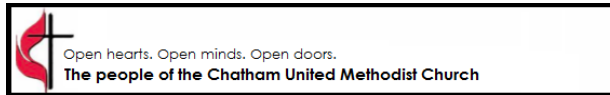


Want something included in next week's newsletter? Please email the church office at chatumc@optonline.net by 2:00 PM Tuesday.



Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.



Summer Worship Schedule

Service: 10:00 AM in Rodda Hall, Hymn sing begins at 9:55 AM.

If you would like to loan your wind chimes for use in worship please sign up in front of the Jeff's' office.

We Remember in our Prayers and Thoughts



Aleksandra F. Kitson, died 8-9-17, wife of Thomas, mother of Evan and Ryan, daughter-in-law of Malcolm and Joyce. Services will be private.



The Church office will be closed on Fridays during the summer. We will resume our normal office hours after Labor Day.

Important Announcements



Summer Liturgy- Liturgists and ushers needed!

We are hoping some of you can come through for Sundays between now and September. We're in need of liturgists, ushers, fellowship hosts and hostesses, and someone inspired to share a personal object that inspires in them "awe and wonder". Please consider where you may be called, and sign up on the Summer Worship Leaders Signup Genius web page by clicking [HERE!](#)

Bread Ministry - Disciples needed!

We need volunteers for Saturday night, Sunday morning shifts! Please see Sign-Up Genius using [this link](#) for more information and to sign up!

Save the Dates!



Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th!

Church Conference Meeting for Chatham UMC is Wednesday, October 11, 2017

An important message from Rev. Hector A. Burgos, Director of Connectional Ministeries:

Strategic Plan Listening Sessions

Dear Partners in Ministry,
May the grace and peace from God be with you.

We are making strong progress on the goals outlined in our five year strategic plan that covers 2013-2018. The plan is helping Greater New Jersey focus on our mission - recruit and develop transformational leaders to make disciples and grow vital congregations to transform the world.

The plan includes nine goals with an overarching goal of growing vital congregations from 14% to 41% in GNJ. With foresight, the 2017 Annual Conference session voted to build on this important work and our accomplishments with a new plan that will take our ministry into 2023.

A strategic plan assesses present realities and sets direction. The 2019-23 Strategic Plan will focus on leadership at all levels of GNJ, set clear, measurable goals and organize resources and activities to accomplish those goals.

Over the next 6-8 months, a team commissioned by the GNJ Connectional Table, will consider and coordinate the strategic planning process. The goal is to present the 2019-23 Strategic Ministry Plan for approval during the 2018 Annual Conference session.

In the coming weeks, the planning team is gathering data and insights from different sources to evaluate our progress, assess our current realities and explore opportunities for the future.

Next steps include a conference-wide online survey that will be made available to our clergy and laity leadership. The planning team is also holding listening sessions through GNJ in the month of August. The listening session will be open to all clergy and laity from our congregations.

The schedule for the listening session is as follow:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, Aug. 10	7:00 p.m.	Pitman UMC, 758 N Broadway, Pitman NJ
Sunday, Aug. 13	2:30 p.m.	St. Peters UMC, 501 E. 8th St., Ocean City, NJ
Tuesday, Aug. 15	7:00 p.m.	Chatham UMC, 460 Main St., Chatham, NJ
Thursday, Aug. 17	7:00 p.m.	Trinity UMC, 1985 Pennington Rd., Ewing NJ
Sunday, Aug. 20	2:30 p.m.	TBA

[Click here](#) to register for a listening session.

We strongly encourage all United Methodists to attend a listening session and encourage congregations to bring teams to these important gatherings. Your voices are important as we set to discern the next steps to continue moving forward the mission.

I give thanks to God for the many ways you witness the love of Christ in your community and beyond as together we cultivate disciples of Jesus Christ to change lives and transform communities and the world - all to bring glory to God's Holy name.

Together in ministry,
Rev. Hector A. Burgos
Director of Connectional Ministries

Music News



This Sunday, **August 13th** will be the next opportunity to sing in the Summer Pick-Up Choir! All singers are invited to join me for a rehearsal at 9:00 AM in the Music Room to prepare the Special Music for the 10:00 AM service. No robes required! Only cool Summer clothing and a willingness to sing. All are invited!

If you would like to know more about music@CUMC see our page at www.chathamumc.com/music or contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com.

CUMC Ministries In Need

CUMAC's Annual School Supply Drive July 1 - August 15



Help ensure every child in our community has the tools they need to learn this year!

CUMAC needs the following items:

- #2 pencils
- pencil sharpeners
- erasers
- blue/black pens
- folders
- glue
- loose leaf paper (wide & college ruled)
- scissors (safety & sharp)
- spiral notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- construction paper
- book bags
- crayons
- coloring books
- drawing pad
- pencil cases
- washable markers
- 3 ring binders
- index cards
- rulers
- facial tissue
- hand sanitizer
- assignment books
- composition notebooks
- subject dividers
- colored pencils
- graph paper
- highlighters
- USB flash drives
- white out
- pocket dictionaries/thesauruses
- TI-34calculators/TI-84calculators
- weekly planner

Every summer CUMAC collects and distributes backpacks and school supplies to local children just in time for the new school year. Your donations allow us to provide hundreds of students in our community with

the tools they need to succeed. Show your support and donate supplies to CUMAC this summer! To learn more call (973-742-5518) or e-mail (events@cumacecho.org) our office.

***School supplies must be delivered to CUMAC by Tuesday, August 15.**

CUMC Ministry and Group Updates

Bread Ministry: Disciples needed for **Saturday night, Sunday morning shifts.** Please see Sign-Up Genius using [this link](#) for more information and to sign up! If you are unable to sign up online, please call the church office for assistance.

Summer Liturgy: As we begin our summer worship, there are opportunities for leadership in all positions from **July 9th** to **September 3rd.** Please consider where you might be called and sign up. You may sign up online with link below, or call the CUMC office.

[Sign up Here.](#)

The Adult Sunday School Class: will continue meeting through the summer, on Sundays at 9:00 AM, in Room 6. Our discussions typically focus on the scripture lesson that's used in worship that day. Janice Szarko and Ronald Yarger will share the leading of the class.

Taizé Prayer: There are no Taizé Services during the summer. We'll start again in September.

Care Corps: 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.

Frustrated with online registration? Please call the CUMC Office at 973-635-7740; the office staff will assist you with registration or questions you may have.

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