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With shouts of Hosanna from Palm Sunday still ringing in our ears, we begin the journey through Holy Week, pausing along the way to reflect on the events, difficult though they be, that will bring greater joy to the celebration of Easter morning.



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm

"Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "command." This service focuses on the last supper Jesus had with his disciples during which he gave them a new command:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

This service includes Holy Communion.



Good Friday, April 3 at 7:30pm

At this Tenebrae service of readings, music, and meditation, we ponder the meaning and purpose of the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross.



Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:00am & 11:00am

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! At our Easter services we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ from the dead and God's enduring promise of eternal life. Both services will be enhanced by music from various choirs, bell choirs, the Chatham Brass, and the traditional congregational singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus!*



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.





The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

revjmarkay@earthlink.net

"for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Isaiah 56:7

Dear Friends,

We live in a divided and fearful world. Not a day goes by when we don't see nations at war with nations, cultures and religions at war with each other and themselves, and division within our own families. These broken relationships are a death of sorts: Death to community. Death to neighborhoods. Death to hope. Death to the Divine's desire for Oneness, of which Jesus spoke.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, and the promise that Christ always brings new life out of death. Resurrection is usually not on our schedule, but in God's time. Such resurrection can also be hidden in the commonplace of our daily lives. As theologian Leonardo Boff once wrote:

"Wherever, in mortal life, goodness triumphs over the instincts of hatred, wherever one heart opens to another, wherever a righteous attitude is built and the room is created for God, there the Resurrection has begun."

This month, Chatham United Methodist Church will host opportunities for glimpses of such resurrection. On Thursday, April 16, we will welcome people from many different Christian traditions at the Taizé Prayer led by three Brothers from the Community of Taizé, France. On Saturday, April 18 at 4pm, we will host the Canticles for Life AIDS Benefit concert, and provide tangible signs of resurrection and hope for those who have lost loved ones to AIDS. We will also catch glimpses of such resurrection at the Interfaith Abraham Lunch on Wednesday, April 22 at 12 noon when Jews, Christians, and Muslims will break bread together in Rodda Hall. We will gather with one another to talk about God's gift of Creation and how we, as children of the Abrahamic traditions, can be good stewards of God's gift.

Jesus quoted Isaiah in his desire to see the Temple as a house of prayer for all people. Praise God for the opportunities to experience Jesus' hope right here in the Chatham UMC. May God bless the communities that gather under our roof, as we delight in the oneness, the unity, the diversity and the hope that God has for us, and for the whole of Creation.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Peace,

Jeff Markay



Deacons in the United Methodist Church

Did you know there are two ordained orders in the United Methodist Church? Elders are ordained to a ministry of Word, Service, Sacrament, and Order, and typically order the overall life of a congregation by serving as a pastor in a local church. Deacons are ordained to a ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice. They undergo the same rigorous educational and ordination requirements as Elders and serve in many varied capacities both within and beyond the local church. Some of the ways Deacons serve beyond the local church include as full-time chaplains, teachers/professors, nurses, counselors, or employees in non-profit agencies. In our Greater NJ Annual Conference we have a Deacon who is a pharmacist at a methadone clinic, and one who is a social worker at a domestic violence shelter, among others. Within the local church Deacons serve in two primary ways: bridging the church and the world by connecting congregants with the needs of the local and global communities, and carrying out ministry in specialized areas such as music, Christian education/formation, youth, or missions.

Here's how our Book of Discipline describes Deacons and their ministries: *Deacons are clergy called to fulfill servant ministry in the world and lead the church in relating the gathered life of Christians to their ministries in world, interrelating worship in the gathered community with service to God in the world. Deacons give leadership in the church's life: in teaching and proclaiming the Word; in contributing to worship, and assisting the elders in administering the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper; in forming and nurturing disciples; in conducting marriages and burying the dead; in embodying the church's mission to the world; and in leading congregations in interpreting the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. . . Deacons lead the congregation in its servant ministry and equip and support all baptized Christians in their ministry. . . Deacons are accountable to the annual conference and the bishop for the fulfillment of their call to servant leadership* (The United Methodist Book of Discipline, 2012). **We give thanks to God for all those called to serve God's church as Elders or as Deacons!**

WORSHIP INFO

In the pulpit this month—

April 12: Micah Coleman Campbell

April 19: Pastor Sharon Yarger

Holy Communion will not be served at the 11:00 service on April 12 since Pastor Jeff will be on vacation. *(In May, there will be no communion the first Sunday of the month at either service. The 9:00 and 11:00 services will celebrate communion on May 10.)*



Lectioary for April

April 5: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839);
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 12: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133 (UMH 850); 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4 (UMH 741); 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137); 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

The Brothers of the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France will be at the United Methodist Church in Chatham NJ on
Thursday, April 16, 2015.

7PM Conversation with the Brothers.

8PM Taize Prayer in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome!

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Taizé Brothers from the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France to visit the Chatham United Methodist Church to lead a Taizé Prayer Service on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

It is a rare occasion that Brothers from the Community of Taizé, France visit the United States, and even more rare that they visit New Jersey. On **Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm**, CUMC is thrilled to host Brother Emile, (originally from Canada),

Brother John (originally from Philadelphia) and Brother Emmanuel, (originally from France) for **“A Conversation With the Brothers of Taizé.”** At 8:00pm the Brothers of Taizé, with musicians from the church, will lead a **Taizé Prayer in the sanctuary**. In a recent interview Pastor Jeff said, *“The Brothers of Taizé are authentic, humble, and wise representatives of the Christian faith, who have deeply influenced me for the past 25 years of ministry, and influenced the global church in extremely gracious ways. I hope hundreds of people can come to Chatham UMC for this rare opportunity to spend a few hours with the Brothers of Taizé.”*

Each year, over 100,000 youth and young people from around the world flock to The Community of Taizé, France to grow in their understanding of the global church, monastic prayer, contemplative worship, and to enjoy the life-long friendships that form in small groups. There are about 100 Brothers, from the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox traditions, who make up the core community that welcomes church leaders and youth to Taizé with the hopes of being a living parable of community, simplicity, authentic faith, and reconciliation.

Taizé chants have been sung in various church traditions throughout the world (many are found in our United Methodist hymnals), and their ministry of reconciliation has built bridges between faith traditions. In a speech about reconciliation between churches, Pope Francis recently cited Taizé as a model for the future, *“It is precisely the young who today implore us to make progress towards full communion. I think, for example, of the many Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant youth who come together at meetings organized by the Taizé community. They do not do this because they are not aware of the differences which still separate us, but because they are able to see beyond them; they are able to embrace what is really important and what already unites us.”* (Source: http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/11/30/pope_francis_i_seek_communion_with_orthodox_churches/1113017)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said of Taizé, *“We are all children of God and in Christ there is no Rwandese or Congolese, there is no Burundian or Kenyan, no Nigerian or South African: we are all one in Christ Jesus. I know that this is the message that the Taizé Community always proclaims and that they are in solidarity with us as we press this message home in South*

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Africa, across the whole continent of Africa and in the rest of the world where “fear of the stranger” still needs to be turned into friendship and reconciliation and trust.” (Source: [A Community Called Taizé](#) by Jason Santos. Forward by Desmond Tutu.)

Reflecting on the 70th Anniversary of Taizé’s founding, Olav Fykse-Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches said, “*The journey over the last seventy years has born fruit for the inspiration and blessings the Taizé community’s ministry has given to the world. The “parable of community” has been a pioneering ministry, inspiring churches throughout the world as a model for attending to the spiritual and physical needs of the whole people of God and in particular the needs of young people.*”
(Source: http://www.taize.fr/en_article11121.html)



All people are invited to meet with the Brothers of Taizé, France on April 16 at 7:00pm. For more info about Taizé, please visit: www.taize.fr



What Is Stephen Ministry?

Frequently people will ask, “I know you’re involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?” I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are “After People.”

Stephen Ministers are there: . . . after you’ve washed and returned the last casserole dish. . . . after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life. . . . after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty. . . . after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you. . . . after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful. . . . after the doctors have said, “There’s nothing more we can do.” . . . after the door has slammed shut—for the very last time. . . . after the phone call you’d always hoped you’d never get. . . . after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined. . . . after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.” . . . after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away. . . . after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible. . . . after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck. . . . after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” We are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long “after” as we are needed. For more information regarding all aspects of Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Jeff Markey or Chris Fillimon, Stephen Leader.

Global Community Events

DREW UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST/GENOCIDE STUDY

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of
the Armenian Genocide
Monday, April 27, 2015 – 7 p.m.



This event Free and
Open to the Public

RSVP Encouraged:
973-408-3600

ctrholst@drew.edu

This event is co-sponsored by the Chatham United Methodist Church.

Testimony of Andranik Vartanian (1900-2007), survivor of the Armenian Genocide presented by his daughter Susan Vartanian Barba

Undoing Denial: The Armenian Genocide and Art presented by art historian Neery E. Melkonian, a granddaughter of a genocide survivor, and freelance art advisor, curator and educator. She will trace artistic representations of the Armenian Genocide through the generations, focusing on how its depictions have changed in the past 100

Concert by Zulal, traditional Armenian a capella folk group

Zulal's music celebrates the trials and joys of old Armenian village life. It has been presented in venues such as the Getty Museum, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, The Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, and New York Symphony Space. They have also performed for Cirque du Soleil and the Silk Road Project.

"I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth."

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, as quoted in The Green Bible.

Chatham United Methodist Church,
in cooperation with the Peace Islands Institute,
to host Second Annual

Interfaith Abraham Lunch

Wednesday, April 22, at 12:Noon

TOPIC: Eco-Spirituality/Earth Stewardship: From a
Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspective

The delicious lunch of Turkish food is provided by the Peace Islands Institute, but RSVP's must be made by calling 973-635-7740 or emailing the Chatham UMC church office at: churchsecretary@optonline.net We are limited to the first 100 people to register. Friends and the greater Chatham interfaith community are all invited.



Church Council Update March 9 Meeting

Check here each month for an update on what the Church Council is talking about.

Spiritual Vitality: Jeff read from Luke 6, which illustrates Jesus' use of diversity in his selection of the twelve Apostles. Vital congregations need both realists and visionaries. Diversity of background and opinion will help move CUMC in a forward direction. Both realists and visionaries came together on March 7 to approve a capital campaign to be spearheaded by the Trustees to raise funds for sanctuary improvements. The Holy Spirit is at work in our congregation!

April Happenings: The calendar is packed with great events in April. Holy Week services are scheduled on Apr. 2—Maundy Thursday, Apr. 3—Good Friday, & Apr. 5—Easter Sunday. On Thursday, April 16, we will host the Taize Brothers Emile, John, & Emmanuel for a conversation about Taize prayer in Rodda Hall followed by a prayer service in the sanctuary. On April 18, Senior Youth go to NYC for an all day Taize experience with the Brothers and here at CUMC we will host the Canticles of Life Concert at 4pm in the sanctuary. On April 22 we will host an Abraham Luncheon at 12 pm. This year's topic is Environmental Stewardship. RSVP to the church office.

Music Ministries: Peter Hill is planning wonderful music for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. He is also planning for the Canticles of Life Concert on April 18th at 4pm, and working on a Mothers Day Men's Choir for our service on May 10th. Peter asks that if you are Facebook friend of CUMC, please "like" anything you see—it expands our visibility exponentially.

Easter Giving: Beneficiaries this year will be, Cornerstone, UMCOR, and Feed My Starving Children.

UMW Updates: The Rummage Sale will be Thur., May 7, from 9:30 to 2:00pm. The bag sale will be from 2:15 to 3:00pm. Volunteers are needed all week for set-up and sale day. The UMW Spring Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30am. Details to follow.

Christian Education & Spiritual Formation: VBC is Wed., June 24, to Tue., June 30. Please consider volunteering and sharing this fun ministry with friends and family.

Jeff will be away April 8-14 for vacation. Pastor Sharon, Micah, and other area United Methodist clergy will be available for pastoral emergencies. Also Jeff will not be in worship on May 3; he will be at his son's confirmation at Christ Church in Summit. Since this is the first Sunday of May, we'll move Communion at the early service to the following Sunday. There will be no Communion at the late services on April 12 and May 3.) This will be announced in advance in the bulletins and the May Circuit Rider. Micah will preach on April 12 and Pastor Sharon on April 19 (Jeff will attend that service).

Sharon Yarger shared her vision for ministry at CUMC. We're asked to reflect and pray on this; please be prepared to engage in more discussion on an ongoing basis, including at the April Church Council meeting.

Sue Palatini has been offered a more full time position at her other job. We are grateful for the year she has served as the interim Communications Administrator here at Chatham UMC. With gratitude for her service here, a luncheon is planned for Wednesday, March 25; please RSVP to Heather in the office. Also, SPRC needs your help advertising the Communications position. Please share this press release in social media or via email with any you think might be interested; note, too, that it appears on the church's Facebook page, from which you can also share it:

Communications Administrator for Church in Chatham NJ. Part time, 9-2, T-F. Must have strong interpersonal, communication, computer and web skills. Self starter with ability to multi task. Call Grace at 201-893-1022 or send resume to chathamunitedmethodist@yahoo.com.

FYI, this ad has been submitted to Chatham Courier, Florham Park Eagle, Hanover Eagle, Madison Eagle, Morris NewsBee, The Citizen, and can also be shared from CUMC's Facebook page.

News for Youth & Kids

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I hope to share with you all in the journey from the highs of Palm Sunday through the lows of Holy Week, for in every difficult step of the journey, we learn or experience something that makes the Good News of Easter morning more powerful.

Karen

On Easter Sunday we will have Children's Church but no Sunday School classes and no fellowship so that you can celebrate with family and friends.

Registration opens April 1st
www.chathamUMC.com



God's Love in Action

The wheels are beginning to turn for another exciting summer

Vacation Bible Camp
June 24—June 30

Kids will explore how to put their faith into action and we hope you will too!

What would have been going on in your mind had you been one of the disciples at the Last Supper, in the garden, or at the cross?



For All Senior Youth:

taizé in nyc

Saturday, April 18

Young people (high school to 35 years old) from all the Christian denominations are meeting at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City for a day organized in the pattern of the Taizé community. In addition to the day's three worship services, pilgrims will have the opportunity to participate in Bible study meetings, group reflection and community service projects in the surrounding neighborhood of Morningside Heights. Interested? Contact Karen for more info.

Kids Fellowship

is now on Monday at 4:30

Bring a friend and join us for a half hour of team building, games, fun in Christian fellowship, and... well, you'll just have to come and see!



Youth Opportunities

Apr. 5 - No Sunday evening activities
 Happy Easter!

Apr. 16 - Taizé Brothers at CUMC!

Apr. 18 - Taizé Event in NYC for High School youth

Looking ahead:

May 9 - RISE Brunch prep

May 10 - RISE Mothers Day Brunch

May 17 - RISE Tool & Sensitivity Training

May 17 - All Youth Open Mic Night

Jun. 7 - RISE Car Wash

Jun. 24 to 30—VBC!

Music Notes

I will sing
and make
music with
all my soul.

Psalm 108: 1, NIV



Music Springs Forth! CUMC's music continues to well up from our hearts, hands, and voices!

Join us Easter Sunday for both 9:00am and 11:00am services as the Covenant Choir is joined by our Youth Musicians and professional section leaders, the Chatham Brass plays, and the congregation is invited to sing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus!*

The *Canticles for Life* concert comes to our sanctuary at 4:00pm on Saturday, April 18. Please join the TRIAD ensemble, the Dan Crisci Jazz Trio, and Broadway singers, Kirsten Egan and Nina Elias for a wonderful evening of exciting music! A reception will follow in Rodda Hall. During the week prior to the concert, panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in the church and a new memorial panel will be dedicated at the concert during a time of prayer and reflection. Proceeds from the concert directly benefit New Jersey organizations dedicated to the quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS and the remembrance of lives lost.



To purchase tickets for the performance go to www.canticlesforlife.org or the church office. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$25 for a contributor ticket. If you would like to help as an usher, with the reception, or with the event organization please contact me at petepiano@mac.com.

Mothers Day: Sunday, May 10, the males of the church will sing in honor of our mothers! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, May 3 between services and before the 9:00am service on the morning of May 10. All males are invited — whether young or less young, experienced at singing or less experienced — to serenade and sing the hymn, “The Gift of Love” (also known as “Though I May Speak,” UMH #408).

The evening of Sunday, May 17, the Youth Music Program will host an **“Open Mic Night!”** This will be a chance to hear our fantastic Youth Singers perform as well as a chance for you, the members of the congregation, to show off a talent or gift of your own! Sign up to play an instrument, sing a song, read poetry, or share a talent that our congregation hasn't yet heard! Proceeds from the evening will benefit our RISE program and the church's Taizé pilgrimage fund. Sign-ups for performers will be available on Sundays and in the church office.



For more information about these events in the life of our church's music program, or for more information about singing, playing, and participating in music at Chatham UMC please contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com.



...And a good time was had by all

Laughter and joy came pouring out of Rodda Hall the night of the UMW Dessert Tasting/Gathering and Lenten Program on Sunday, March 15. Thanks to all who made it possible. Look for news on more events to come — you won't want to miss the next one!

How can I get involved at CUMC?

The easiest way to get involved and get connected here at CUMC is to join one of the UMW "Circles". Circles are smaller groups of Christian women who gather for fellowship, support, prayer, and service to the church community and beyond. We currently have four circles, each with its own "personality" but all open to widening the circle (*pardon the pun!*) to new members.



You're Invited!

All who want to celebrate the arrival of warm weather are invited to the annual

Spring Salad Luncheon

sponsored by the UMW

Wednesday, May 20

11:30am in Rodda Hall

Bring your favorite spring salad to share. UMW will provide dessert and beverages. This event is open to everyone so we hope to see YOU there!



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 bryantpine@aol.com

Next Mtg: April 26 the circle will cook dinner for Family Promise guests, 5-7pm.

May 5 dinner at Café Villa and work at Rumage Sale. Time TBD.

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 Tuesday evening of every month in member homes.

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

Next Mtg: Tuesday Apr. 7 at 7:30pm in the Asbury Room.

Program: Whalen's North Dakota

Sarah Circle

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

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

Next Mtg: Tuesday, Apr. 7, at 9:30am in the Asbury Room.

Program: "Get to Know Peter Hill through Conversation and Music"



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.



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

9:30am – 2:00pm

Bag Sale @ \$5 per bag: 2:15 – 3:00pm



SET UP TIMES:

Monday, May 4th, 10 am – 5 pm

Tuesday, May 5th, 9 am – 9 pm

Wednesday, May 6th, 9 am – 3 pm



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!)

DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON:

Monday, May 4th, 1 pm – 5 pm

Tuesday, May 5th, 9 am – 9 pm

Wednesday, May 6th, 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.



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.



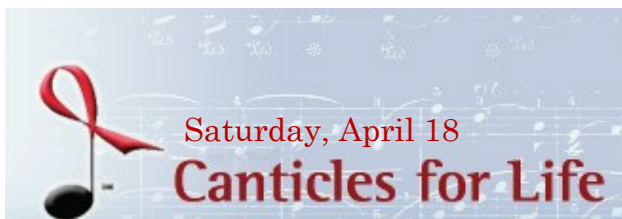
CUMC will host the families during the week of April 26 through May 3. This is a change from previously published dates. Please update your calendars, and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Each and every week that we host our families, over 500 hosting slots must be filled by our generous volunteers from CUMC and our two wonderful support churches. Though the tasks may differ, the consistent core of support that we offer our families is hospitality, the dignity of a welcome invitation to abide in our church during their dark time of homelessness.

Please consider the following volunteer opportunities and visit the sign-up sheet in the hallway opposite the Pastor's office.

JOBS	DURATION	INTERACT WITH GUESTS?
Set up bedrooms	2 hours	no
Restore classrooms	2 hours	no
Host during the day	2 hours	yes
Host overnight	9 pm to 7 am	yes
Cook and serve dinner	2-3 hours	Optional; may dine with guests
Shop for staples	1.5 hours	no
Shop for fresh food	1.5 hours	no
Launder bedding	2 hours	no
Help Sort Laundry	2 hours	no

Volunteers Needed April 26—May 3



COMING FULL CIRCLE!

Canticles for Life

AIDS Benefit Concert

Saturday, April 18 at 4:00pm

**“...Whatsoever you did for one of the least of these
brothers of mine, you did for me.”**

Matthew 25:40



**Explore
Membership**

All who are interested in exploring becoming a member of the **Chatham United Methodist Church** are invited to come to the following gatherings, which will be led by Rev. Jeff Markay in the Asbury Room after the 9:00am worship. If interested, please contact Jeff at the church office, or by email: revjmarkay@earthlink.net

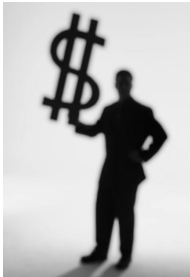
Sunday, April 26, from 10:10-10:45AM

Introductions to each other and the history of the United Methodist Church.

Sunday, May 10, from 10:10-10:45AM

Everything you ever wanted to know about the UMC but were afraid to ask...(don't be afraid...bring your questions!)

What do Alan Feinstein, CUMAC and you have in common?



We care about hungry people and know that by working together we can do something to alleviate hunger in our communities. That is the exact premise behind the Feinstein Challenge. Each year, Mr. Feinstein gives away \$1 million of his own money to agencies fighting hunger, and it's that time of year again!

Every dollar or pound of food you donate to CUMAC **this month** will be augmented by a grant from the Feinstein Foundation. Your gift will help us **feed people now**, and **again this summer** when the grant comes in.

This year it has become ever more critical for CUMAC to have a successful food collection through the Feinstein Challenge. Currently they are feeding **over 4,000 people a month**, up significantly again from last year. Not only will they need every dollar "earned" through large food collections, but this is an opportunity to stock up for the many difficult months ahead.

YOUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



CUMAC
Feeding People & Changing Lives

Last year Chatham United Methodist Church provided **1,047 pounds** toward the nearly 278,324 pounds of food CUMAC received through contributions from churches and individuals. This helped them to keep up with record high service numbers as well as earn CUMAC the second

largest grant in NJ from the Feinstein Foundation..

Please continue your support by leaving your **HEAVY** food donations in our church stairwell & **MONETARY** donations in the church office.

canned goods - soups, vegetables, fruits, tuna, pasta sauces, bottled water & juices, bags of rice, sugar, beans, flour

One cash dollar or one pound of food = \$1.00 toward the "Challenge"

Join us and CUMAC and the Feinstein Challenge to fight hunger and help realize Mr. Feinstein's (and our) hope, "that someday no one will go hungry."

Mother's Morning Out

Mother's Morning Out can't wait for spring! The shamrocks and leprechauns have been replaced by colorful eggs, spring flowers, butterflies, and bunnies. We are so happy to be back on the playground so we can be outside in the sunshine.



The program consists of free play, outside play, snack, story time, circle time, music/movement, and simple crafts. Children must be 18 months old

by September 1, 2015 to enroll. We have some open spots for the Fall, if you know someone who would benefit from our program, please help us spread the word. 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

Nursery School

We have waited a long time for signs of spring and warmer weather. We did not get outside much because of the cold temperatures this winter. We look forward to playing outside more, opening the sand box, and just being outside in the fresh air.

We are happy that our spring break is back in April. Both the Threes and Fours will be decorating the classrooms with signs of spring. Both classes will be celebrating Easter with parties and lots of bunnies and chicks.



The Threes will make their large pond filled with frogs and they will also make catpillars. In addition, they

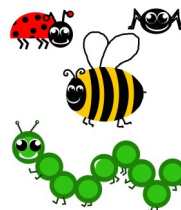
will have a musical program by Carolyn Dempsey.



Some Threes will be adding an extra enrichment day on Thursday. This is a new program this year and will run for ten weeks.

The Fours will be studying insects and will have a special program "What Makes Insect Unique".

They will transfer a "volunteer" into a bug and touch live invertebrates. The children will make a variety of insects, listen to stories and sing some songs about bugs.



The Kindergarten Enrichment classes are playing new sight word games, writing new pages for their

classroom books and making spring projects as they learn about animals and animal babies.

Registration for the fall 2015 is ongoing. We have openings in our Three Year Old Program. Please contact Christine Fagan at 973-507-9703 if you would like an application. If you would like a personal tour, please call our Director, Carol Bardon at 973-635-5261.

Kindergarten Enrichment is accepting fall applications with a confirmation in late spring after the public school's Kindergarten assignments are known.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIN...WIN... ..WIN



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are partnering for an evening of feasting and fund-raising on Tuesday, May 5. Mark your calendars now, invite your friends, and come for dinner and Café Villa (conveniently located across from the church) will donate 20% of the proceeds to RISE youth for their summer mission.

Now, if the Tuesday, May 5 date sounds familiar, it's because it is the big setup day for the Rummage Sale! So before, or after, your pizza and pasta, stop by the church and help the United Methodist Women get ready for their big fundraiser which will impact families here and around the world.

RISE...Rigatoni...and Rummage:

It's a win, win, ...win!




Elizabeth Graves
February 4, 2015
Mother of Pat Tetta

Margaret Knoecklein
March 16, 2015
A longtime member of CUMC

Funeral services for Margaret are being planned for later in the spring here at Chatham UMC.

In the meantime, cards for the family can be sent to:

Max and Mary Knoecklein
3626 Provence Drive
St. Charles, IL 60175



An Evening with the
Brothers of Taizé

All are welcome! Bring your friends.

We hope you can come and bring your friends to spend time with these humble, wise, fun, intelligent, and spirit-filled followers of Jesus.

Thursday, April 16

7PM Conversation, refreshments, and sharing with Brother Emile and Brother John about the life, ministry and spirituality of the ecumenical Community of Taizé, France. (Rodda Hall)

8PM A Taizé Prayer Experience in the Sanctuary.

**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.



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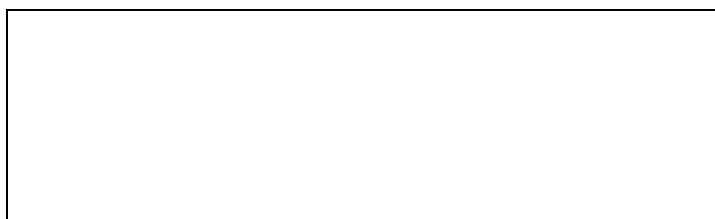
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Sexton: Donald Underhill

Finance & Office Manager: JoAnn Graziano

Lay Leaders: Loren Taylor & Peggy Melvin

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Robert D. Simpson

Mark Your Calendars

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm

April 3: Good Friday Service at 7:30pm

April 5: Easter Services at 9am and 11am

April 12: Micah Coleman Campbell to preach

April 16: Taizé Brothers at CUMC

April 18: Taizé Retreat in NYC for youth / young adults

April 18: Canticles of Life Concert at CUMC

April 5: Pastor Sharon Yarger to preach

April 22: Interfaith Abraham Lunch

May 7: Rummage Sale

May 17: Open-Mic Night

May 20: UMW Salad Luncheon

June 24-30: Vacation Bible Camp

~ 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.

The **May Circuit Rider** deadline for submissions is

Monday, April 13. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office:

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