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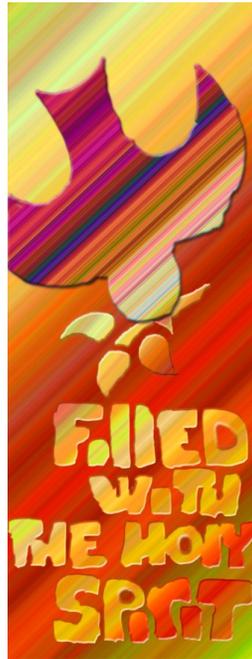
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Thanks to a fabulous AV crew, all of our Sunday services are recorded and posted on our website and Facebook page. Please visit www.ChathamUMC.com to view or listen to any of CUMC's Sunday services.



Pentecost & Confirmation: May 15



CUMC's Confirmation Class of 2016 is nearing the end of its journey (tho its really just the beginning!!) after a year of preparation studying United Methodist history, denominational beliefs, and what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

The class recently gathered for a retreat during which they toured the Methodist Archives at Drew University, walked a labyrinth, composed their faith statements, and made plans for their Confirmation Service which will take place on **May 15 at 9:00am**. After discussing the

Confirmands plan worship for May 15 service w/ assist from pastors, teachers

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elements of worship, scanning the hymnal, and reviewing the lectionary texts for Pentecost they were set to create a unique worship experience.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation class, that they may be one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to the world.





The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

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John 13:34-35 Jesus said, *“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”*

Dear Friends,

Loving community is so important to Jesus. He calls his disciples, and later their followers, to protect and nourish all opportunities to be in loving community. He even sends them out in groups so that they can do the work of teaching, healing, and compassion together.

Community is so important to the Chatham UMC. The small groups that have met together for decades, or more recently, grow in their love for one another, and with the One whom they serve together.

The Holy Spirit has been making clear to us over the past few months, how important it is to pray for this community of faith and these smaller groups within our community of faith. Leaders in the Church Council recently mused together about how God might work, if each of us prayed the following prayer for our church, every day, at least once. I commend this to your lives of prayer, and invite you to join me in praying at least once a day:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world.**

I am convinced that if we pray this with intentionality, we will be opened to desire what God desires, and see opportunities to do God's will in our midst. Please join me in praying for our Chatham UMC and the United Methodist Church until at least the Church Council sponsored Visioning Retreat on Saturday morning, May 21, 2016. All are invited to be a part of our conversation, and discernment about how God might be guiding us at this season of our lives together.

Jeff



From the desk of:

Rev. Sharon C. Yarger

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please contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger
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Dear Friends,

This month marks a major milestone in my path of ministry. On Sunday evening, May 22, in Wildwood New Jersey as part of this year's Annual Conference session I will be ordained as a deacon in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church! Our Book of Discipline explains it this way: "Within the church community there are persons whose gifts, evidence of God's grace, and promise of future usefulness are affirmed by the community, and who respond to God's call by offering themselves in leadership as set-apart ordained ministers ... Ordination to this ministry is a gift from God to the church. In ordination, the church affirms and continues the [apostle's] ministry through persons empowered by the Holy Spirit." (more on the Holy Spirit a little later)

Ordination represents the culmination of a very long journey for me, and I'm delighted, humbled, and grateful to God for this moment. It's particularly meaningful for me to be ordained while serving the Chatham United Methodist Church. I first served here in 1997 as a Drew seminarian – the very first congregation I served in a pastoral role. I thank you for your prayers, support, and partnership in our ongoing work of service to God and God's people, and I look forward to more ministry together. In the words of the apostle Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6, NRSV)

Also in May, on the 15th, we conclude the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season (we need fifty days to celebrate Jesus' awesome, amazing resurrection!) with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost we recognize and give thanks for God's gift to the church of the Holy Spirit. The color for the day is red, to remind us of the tongues of flame present on Pentecost as told in Acts chapter 2. Symbols of Pentecost include:

- Dove (Peace) – at Jesus' baptism, "just as he was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him." (Mark 1:10)
- Wind (Power) – "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2)
- Fire (Passion) - "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." (Acts 2:3)

May the Peace, Power, and Passion of the Holy Spirit be real in our lives - today, tomorrow, and always!

Blessings and Peace,

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, May 11, 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 May

May 1, 2016: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 (*UMH 791*); Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

May 5, 2016: Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 (*UMH 781*); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 8, 2016: 7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97 (*UMH 816*); Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 15, 2016: Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*UMH 826*); Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22, 2016: 1st Sunday After Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-14, 22-31; Psalm 8 (*UMH 743*); Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

May 29, 2016: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96 (*UMH 815*); Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10



United Methodist Women Spring Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, May 18th 11:30 am

Asbury Room

All women in the church are invited to attend

Please bring a salad to share
Beverages and dessert will be provided



**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:
Thursday, May 5,
6:30 pm, Café Villa & Rummage Sale Set-Up.

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 mmsgomel@gmail.com

Rebecca Circle

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

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 4,
7:30pm, Asbury Room.

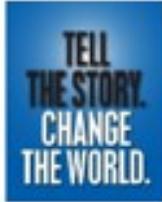
Contact: Dot Dunn, 973-635-7599 or email dbdunn45@gmail.com

Sarah Circle

Meets at 9:30am on the 1st Tuesday of every month at church. **Next Meeting:**
Tuesday, May 3,
time change to 11:30am, for Salad Luncheon,
Asbury Room.

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

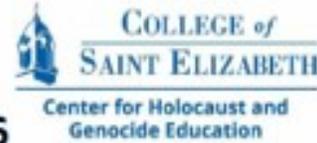
Rev. Jeff Markay is a member of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Advisory Board at the College of St. Elizabeth. Below is one of many educational programs that help to build a just, wise and whole society.



Please join us...

Tuesday, May 10th, 2016

4:30 - 9:00 p.m.



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Dr. Richard Hovannisian



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**Learn from the nation's experts!
Armenian food, poetry, music, and more!**

To register, write to: holocaustcenter@cse.edu

[Teachers should include name of school, address/county, grade/subject, and telephone.]
Certificates for 4 ½ Professional Development Hours for Teachers

This program is supported by a grant from the Dadourian Foundation in support of education about the Armenian people, Armenian genocide, and the legacy....

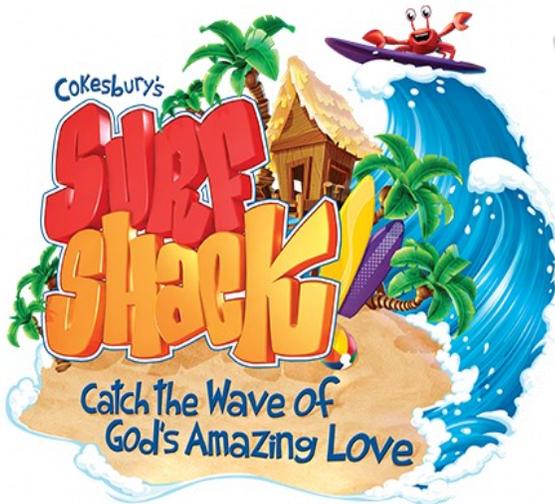
Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education.



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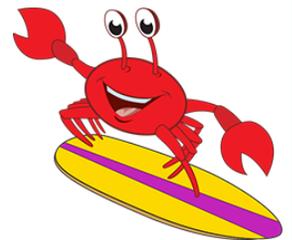


VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

June 27 - July 1

Register today at www.chathamumc.com

It's gonna be EPIC!



Youth Opportunities

- May 7 — Volunteer at the Rummage Sale
- May 8 — Mother's Day: No youth groups
- May 11 — Taizé Prayer
- May 15 — Confirmation Sunday
- May 29 — Memorial Weekend: no youth groups
- May 22 — RISE Tool/Sensitivity Training



Looking ahead:
June 27- July 1 — VBC
July 10 - 16 — RISE

On Sunday, May 8 we will not have Sunday School or Youth Groups so that students and teachers can spend time with family.



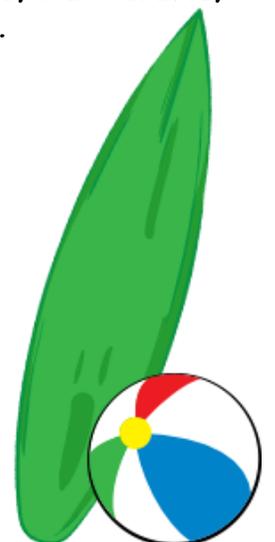
Surfers—get ready to ride the waves of God's amazing love at CUMC's Surf Shack.

This epic adventure is open to campers age 4 thru grade 5.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Our VBC is the success that it is because of all the amazing support from members and friends of CUMC. If you've never worked VBC before, this is the perfect year to get your feet wet! We need volunteers before and especially during the week to act out Bible stories, decorate, sing, play with the children, design sets, make crafts, serve snacks, photograph, dance... whatever makes you smile! We welcome any and all talents!

If you have questions, would like to register, or would like to volunteer, you can go to our website (www.chatamumc.com) and click on the VBC register online link or contact Karen at youthchatumc@optonline.net or Shelley Rack, our VBC Director, at 973-822-1011 or Shelley@theracks.org.





NURSERY SCHOOL

Spring weather is here and we are really enjoying being outside in the sunshine and playing on our wonderful playground. The month is filled with some of our favorite activities. On Saturday, May 21 we will have our annual Art Show and Ice Cream social. All the classes will be decorating the rooms with spring projects and the children, along with their friends and families, are invited to view the classroom art exhibits. The families will be gathering one last time as a community and celebrating the occasion with Ice cream sundaes. The Threes will be busy making forsythia bushes, caterpillars, butterflies, and a giant frog pond.

The Fours will begin the month with activities to get ready for the "Mother's Day Tea." The

remainder of the month the fours will be learning about dinosaurs and reptiles. They will have a visit from "Snakes and Scales," a program that brings live reptiles into the classroom. They will also take a class trip to the Trailside Museum and science center to take a sensory tour through the woods.

Fours Friday Enrichment will meet two more times this spring and will end with Spring Planting and a Field Day in May.

Kindergarten Enrichment will be celebrating spring with May flowers. The children will be celebrating their Moms and Memorial Day this month. They are continuing to work with word families and adding to their word wall.

The Nursery School Parent Board will be hosting the Annual Ladies Night Out fundraiser on May 5. The money raised will be

used to supplement activities to our programs.

We are currently accepting applications for our Three Year-Old and Four Year-Old classes. If you are interested in a spot, please call Sue Maher, Director, for a tour, or Registrar, Katie Bealer for an application. We still have openings in both programs.

We are also accepting applications for the Kindergarten Enrichment Program. If you have a child attending Kindergarten in September, this program complements the kindergarten school day with exploration in literacy, math, science and art. Please call Sue Maher for a tour and Carlye Kohler for an application and information packet.

Enjoy the beautiful month of May.

Nancy Monahan

Mother's Morning Out

Mother's Morning Out is celebrating Earth Day. We hope you enjoy the planters filled with beautiful flowers, the children were so happy to plant them for all of us to enjoy! We have been spending lots of time on our playground enjoying the sunshine. The Activities Room has been full of butterflies, lady bugs and all things spring.

The MMO program is filling up for Fall. Please pass the word about our program onto your neighbors and friends. We are a licensed Preschool Program that builds confidence



and a sense of self esteem in our children, all while we

are playing and having fun. The program consists of free play, outside play, snack, story time, circle time, music/movement, and a simple craft. Children must be 18 months old by September 1, 2016 to enroll. 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



MUSIC NOTES

by PETER Hill, Music Director

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

On **Sunday, May 8th** all males of the church are invited to sing in honor of Mother's Day. Rehearsal on May 8th will take place at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. 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. Prelude music will begin 15 minutes prior to the 9 a.m. service, and integrated throughout the 11 a.m. service. Come and join us for fantastic choral music from our singing guests from Drew University!



Sunday, June 12th will be our final day of the program season at CUMC and we will celebrate with all of our music groups for Music and Arts Appreciation Sunday! Come to both services and hear our Covenant Choir, Wesley Ringers, Youth Singers and Ringers, Kid's Bell Choir, and the Kenaniah Praise Band.



New musicians are always welcome to join the music program; for more information contact me at petepiano@mac.com. Join our music community!

RUMMAGE SALE Saturday May 7!
9:30AM—2PM Bag Sale! \$5 per bag: 2:15 - 3:00PM

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 STUFF**

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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.



Looking for Graduates

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 Zrinka 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!

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, Guilman, 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.



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
 May 14, 2016 at 9:AM
 For more information, please contact Alex Strunc



Care and Resources for Caregivers
 June 15, 7:30 pm in the Asbury Room



Open to all in our congregation and the surrounding community

Stay tuned for more information!

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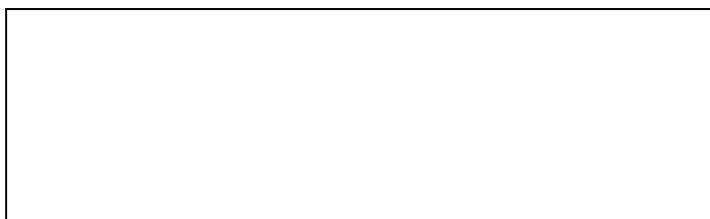
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Sharon Yarger

~ 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

May 1: Yang-Hee's Organ Recital

May 3: Sarah Circle

May 3: Church & Society Committee Meeting

May 4: Rebecca Circle

May 4-6: Rummage Sale Set-up/Donations

May 5: Abigail Circle

May 7: Rummage Sale/Bag Sale

May 9: Circuit Rider Submission Deadline

May 9: Masterwork Committee Council Meeting

May 10: Church Council Meeting

May 11: Meditative Taizé Prayer Service

May 13: Girl Scouts Interfaith Food Pantry

May 14: Men's Breakfast Meeting

May 18: UMW Planning Meeting

May 30: Memorial Day - *Church Office Closed*

June 27-July 1: Vacation Bible Camp

The **June Circuit Rider submissions** deadline is **Monday, May 9, 2016**. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office: chatumc@optonline.net.