

Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Strength to Love*

## Announcements



### Church Office Closed Monday

The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



### Volunteers Needed this Tuesday!

On Tuesday, January 16th we will be hosting the UMC of Greater NJ Conference Strategic Planning Feedback Session in Rodda Hall. We need volunteers to greet and welcome our guests into our facilities. Our guests arrive at 7:00 PM. Hospitality volunteers should arrive about 6:30 PM.

## This Week at CUMC



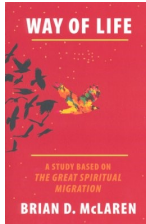
### Monday Noontime Bible Study- Room 7

Monday, January 15th

Whether you're brand-new to the Bible, or know it inside and out, you're welcome! The group will meet each Monday from noon-1:30 PM in Room 7. Feel free to bring your lunch or a

snack, and feel free to bring a friend-whether or not they are part of CUMC. **Questions?** Contact: Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at [scyarger@optonline.net](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net) or Dr. SuJung Shin at [sshin@nbs.edu](mailto:sshin@nbs.edu).

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## Advent Small Group Meeting this Monday

Group will be meeting **Monday, January 15th** and on **Monday, January 22nd** at 7:30 PM in the Wesley Room.

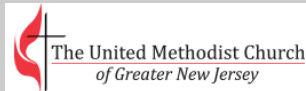
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## UMW Circle to Meet

**Abigail Circle: Tuesday, January 16th** 7:00 PM at Amy Raffel's House, Bingo!

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## Hospitality Volunteers Needed

**Tuesday, January 16th 6:40 PM** Rodda Hall to welcome guests from the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey Conference. See "Announcements" above for more details.

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## UMW Planning Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17th** 10:00 AM Asbury Room

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## Richard Rohr Discussion Group

**Wednesday, January 17th 7:30 PM** Asbury Room  
We will share reflections on Fr. Richard's daily emails from the prior week; as well as some videos and webcasts

from Richard Rohr. *To sign up for Richard Rohr's free email subscription, please visit the Center for Action and Contemplation's website at [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org).* Conversation and spiritual practices will be facilitated by our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Jeff Markay. **You may sign up for Richard Rohr Discussion Group or Taizé Prayer by [clicking here](#).** You may also call the church office at (973) 635-7740.

## Looking Ahead

### January/February at a Glance:

**Saturday, January 27th, Men's Group Meeting, 9:00 AM,** Sally and Alex Strunc will host

**Sunday, February 4th, Youth Super Bowl Party 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM,** Rodda Hall or Youth Lounge

**Tuesday, February 6th, Sarah Circle, 9:30 AM,** Asbury Room

**Wednesday, February 7th, Rebecca Circle, 7:30 PM,** Asbury Room

Sunday, February 11th, *RISE Against Hunger Meal Packing Event*, 2:00 PM  
Rodda Hall

Tuesday, February 13th, *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*, 5:30 PM, Rodda Hall

Wednesday, February 14th, *Ash Wednesday Worship Service*, 7:30 PM,  
Sanctuary

Thursday, February 22nd, *Soup and Spirit*, 6:00 PM, Asbury Room



## Hold The Date!

Join us for our upcoming meal packaging event!

Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime!

We need your support to reach our goal to package

10,152+ meals on **Sunday, February 11th from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**. When we rise together, we can create a world without hunger.

**Where:** Chatham UMC-Rodda Hall, 460 Main St, Chatham, NJ 07928

[Register Here for Meal Packaging Event](#)

## Youth News



## Hold The Date!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Rodda Hall**

It's coming! CUMC Youth RISE participants would like you to hold the date and get ready to race! More information coming soon!

## Music News



Our music groups have begun again for the Winter and Spring at CUMC! The *Wesley Ringers* rehearse in the sanctuary on **Thursday evenings** at 7:00 PM and the *Covenant Choir* rehearses on **Thursday evenings** at 8:00 PM in the Music Room. Our *Ukulele Orchestra* will next meet at 10:30 AM on **Saturday, January 20th** in the

Music Room. The *Youth Singers* and *Ringers* rehearse on Sunday evenings at 5:45 PM and 6:30 PM respectively. Our *Kids' Bells* meet on **Tuesday afternoons** at 4:00 PM. The *Kenaniah Praise Band* rehearses on **Saturday mornings** at 9:00 AM! *If you or a friend are interested in music at CUMC, please contact Peter Hill at [petepiano@mac.com](mailto:petepiano@mac.com) or 530-574-7539.*

This weekend for Baptism of the Lord Sunday, the Covenant Choir will sing Kirby Shaw's arrangement of *Take Me to the River* for the 9:00 AM service. In the 11:00 AM service, Yang-Hee Song and Peter Hill will play an organ and piano duet: *Like a River*.

## Ministry Updates

## Bread Ministry

Please consider giving your gift of time this weekend or future weekends. Volunteers are needed in brief shifts to help Saturday nights and Sundays to ensure that this ministry continues to be successful. [Sign Up for a shift by clicking here](#). Even if you are not available this weekend, please consider signing up for a future weekend. Thank you!



## Liturgists Needed

CUMC needs more voices bringing the Word of God in worship! Disciples are needed to raise their voices at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services; there are open time slots through February 2018. [Please click here to sign up and to secure your slot](#). If you have any difficulty with the sign up and need assistance, or if you have any questions about this ministry, please feel free to contact Barbara Babbitt at [babbitt@optimum.net](mailto:babbitt@optimum.net).



## Care Corps

CUMC remains committed to our neighbors in need throughout the year with our Care Corps Ministry. If you or someone you know needs meals or transportation, please call the CUMC office at (973) 635-7740 or Marie Watt at (973) 635-7326.



## Bags To Benches Update

Remember to collect and bring your plastic bags/film to CUMC (460 Main Street). Blue Receptacles are located at the front entrance on Main Street and at the rear entrance to the building. We accept bags/film that are "clean", no residue, trash or waste inside or on the plastic.

[Click here for a printable flier](#) for more details and to pass on to your friends and family. Spread the word and help us meet our goal of 500 lbs.!

**Update: We have collected over 220 lbs of plastic as of January 10th!**

If you would like to help with bringing the plastic to the Acme in New Providence please contact Carolyn Palma at 973-635-3828.

## Preschool Registration



### 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, 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](http://www.chathampreschool.org).

Did you miss something? To revisit previous E-News, please visit our website by clicking below for our archived newsletters.

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All submissions for next week's E-news are due to Eileen Ruggiero at [chatumc@optonline.net](mailto:chatumc@optonline.net) by 2:00 PM Tuesdays.



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