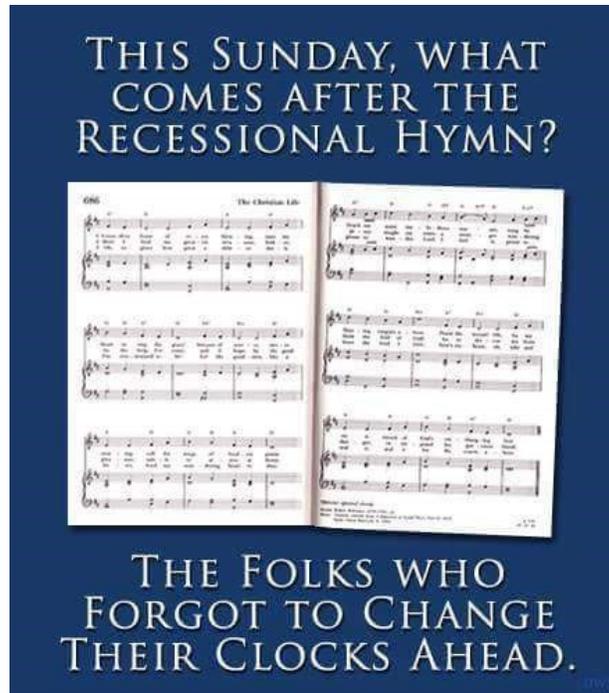


Would you like to include your meeting or announcement in our next email? All submissions due by Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to Eileen Ruggiero: chatumc@optonline.net.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church



Don't forget to "Spring Ahead"
this Sunday, March 12th!
Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM!

To revisit previous E-newsletters, please visit our website!

News

Important Lenten Dates...



Lenten Small Groups

We are offering Lenten Small Groups using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and DVD *"Creed: What Christians Believe and Why"* Groups are meeting at various days and times to accommodate busy schedules. To see our confirmed schedule of groups and to read a more in-depth description please click on:

[2017 Lenten Small Group Information.](#)

Books are available for purchase at the church for \$10. Books for Kindle

can be ordered from Amazon at:

<https://www.amazon.com/Creed-What-Christians-Believe-Why/dp/1501813714>

Sign Up sheets for groups are across from Jeff's office.



Lenten Soup
and Spirit

Soup and Spirit Thursdays in Lent 6:00-6:45 PM Rodda Hall

Come and nourish body and spirit throughout Lent! Friends and general public, of every age, are all welcome to participate in sharing a meal and spiritual exercise. Each week a different member of the congregation will share from their own experiences a little bit about Christianity as it's practiced in other parts of the world. Soup Makers needed! Sign-up sheet is located across from Jeff's office.



United Methodist Women Lenten Soup Supper Sunday, April 2nd 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Rodda Hall

Our Program Guest will be Rev. Tanya Linn Bennet, Ph.D. Associate Dean, Vocation & Form at Drew University. All women in the church are invited to attend.



2017 Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving

Our sponsored causes for our church ministry this year will be the following:

Local- Interfaith Food Pantry, Morristown

National- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Global: Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

Opportunities to participate will be available in coming weeks.

This Week at CUMC...



Stephen Ministry

is scheduled for Friday, March 10th at 2:00 PM in the Wesley Room.



CUMC Music News

Our very own Youth Musician, **Hanna Giedraitis**, will be singing in New Providence High School's production of *The*

Sound of

Music on March 10th at 7:30 PM and March 11th at 2:00

PM and 7:30 PM. For tickets, follow this link to [Seat Yourself](#) and support Hanna!

This **Sunday, March 12th**, will be packed with music! The Wesley Ringers, our adult bell choir, will perform for both services as the Covenant Choir sings Mozart's Ave Verum for the 9:00 AM Service. Also joining the music this weekend will be **Alison Rack** on trumpet: Alison is a CUMC Youth Music alumna and now a music education major at West Chester University of PA.

If you would like to know more about music at CUMC, please contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com.



Enquirers Group

is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12th at 5:00 PM** in the Asbury Room; our topic will be "In the Footsteps of Paul."



CUMC to Rise Against Hunger! Sunday, March 12th,

2:00-4:00 PM Rodda Hall

We'll be packing 10,000+ meals to be distributed to orphanages, refugee camps and other situations world-wide where people are hungry. This event has reached capacity for volunteers. If you would still like to be instrumental in its success, you may make a donation online.

You must register to participate, so we know how many volunteers we will have. [Please click here to donate](#). You may also deliver a donation to the CUMC office. Please designate "CUMC Rise Against Hunger" on the envelope. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or scyarger@optonline.net

For more information on Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) visit www.riseagainsthunger.org



Perennial Garden Club of Chatham

Will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00-3:00 PM** in the Asbury Room; the presentation will be by the *Newark Museum's Speakers Bureau* and the topic is "Flowers In Art". Members and friends are welcome!

Next Week at CUMC...



Men's Group

is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 AM**. Please note that for this month the meeting in the Wesley Room.

Fellowship and Fixing!



Saturday, March 18th 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Join in at any time or for the whole day! There will be projects for all skill sets and lunch provided by those who sign up to help with food. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway near the elevator. Signing up is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome! Join in for some fun and fellowship!

Sponsored by the Chatham UMC Board of Trustees



Family Promise Still Needs Volunteers! March 19th-March 26th

Our Family Promise Guests will stay with us during the week of March 19th - March 26th. **We especially need hosts and dinner volunteers for Saturday, March 25th and overnight hosts for Tuesday March 21st and Saturday, March 25th.** Please visit the sign-up sheet opposite Jeff's office or contact:

Claudia Shaw: chs1munk@gmail.com, (973) 454-2013.

Please help our families usher in a Spring of hope for the future.



Abigail Circle will be hosting the *Family Promise Dinner* on **March 19th**.

Rebecca Circle will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 5th** from **1:00-4:00PM** in the Asbury Room.



Brian McLaren-Lecture Sunday, March 19th 3:00 PM West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ

West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood NJ welcomes Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian to a lecture at 3PM on Sunday, March 19, 2017. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend this exciting event, which is McLaren's only appearance in the New York City metropolitan area this winter.

McLaren is the author of more than two dozen books. His latest, "The Great Spiritual Migration," has been called "provocative and powerful" by Nicholas Kristof of the "New York Times."

Brian McLaren has some significant wisdom for the church that wishes to be a part of authentic, faithful and relevant expressions of the Gospel. (*I'll be leaving from the Chatham UMC back parking lot at 1:30 PM if anyone wants to join me. Peace, Jeff Markay*)

Important Announcements...

Noontime Bible Study will not be held during Lent and



will resume after Easter.

Opportunities to Support our CUMC Family...



Seeking Liturgists

Raise Your Voice! All ages welcome! 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 Babbit** at babbitt@optimum.net, or 973-660-1960, to discuss what this worship leadership entails. Find your voice...and share it!



Chatham Methodist Preschool-Registration is Open

We have a few spots open in our Full day Fives Class and Kindergarten Enrichment. Here are a few of the unique highlights about the classes. Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC!

Our 5-Year Old Full Day Program Highlights:

Monday-Friday 8:45 AM -2:15 PM

- * Creatively designed by veteran SDOC faculty, Peggy Melvin
- * Program coordinated by certified Kindergarten teacher
- * Exploration of Literacy, Math, STEM , Science, Social Studies and Art
- * Experiential learning.....have fun, learn by doing!
- * Nurturing Class Size - maximum of 12 students
- * At the completion of the year, a teacher evaluation to recommend class placement for next year, kindergarten or first grade

Our Kindergarten Enrichment Program Highlights:

Mornings: 8:45 AM-12:00 PM, BYO lunch

Afternoons: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, BYO lunch

- * Certified teachers with kindergarten experience.
- * Creatively designed by caring staff to complement and reinforce your Kindergartner's school day.
- * Communication with district Kindergarten teachers to reinforce NJ State standards.
- * Exploration of Literacy, Math, Science, and Art.
- * Explore new ideas and interests together....have fun, learn by doing!
- * Our goal is to provide opportunities to develop skills essential for lifetime learning.
- * 3 days a week

For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. Please visit our website at

www.chathampreschool.org



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.

STAY CONNECTED:

