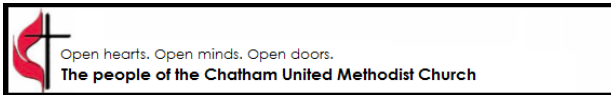


Want something included in next week's newsletter? Please email the church office at [chatumc@optonline.net](mailto:chatumc@optonline.net) by 2:00 PM Tuesday.



We are now on our Summer Worship Schedule. We will be having one service at 10:00 AM in Rodda Hall. Hymn sing begins at 9:55. If you would like to loan your wind chimes for use in worship please sign up in front of the Jeff's' office.

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## Important Announcements

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

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## 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>
Tuesday, Aug. 8	7:00 p.m.	MRC, 205 Jumping Brood Rd., Neptune NJ

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**



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



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

**Music News**



This coming Sunday, **August 6th**, Catherine Flynn (friend of CUMC's music program and alto section leader) will sing Special Music and Offertory Music for the 10:00 a.m. Summer service. Please join us!

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 a.m. in the Music Room to prepare the Special Music for the 10:00 a.m. 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](http://www.chathamumc.com/music) or contact Peter Hill at [petepiano@mac.com](mailto:petepiano@mac.com).

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## 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
- 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

- drawing pad

- pencil cases

- washable markers

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](mailto: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 **Summer Liturgy:** As we begin our for Saturday night, Sunday morning summer worship, there are opportunities shifts. Please see Sign-Up Genius for leadership in all positions from July using [this link](#) for more information and 9th to September 3rd. Please consider to sign up! If you are unable to sign up where you might be called and sign up. online, please call the church office for You may sign up online with link below, assistance. or call the CUMC office.

[Sign up Here.](#)

### The Adult Sunday School Taizé Prayer:

**Class:** will continue meeting through There are no Taizé Services during the the summer, on Sundays at 9:00am, in summer. We'll start again in September. 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.

**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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