

Weekly News & Updates



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4th Annual Interfaith Abraham Lunch

Thank you to all those who attended the 4th Annual Interfaith Abraham Lunch on Tuesday, January 31st. It was an inspirational afternoon that brought together over 120 neighbors committed to encouraging healing and wholeness within our community. We are so grateful to The Peace Islands Institute that dually provided our bodies and minds with the nourishment from lunch and our speakers. All were fortified by the enriching words of Rabbi Deb Smith, The Reverend Doctor Javier Viera, and Mr. Sam Tunagor. We only wish our time could have been extended! A special thank you to Church and Society for hosting our guests and extending such a warm welcome on our behalf.

Remembering in Our Prayers



Two of our members from the Chatham UMC entered Life Eternal this week:

Jack Strangfeld, and Theodore "Ted" Straight

The following are the times of their respective services:

Jack Strangfeld

Born: June 23, 1923

Entered Life Eternal: February 1, 2017

Visiting Hours at Bradley and Son Funeral Home, located at 345 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928, on *Saturday, February 4th from 3:00-6:00 PM.*

Memorial Service at the Chatham UMC on *Tuesday, February 7th at 11:00 AM* followed by lunch in Rodda Hall. Burial Service will be private.

Ted Straight

Born: July 13, 1930

Entered Life Eternal: January 26, 2017

Visiting Hours at Bradley and Son Funeral Home, located at 345 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928, on *Sunday, February 5th from 2:00-4:00 PM.*

The Funeral Service will be held at Bradley on *Monday, February 6th, at 11:00 AM.*

This Week's Happenings...



It's SouperBowl Week!

My name is Kate Ziegler, and I am spearheading the SouperBowl of Caring food drive again this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the SouperBowl of Caring, it is a way for youth to be involved in helping those in need in their local communities.

This Sunday is February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday! It is the last day there will be a table outside of the Asbury Room for canned goods and monetary donations to be placed. **I am collecting until 12 Noon on Sunday.** I would like to encourage the congregation of CUMC to support my efforts to help CUMAC ECHO. Please help me help others in need, especially during this time of celebration. Thank you for your continued support!

So far, we collected:

Bags Collected: 75 (500 lbs of food!) | Monetary Donations \$625 | Thank you!



CUMC Music News

Thursday, February 2nd - Saturday, February 4th

The Hills are Alive at Chatham Middle School!

Our own Youth Musician, Owen Wiedemer, will be singing and dancing in Chatham Middle School's production of *The Sound of Music*. See the musical and support our local middle school and our singer, Owen! Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door. Performance times are 6 PM on 2/2 and 7 PM on 2/3 & 2/4.

Looking Ahead...

Thursday, February 9th, 10:30 AM

All are invited to hear Music Director, Peter Hill, perform piano for the Suburban Music Study Club's monthly recital in the Chase Room at the Madison Public Library.

Harpist, Merynda Adams (a friend to CUMC through her accompanying at our Taize services) and Charity Wicks, pianist will also perform.

On **Sunday, February 12th**, the Wesley Ringers, CUMC's adult hand bell choir will perform for both the 9:00 AM and 1:00 AM services. If you would like to know more



Enquirer's Group

Will meet on **Sunday, February 5th** at 5 PM in the Asbury Room.



Monday Noontime Bible Study February 6th. 12 Noon - 1:30PM Room 7

Whether you are brand-new to the Bible or know it inside and out, all are welcome! Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack, and feel free to bring a friend - whether or not they are part of CUMC. The group will be exploring the letters of the apostle Paul. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger. Hope to see you there!



Special Church Conference

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30 PM in the Asbury Room.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Manuel Sardinas will preside at a special Church Conference with only two agenda items:

1. To set the salary for our 1/4 time Associate Pastor, the Rev. Sharon Yarger.
2. To hear about Chatham UMC Member Dr. SuJung Shin's Possible Call to Ordained Ministry. SuJung, who has been a member of our church for over two years will share with us her sense of God's Call to Ordination, after which we will be able to ask questions, have conversation, and discern whether or not we wish to encourage her in taking the next step towards ordination in the UMC.

We plan to adjourn the Church Conference around 8:15 PM and then convene the Church Council meeting immediate following.



Sarah Circle Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7th** has been **canceled** out of respect to the family, friends, and the Memorial Service of Jack Strangfeld. Any questions call Nan Canfield, 973-635-2408, or email shipyard@verizon.net.

Abigail Circle will meet on **Friday, February 17th**, 7:30 PM. in Wesley Room. Any questions call the church office at 973-635-7740.



Stephen Ministry Will meet on **Wednesday, February 8th** at 7PM in the Wesley Room.



Taizé Prayer Service

Will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th** from 7:30 - 8:15 PM in the Asbury Room. In the midst of the frenetic pace of news, work, life and stress, it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the music, beauty, stillness, scriptures, and prayers of a Taizé Prayer Service. All are invited to come and enjoy the serenity.

Next Week...



Men's Group Meeting

Will take place **Saturday, February 11th** at 9AM Robert and Liezel Lyon will host us at 20 Chestnut Road in Chatham Township.

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2017 Offering Member Envelopes

The 2017 Member Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up outside of the church office after services on Sunday, February 5th. All boxes are organized in alphabetical order. Please feel free to also pick up literature available offering additional diverse options to support CUMC. We are so grateful for all that you do.



Flower Dedications Now Open for 2017

The weekly flower donation calendar is now available for the year. Please request your week by signing up on the calendar outside of Pastor Jeff's office. Please sign up and complete the [form](#) on our church website. Forms with a \$40 check made payable to CUMC need to be received by the church office two weeks prior to the date of your flower dedication. Any questions, please contact the Church Office for more information: 973-635-7740 or email: churchsecretary@optonline.com. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Opportunities to Support our CUMC Family...



Chatham Methodist Preschool-Registration is Open

Registration is now open for Chatham Methodist Preschool! Programs are available for children ages 18 months through 6 years old. Classes offered are Almost 2s, 2s, 3s, 4s, Full Day 5s, and Kindergarten Enrichment. For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. Word of mouth is our BEST advertisement! Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC! Please visit our website at www.chathampreschool.org



Seeking Liturgists

Raise Your Voice! We're looking for an even greater variety of voices to speak God's word as liturgists. All ages welcome! If you've planned to participate in this ministry, there are open dates throughout 2017. If you're interested and would like to sign up please click [here](#) to go to the Sign Up Genius and reserve your date. If you are intrigued but not quite sure, please contact Barbara Babbitt at babbitt@optimum.net, or 973-660-1960, to discuss what this worship leadership

entails. Find your voice...and share it!



A Message from Care Corps

Care Corps is the way we take care of each other in our church family. If you or someone you know needs meals or rides to doctor's appointments, please call the CUMC office at 973-635-7740 or Marie Watt at 973-635-7326. We can always use additional volunteers for meal preparation and rides.

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