, Cristina Murphy, Jan Dvorkin, Sooh Na, Micah Coleman Campbell, Shelley Rack, Liesl Owens, Craig Denecke, Janice Szarko—who dedicated themselves to sharing the lessons of our faith with the next generation and to making new disciples for Jesus Christ.

Thanks for another great year!



*Thanks,*  
Teachers!



The long awaited summer vacation is almost here! And that means some adjustments to our schedule here at

CUMC. Our last day of Sunday School before the summer break will be June 12. On June 19 we begin our summer tradition of worshiping in one service at 10am — this year in Rodda Hall. SYF and JYF will suspend the Sunday night schedule and just meet for special events and an activity or two in the summer.



Watch your email for details.

## Youth Opportunities



June 8 @ 7:30pm — Taizé Prayer  
June 12 @ 4:30pm— All Youth Service Project  
June 12 @ 5:45pm— All Youth Year-End Party  
June 13 — RISE Fundraiser at Café Villa  
June 16 @ 7pm— VBC Volunteer Orientation  
June 19 @ 12:30pm — VBC Vol. Orientation  
June 21— Baccalaureate @ Corpus Christi  
June 25 @ 10:00am— VBC Volunteer Orientation  
June 26 — RISE Commissioning / VBC Blessing  
June 27-July 1 — VBC

Looking ahead:  
July 10 - 16 — RISE



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## A Job Well Done!!

This spring, Benjamin Kubwimana, the student we've been sponsoring for nearly 7 years, graduated from the Green Hills Academy in Kigali, Rwanda. He sent these pictures, along with his gratitude, to all his brothers and sisters at CUMC. He plans to spend the next year applying to university and will continue to "ask God's blessing on us all."







## NURSERY



It is so hard to believe that another year is coming to an end already.

We have been blessed with a wonderful community of families.

The parents are very supportive and the Board worked hard to support our Nursery School and our Kindergarten Enrichment program.

The children were delightful to work with and it is so rewarding to see such growth in all of them and know that they are ready for that next step. The children as well as the parents have made friendships that will last a lifetime.

The Threes are working on their portfolios of spring art. They will enjoy more time playing outdoors.

The Fours will end the year with an ocean theme. The Sea Critters Program will provide the children with hands-on experience with live sea life in the classroom.

The Kindergarten Enrichment class will be taking home individual books that they made during the year. These books are among the many projects that have supported the children's self confidence in emerging skills development. As we had hoped from the onset, Kindergarten Enrichment has been a creative complement to the children's school experience.

The new Threes for the 2016-2017 school year will visit on June 9. Anyone looking for a spot please have them call Sue Maher at 973-635-5261. Word of mouth is our best advertisement, so please reach out to new neighbors. We thank Rev. Jeff Markay for his support of our program. We thank the Board of Directors for all their work. We thank Donald and his crew for all their hard work.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer. See you in September! *Nancy Monahan*

### ***Mother's Morning Out***

Mother's Morning Out is closing in on another successful school year! We marvel at how the children have grown this year, entering as shy and unsure children but growing into confident and smiling learners. We have spent lots of time on the playground learning about taking turns, sharing and developing all kinds of motor skills, all the while having fun in the sunshine. The Activities Room has been full of brightly colored flowers, ladybugs and Memorial Day flags.



We are pleased to report that our program continues to thrive. We have a few spots for next year left but they are going fast. We have already begun to think of ways to improve the program and help develop our children into happy students! Have a wonderful summer.



*Amy Crandall*, Director, MMO [anbc@optonline.net](mailto:anbc@optonline.net)



# MUSIC NOTES

by PETER Hill, Music Director

## Music & Arts Appreciation Sunday!

### June 12

**Sunday, June 12th will be Music and Arts Appreciation Sunday!** Come to either or both and hear all of our music groups play for the last Sunday of



the program season. As a congregation we will thank all of our musicians and artists: the Youth Singers and Ringers, the Praise Band, the Covenant Choir, the Kid's Bells, The

Wesley Ringers, our Chancel Guild, our Audio

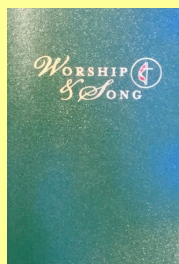
Technicians, and all who make our Worship services rich and beautiful.



### WE MET OUR GOAL!



The fund-raising effort to purchase new music supplements, Worship & Song has met our goal! Thank you to all who donated!



The new music supplements will be dedicated on Music and Arts Appreciation Sunday. The new music resource will add fresh new music to our Sundays and expand our canon of "heart songs." Congratulations to the congregation of Chatham UMC!

Make a  
**Joyful** noise  
Unto The  
**Lord!**

During the Summer months, starting on Sunday, June

19th, as our services move to Rodda Hall and our single service time of 10:00 a.m., we will be preceding each service with a hymn sing. Bring your favorite hymn to the church and we will sing it starting at 9:45 a.m.!







## THANK YOU KATE AND SHERI

**And everyone who worked so hard to make our Spring Rummage Sale Another Success!!!**

UMW is able to help so many organizations with the funds received from our Rummage Sales. All expenses are not in, but it appears we will have a profit of \$7,000 which will go to organizations to help women and children.

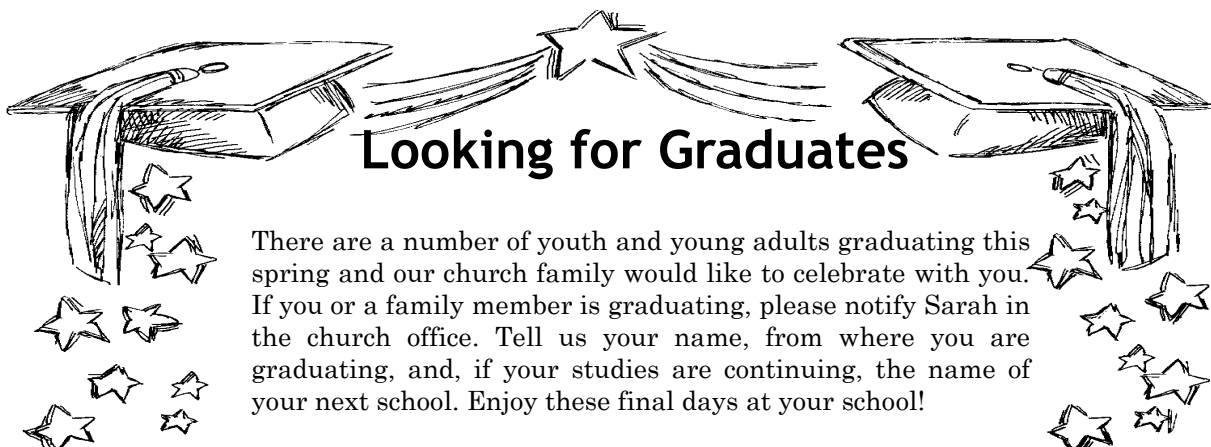


## THANK YOU JOHN

And everyone who worked behind the scenes, entertained, or helped in any way, and all who attended making Paris Night **A Huge**

**Success!!!** All expenses are not in as yet, but it appears UMW will have \$2,800 to contribute to our CUMC youth mission trip to RISE.

**Summer Evening Coloring Group!** We've had a great response - by all ages! - to the Prayerful/Meditative Coloring Tables in the sanctuary. Building on this enthusiasm we'll be offering an all-ages, intergenerational Coloring Group on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in July and August. We'll supply the coloring pages, crayons, colored pens and pencils (or bring your own if you prefer), and meditative music. All you have to do is show up for some calming time away from your normal routine. Join us for one Tuesday or every Tuesday as your schedule allows. Parents, if your child/ren can hold a crayon and color, they are most welcome to participate with you!



There are a number of youth and young adults graduating this spring and our church family would like to celebrate with you. If you or a family member is graduating, please notify Sarah in the church office. Tell us your name, from where you are graduating, and, if your studies are continuing, the name of your next school. Enjoy these final days at your school!



# Community Announcements

## Men's Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, June 11 at 9:AM

For more information, please contact Alex Strunc

*Are you caring for a loved one with a disability, chronic illness, issues of aging, or do you know someone who is? Then this workshop is for YOU!*



**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

Hosted By

**The Chatham United Methodist Church**

**460 Main Street, Chatham**

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Presented By

**United Way of Northern New Jersey**



**LIVE UNITED**

**All Are Welcome!**

*Meeting Room is Elevator Accessible*

*Refreshments will be served*

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will again host a blood



drive on Saturday, June 11 at the "Fishawack Festival Day" in the Borough. The bloodmobile will be located at the corner of Fairmont Ave. and Main St. alongside of the Bank of America. The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. See bulletin board for more details.

## SUMMER WORSHIP IN RODDA HALL

**For the 10 a.m. services from June 19 through September 4**

- ♦ Low summer attendance makes the sanctuary feel too large, while the smaller setting has a more intimate feel.
- ♦ It's easier to hear the music and one another in a smaller space, especially for the pre-service hymn sings that we'll be continuing this summer.
- ♦ We want to encourage a welcoming informality fitting for the summer months.
- ♦ Rodda Hall is more cost-effective to cool than the sanctuary.
- ♦ The flexible space may encourage a more creative worship experience.
- ♦ This year, chairs with arms will be available for those who need them.



**June 19**

**Rodda Hall**

**10:00am Worship**



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Youth & Children's Ministry: Karen Berry

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Simpson Seminarian: Seongsoo Kim

Simpson Seminarian: Sooah Na

Music Ministry: Peter Hill

Organist: Yang-Hee Song

Secretary: Zrinka Cvetkovic

Communications Administrator: Sarah Mercuri

Sexton: Donald Underhill

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Markay

Associate Pastor: Rev. Sharon Yarger

**~ 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.

**Mark Your Calendars & Keep in Prayer**

**June 1:** Rebecca Circle

**June 2:** Nursery School Board Meeting

**June 7:** Chatham Borough Elections

**June 7:** Church & Society Committee Meeting

**June 8:** Meditative Taizé Prayer Service

**June 9:** Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon

**June 11:** Men's Breakfast Meeting

**June 11:** Interfaith Movie Night

**June 12:** Music & Arts Appreciation Sunday

**June 12:** Youth Year-End Celebration

**June 13:** RISE Day at Café Villa

**June 13:** Masterwork Meeting

**June 13:** Circuit Rider Submission Deadline

**June 14:** Church Council Meeting

**June 15:** UMW Planning Meeting

**June 15:** Caregivers Presentation

**June 16, 19, 25:** VBC Volunteer Orientation

**June 20:** Masterwork Board Meeting

**June 21:** Abigail Circle

**June 22:** Masterwork Summer Sing

**June 26:** VBC Set-Up/Decorating

**June 27-July 1:** Vacation Bible Camp (9am - noon)

**June 27-July 1:** Broadway Boot Camp (1:30-4:30pm)

**June 29:** Masterwork Chorus Summer Sing

**June 30:** VBC Family Event

The **July-August Circuit Rider** submissions deadline is  
**Monday, June 13, 2016.** Please send all articles and  
announcements to the church office: **chatumc@optonline.net.**