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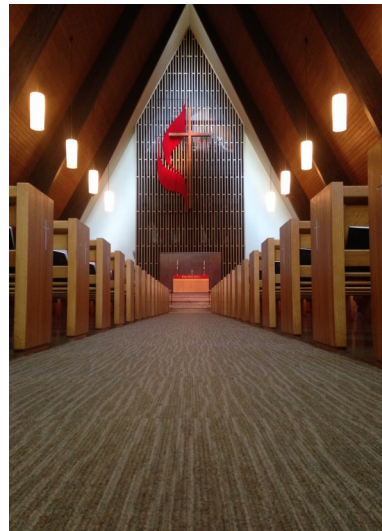


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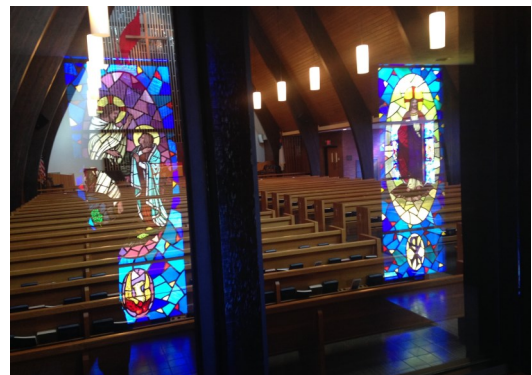


A Service of Blessing after the Sanctuary Renovation

Sunday, October 11 at one 10:AM service



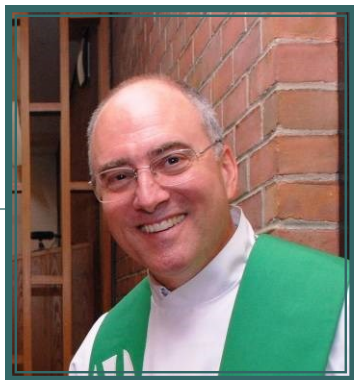
"All things are possible through Christ who gives us strength." -Philippians 4:13



As part of our 10 AM worship, our congregation will be walking through each part of the sanctuary that has been renovated, read some scriptures, say some prayers and then move to the next part of the sanctuary. It will culminate with the entire congregation up in the chancel to bless the new altar area and sing a song of faith together.

We are deeply indebted to the many generous and faithful friends in our congregation who helped fund this update to our sanctuary. We are grateful for the Capital Campaign Fund Raising Committee. We are thankful for the Trustees who cast a vision, widened the circle of support, secured bids and contractors, and oversaw the immense and thoughtful work done to improve our sanctuary. We hope you can come to this special event in the life of our church.





The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

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Dear Friends,

On October 4, 2015 Churches around the world will celebrate World Communion Sunday. As part of my sermon, I will be showing an interview I had with a Methodist Lay Person

named Peter from Dodworth England. He spends Saturday nights outside of clubs and bars to provide a ministry of non-judgmental listening, sharing compassion and faithful wisdom with young people who have had too much to drink, are about to get into fights, or are weary from dancing all night! Peter, this retired police officer from London, is a profound and faithful witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ. I hope you'll come and catch a glimpse of some of the many ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world.

We in the Chatham UMC will be reading scriptures in different languages including but not limited to the languages below. If you would like to read one of these passages in one of these languages, or in another, please contact me as soon as possible.

Peace, Pace, Frieden, Shalom, Paix, Paz,

Jeff

English:

13-16 The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

Hungarian

15 Bizony, mondom néktek: aki nem úgy fogadja az Isten országát, mint egy kisgyermek, semmiképpen sem megy be abba." **16** Ekkor átölelte és kezét rájuk téve megáldotta őket.

German:

15 Ich sage euch: Wer das Reich Gottes nicht wie ein Kind annimmt, wird nicht hineinkommen.«

16 Und er nahm die Kinder in die Arme, legte ihnen die Hände auf und segnete sie.

Spanish:

15 De cierto os digo, que el que no recibiere el Reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él.

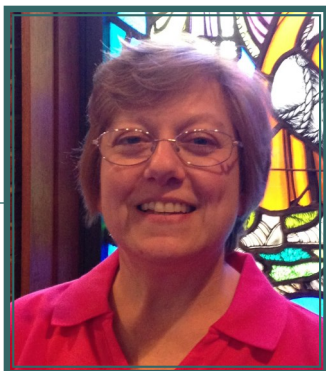
16 Y tomándolos en los brazos, poniendo las manos sobre ellos, los bendecía.

French:

15 Je vous le dis en vérité, quiconque ne recevra pas le royaume de Dieu comme un petit enfant n'y entrera point. **16** Puis il les prit dans ses bras, et les bénit, en leur imposant les mains.

Italian:

15 In verità io vi dico che chiunque non avrà ricevuto il regno di Dio come un bambino, non vi entrerà affatto». **16** E, presili in braccio, li benediceva ponendo le mani su di loro.



From the desk of:

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Dear Friends,

This past June marked the fifth anniversary of the death of my mother, Louise Capron. My mom was the daughter of a Methodist pastor, a lifelong faithful United Methodist, and lived to the “ripe old age” of 94. I credit her with much of my own life of faith. I was going through some things recently from the time around her death, and was reminded of a significant incident.

My first day back in my office at the Succasunna United Methodist Church after my mom’s death, I was working my way through the backlog of items on my desk. One of our booklets of Sunday School curriculum literally fell open to the page containing the following words:

“Imagine three concentric circles, with Jesus as the center one. In the first circle around him are his immediate friends, gathered for the last supper. The next circle may look familiar – it is composed of followers like us who lived after Jesus’ death. In today’s gospel [John 17:20-26], Jesus tells of a mystery: the outer circle can be just as close as the inner one. Jesus prays that those whose faith is based on the word of the first disciples can be one with the whole body of believers. As we enter this mystery, we may remember the traditional teaching that sometimes our loved ones are closer to us after they have died than before. Their lives on earth may have been marked by various pressures on the relationship they had with us: personality conflicts, financial problems, job stresses, addictions to alcohol or drugs. Even the most loving relationship can be strained by lack of time or proximity. After death, they can look after us without interruption, love us without distraction.”

These words were a source of great comfort in the midst of my grief. I’m not exactly sure why I feel led to share them in this month’s Circuit Rider, but I trust that God has something in mind. I offer these words to all who have lost loved ones - recently, or long ago - in the hope and prayer that they may be of comfort to you as well.

Blessings and Peace,

Sharon

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



Two Hour Pilgrimage. Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10-12Noon, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. We will meet in the Asbury Room at 10am, learn about pilgrim spirituality and walking meditation, carpool to Drew University, walk the labyrinth, then go out for lunch at about 12Noon. Bring your friends!

Six friends from the Chatham UMC started our two hour pilgrimage with a DVD and sharing about the spirituality of pilgrimage and walking labyrinths, while still at the Chatham UMC. We then carpooled to the Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit to prayerfully walk their labyrinth with open hearts and open minds. After some sharing and reflection, we enjoyed going out for lunch together.



Taizé Prayer

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

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 October

October 4, 2015 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756); Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16



October 11, 2015 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752); Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 18, 2015 21st Sun after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826); Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 2015 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

A Blessing for the Sanctuary Renovations Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 9:am and 11:am Worship Services

During our Sunday morning worship services, there will be a prayer journey that our congregation will take throughout the newly renovated Sanctuary. As we walk to the different parts of the sanctuary that have been renovated, we will say various litanies of prayer at or near the family room, narthex, sound board, pulpit, lectern, altar and chancel area. Above all else, we will thank God for the way that this project has been completed and for the many people who gave of their ideas, their time and their generosity to make this renovation a reality.

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.



Sunday, November 1, we will recognize All Saints Day with a special service at 9 and 11 a.m. This is an ancient tradition in which Christians remember loved ones who have finished their courses in faith, and now live in the heavenly realm. We will light candles in their memory, speak their names, toll the bell, and give God thanks for their lives and their homecoming into Eternal Life. If someone you know has died since November 1, 2014, and you would like his or her name lifted up, please contact the church office. If you have friends or neighbors who have lost loved ones in the past year, please invite them to contact us with the names, and invite them to worship with us on November 1, 2015. All people are welcome here.



CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 18, 2015, 10:15 A.M.

On the Third Sunday of Every Month, we will gather in the Asbury Room to have Conversations in the Spiritual Life. No experience is necessary. We are providing a space for conversation and a topic that is intended to give us resources that God might use to deepen our relationship with God, and the world.

New! 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 Pastor Sharon and Su Jung Shin in a lively and thought-provoking look at the New Testament Book of Acts. We'll follow 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 friend!

For further information contact Rev. Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net.



Chatham UMC UMW Rummage Sale

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.



SET UP:

Monday, Oct. 12th, 10 am – 5 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 9 am – 9 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 9 am – 3 pm

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2015

9:30am – 2:00pm

Bag Sale @ \$5 per bag: 2:15 – 3:00pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON:

Monday, Oct. 12th, 1 pm – 5 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 13th, 9 am – 9 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 9 am – NOON

Acceptable items **must be in good condition**: clean clothing (no stains), household goods, working small appliances, electronics, toys, games, records, and children's books.

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.



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!)



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.



News for Youth & Kids

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Interfaith Food Pantry
Serving Morris County

Let's feed some hungry families in October!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Junior Youth with Kids Fellowship

Let's put our faith in action—**Sunday, Oct. 4** Junior Youth and Kids Fellowship are going to help feed some hungry people by participating in a **Food Drive** for the Interfaith Food Pantry. We will go to Kings supermarket in Chatham where we will hand out flyers encouraging patrons to "shop" for the food pantry while in the store and then leave it with us on their way out. The drive takes place from 12:00 to 4:00 that afternoon but we can break it down into shifts for those of you with busy schedules. Watch your email for details. Friends and family are very welcome to join us! Let's beat last year's amazing **grand total of 555 lbs. of food and \$256 in cash!**



On Sunday, October 18th the **Senior Youth and Confirmation Class** will depart for a team building experience in the Corn Maze in Chester. The challenges and frustration of finding one's way out of the maze, the need to be both self-reliant, helpful to others, and able to ask for assistance all parallel the commitment we need in order to develop personal relationships with God in community with others.

We will leave the church at 11:30am and return at around 2:30pm. Bring \$13 for admission plus money for food/souvenirs.

For more info talk to Karen.



I know summer 2015 is barely behind us but maybe that's why we're getting excited about next summer already! Our youth **RISE** team is recruiting for the **Summer 2016 mission trip**. Interested **Senior High Youth** (grades 9-12) and **parents** are encouraged to come to an introductory meeting on **Oct. 25 at 7:15pm** in the Youth Lounge on the lower level. RISE veterans will share their experiences, show a video of the 2015 trip and answer your questions about what it's like to spend a week in mission. We will talk about fundraising needs (incl. need for a new coordinator) and other important stuff you need to know to be part of the 2016 team. *This meeting for both veterans and rookies!*

Youth Opportunities



Oct. 4 — Food Drive at Kings
Oct. 14 — Taizé Prayer Service
Oct. 18—Family Promise week
Oct. 18—SYF and Confirmands Corn Maze trip
Oct. 25—RISE meeting

Looking ahead:

Nov. 6—Hanover Park @ Madison football game
Nov. 14—Confirmation Dinner/Study event

NURSERY SCHOOL

The classrooms are so colorful with the children's fall art work. The children have adjusted to their new classrooms and teachers. The teachers have worked hard at establishing routines so the children feel comfortable in their new environments. The Threes have been busy learning new songs, dabbling in new art experiences and making new friends. The Parents will have an opportunity to meet with the teacher for fall conferences this month. And most important, it is the month of Halloween.



The Fours will visit Fosterfield, a historic working farm in Morristown. The children visit with farm animals and participate in hands-on experiences doing chores around the farm. The Fours lunch program will offer two days for the children this year. Fours Friday Enrichment will also begin this month.

The Kindergarten Enrichment program is up and running smoothly. The Children can attend four half-day sessions in the AM or the PM designed to complement their Kindergarten day schedule. We are very excited to offer this wonderful program. Children from other towns may also join this program. If you are interested, please contact our registrar, Carlye Koehler.

The Annual Pizza Party will take place this month in Rodda Hall. This is such a fun family event that is a real community builder for our nursery school.

Our Annual Halloween parties will take place and the classrooms will be decorated with the children's art work. The Threes have a low-key celebration but the fours pump it up with a parade and a program featuring thirteen Halloween songs that they learn in class. Enjoy the beauty of the season.

Nancy Monahan

Mother's Morning Out

The Mother's Morning Out is looking forward to another year of growing and learning! Our program runs from 9:15am until 11:15 am on Monday –Friday mornings in the Activities Room. Children may be enrolled for either one or two or three days a week. The mission of MMO is to provide a warm and caring environment for toddlers, age 18 months to 3 years. Through varied and positive experiences, our goal at MMO is to help children grow.

We currently have approximately 35 families enrolled in our program. We have few spots open if anyone is looking for a wonderful program for their children.

Amy Crandall, director, is in her fourth year leading the program. We have 3 other assistant teachers that have lots of experience with MMO. Mary Reynolds, Bernadette Sabo and Chris Slattery have been with MMO for over 12 years each. All the teachers bring with them a love of children and a special way with 2 year olds.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing!

Amy Crandall

Fall Upcoming Events



Saturday October 17, 9 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Two hour pilgrimage and labyrinth walk

10 a.m. at Drew University - Meet at CUMC

Consider hosting our next meeting

Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m.

Contact Alex Strunc 201-400-7229

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By Diane Van Patten, UMW Co-President

Fall Rummage Sale

Thursday, October 15

Accepting donations:

Monday, Oct. 12, noon - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. - noon



Sunday Afternoon High Tea

Sunday, November 8

Advent Luncheon

Wednesday, December 16



Watch for more information in future Circuit Riders, Sunday Bulletins, and Email Blasts. All women are invited to be part of UMW. Join a Circle or just come to UMW gatherings. Whatever level of involvement you want to have, you are welcome!



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 bryant-pine@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 Weds. evening of every month, sometimes in member homes.

Contact: Dot Dunn, 973-635-7599 or email dbdunn45@gmail.com
Next Mtg: Weds., Oct. 7, at 6:30 pm. Potluck supper at Dot's.

Sarah Circle

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

Contact: Nan Canfield, 973-635-2408, or email shipyard@verizon.net
Next Mtg: Tues., Oct. 6, at 9:30 am in the Asbury Rm. Discuss plans for the year.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL FOR THE REV. DR. ROBERT DREW SIMPSON OCTOBER 16, 2015 , 7 P.M.



**Senior Pastor at Chatham UMC
from 1965 - 1990**

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2-4 p.m. CUMAC's Action Against Hunger Food Drive



CUMC will be sending a team of helpers to CUMAC's 2015 Action Against Hunger Food Drive. Volunteers ages 12 and up are needed to sort thousands of pounds of food for distribution to Passaic County's network of feeding programs. CUMC's hands-on participation will ensure that critical food items get to local pantries and agencies at a time they need it most! Plan to join us – it will be an awesome day! A great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of hungry people! To sign up or learn more, contact Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net. Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food ... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35, 40)



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 Watt at (973) 635-7326

JOIN THE CUMAC CONVERSATION

It's wonderful that CUMC supports CUMAC through our Missions budget, and that we're continuously collecting and delivering food. There are even more ways for us to partner with CUMAC in ministry to hungry families. Pastor Sharon and a group of CUMC folks will be meeting soon to discern and take action on how we can become more intentionally and actively involved with CUMAC. To join us, contact Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net.



Start saving your pennies and dollars - we are busy making plans for our major fundraiser, the **Alternative Gift Fair - Dec. 6, 10 a.m. in Rodda Hall**. Stay tuned for more information next month on the organizations and booths that will be at the fair.



Dear CUMC Friends,

Thank you for the meaningful send-off service on July 12th with special music, closing prayer, a party with a beautiful cake, a generous monetary gift and cards of congratulations. "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" has special meaning covering my Christian Life. Thank you for your support for my going home to

South Korea to be with family and friends for my wedding with Joon Kim on August 15th. The attached photo was taken at our wedding which was a small but meaningful ceremony.

With Christ's Love,

Yang-Hee

RALLY DAY WAS FUN FOR ALL!



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~ 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****October 4:** World Communion Sunday**October 4:** CUMAC Action Against Hunger Event**October 6:** Sarah Circle**October 6:** Common Meeting**October 7:** Rebecca Circle: Potluck at Dot's**October 10:** Walk to Emmaus Training**October 11:** Blessing for Sanctuary Renovations**October 12:** Deadline for Circuit Rider Submissions**October 12-14:** Rummage Sale Set-Up/Accepting Donations**October 13:** Church Council Meeting**October 13:** Abigail Circle**October 14:** Taizé Prayer Service**October 15:** Rummage Sale**October 15:** Lunch Bunch**October 16:** Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Simpson**October 17:** Labyrinth Walk at Drew University**October 18:** Conversations in the Spiritual Life**October 21:** UMW Planning Meeting**October 24:** Walk to Emmaus Training**October 25:** RISE 2016 Info Meeting**October 28:** Centering Prayer

The **November Circuit Rider** deadline for submissions is **Monday, October 12**. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office: chatumc@optonline.net.