

Please see the Chatham UMC Response Efforts inside to support those devastated by the impact caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.



Thank You to all of those that helped make Rally Day 2017 a wonderful success. You made our church and spirits shine!
To see more pictures of our day, click our [Rally Day Facebook Album](#) or our new Instagram account at [chathamumcnj](#).
Did you take any photos of our day?
Add them to ours by tagging us in your photos!

CUMC Response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma



Because we are a community of love and action, our Chatham UMC continues to organize a community effort to collect "Flood Bucket" Cleaning Kits in response to the unimaginable devastation in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, and the Caribbean Islands. The Chatham UMC is distributing empty buckets and then collecting the filled Cleaning Kits (aka. Flood Buckets) throughout the next few weeks.

Families and individuals can put these kits together on their own, and bring them in to:

Below is a link to a printable version of our flier. We ask you share our flier to family, friends, and our surrounding community. A shopping list and instructions are located on the back of the flier.

Disaster Response Flier

Chatham UMC will make arrangements to bring the kits to a Greater New Jersey Conference shipping location. UMCOR is already giving out kits in Texas, Florida, and other affected areas. Our kits will be put into the pipeline that will be given out in the coming weeks and months.

At this time, Chatham UMC will not be collecting anything other than Flood Buckets...no clothing, no food, etc.

Monetary donations can be made to: *Chatham United Methodist Church* (Please write "UMCOR Flood Relief" in the memo line.) You may also give to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) directly if you wish. Online donations can be made via their website: www.umcor.org

100% of either donation will go to efforts on the ground in impact zones.

This Month's Highlights



UMW Abigail Circle

Abigail Circle is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, September 19th** at 7:30 PM in the Asbury Room.



Richard Rohr Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 20th 7:30 PM Asbury Room

Meets the third Wednesday of month. 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

Future dates are as follows: October 18, November 15, and December 20.

Conversation and spiritual practices will be facilitated by our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Jeff Markay. You may register for the Richard Rohr group and/or Taize Prayer group by [clicking here](#) or calling the CUMC office at (973) 635-7740.



Men's Group

Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00-10:00 AM

Sally and Alex Strunc will host the meeting at their home at *23 Thornley Drive*. If you plan on joining, please email Alex at

atastrunc@axiomedinc.com and let them know in order to prepare

for the meeting. Future meeting dates are as follows: *October 14th, November 18th, and December 16th*. If you would be willing to host future meetings, please let Alex know.

2017 Action Against Hunger Food Drive

Sunday, September 24, 2017, 3:00 - 6:30 PM

Want to Make a Difference in the Lives of Hungry Families?



It's that time of year again! Groups from all over New Jersey will join together for the Action Against Hunger Food Drive. Our help is critical to getting food to CUMAC's partner pantries and the individuals and families CUMAC serves. For the third consecutive year CUMC will be sending a team of disciples ages 12 and up to

unload and sort the thousands of pounds of food arriving at CUMAC that afternoon. CUMC's hands-on participation will ensure that critical food items get to local pantries and agencies at a time they need it most. Plan to join us - it will be an awesome day! A great intergenerational opportunity for families to serve together. Depart CUMC at 3:00 PM, return to CUMC around 6:30 PM. Space is limited to 15 participants - to sign up or learn more, contact

Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net.

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food ... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35, 40)



Music News

CUMC Music News!

On Sunday, September 17th at the 9:00 AM service, the Covenant Choir will sing Stephen Hatfield's arrangement of Amazing Grace; for the



11:00 AM singer Sally Strunc will sing a solo by CCM artist, Audrey Assad. Join us!

CUMC's music program season has begun this fall!

↓ Music for adult singers and handbell ringers takes place on Thursday evenings with **Wesley Ringers at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary and the **Covenant Choir at 8:00 PM** in the Music Room.

↓ Youth Music for middle and high school students will begin on Sunday evening of **September 17th** with a parent and student musician meeting at **5:45 PM** (with refreshments!) and a **Youth Ringers** rehearsal at **6:30 PM**. **Kids' Bells** for ringers from second through fifth grade begins on **Tuesday, September 19th** at **4:00 PM**.

↓ The **Kenaniah Praise Band** will also begin this fall; for times contact me at the below email address. All musicians are welcome!

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.

Youth News

We're shakin' things up in Christian Education!

The biggest news is that Sunday School for our **PreK - 2nd, and 3rd - 5th grade classes** will now be **Sundays at 8:15am-BEFORE the worship service**. Join Karen Berry, Kate Radler and Zainab Olanipekun for a program called Whirl which will incorporate some play, some animated characters, and some midweek family activities all designed to help kids make sense of what's going on in worship, the day's Bible story, and how it all connects to their lives. We heard requests for fun singing and got the message that your kids want to be active so there will be fun camp songs and games too.

And Parents, you have options! You can help with a class, wrap bread for the Bread Ministry project, enjoy a cup of coffee in the library and connect with other parents, form a parent/toddler group in the Activities Room where toddlers can play...

The new Sunday School year starts on **September 17**. We hope to see you then so we can all give it a whirl together!!



The **Junior Youth (6th/ 7th graders)** class is now on Tuesday at 3:00! Just cross the parking lot after school and join Karen Berry and Sue Maher for a snack; then we'll explore how Bible scripture can help us in our day to day lives.

Confirmation! (8th / 9th graders and others who aren't yet confirmed) will meet Sundays at 10:15am in room 7 with Karen Berry and Rob Lyon. **Parents** - please join us for the **first class on September 17** which will be in the **ASBURY ROOM**.

High School Discussion Group will meet as usual on Sundays at 10:15am in the Wesley Room. Grab some Panera goodies in the kitchen and join the discussion with Craig and friends. This year discussion will center around topics of Origin, Meaning, Morality, and Destiny in a series called ASK: because your questions matter. Amy Chase, Steve Davis, Shelley Rack, and Ron Yarger will facilitate the various units. And Pastor Jeff will stop in

occasionally for a round of Ask the Pastor so get your questions ready!

Adults - there's a class for you too facilitated by Janice Szarko and Ron Yarger. Join the group at any time Sundays between services in room 6 (between the Wesley room and Pastor Sharon's office).

Ministry Updates...



Disciples Needed for This Weekend

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.

Why? There is an abundance of prepared food in our area that needs to be given to those that need it now. Panera Bread Company in Florham Park has agreed to partner with us by giving the Chatham UMC all of the product that they don't sell on Saturday nights, so that we can use the breads, pastries, bagels, cookies, and muffins for our use, and to give away as an expression of love.

Our Goal is simple: Feed those in our church, town, and local community that are hungry...now. We have the opportunity and resources within our possession for disciples to help get this food to hungry people.

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 for Fall/Winter

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.

At this time we are requesting disciples only sign up for one of the first service slots; this will ensure that everyone has an opportunity to serve. Please click on the sign up button below 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**.

[Sign Up Here](#)



Care Corps Reminder

The recent impact of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma reminds us how vital it is to check on and care for our neighbors who are home bound. 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.

Looking Ahead...

Important October Dates:

Sunday, October 1st 4:30 Rodda Hall *Get to Know the Community Soup*

Kitchen! Come find out how the Community Soup Kitchen serves men, women, and children in need in our own community at a program sponsored by the United Methodist Women, the Men's Group, and the Youth & Children's Ministry. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, October 2nd *Noontime Bible Study* resumes in Room 7. 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. The group will decide at the first meeting what part of the Bible we'll explore. Questions? Contact *Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger* at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, October 3rd *Asbury Room Sarah Circle* will meet at 9:30 AM in the Asbury Room. The program will be "Getting to Know You."

Wednesday, October 4th *Rebecca Circle* resumes at 6:30 PM at Sue's House.

Saturday, October 7th @ 6:00pm: *Food with Friends* potluck supper in Rodda Hall.

Sunday, October 8th *Enquirers Group* is scheduled to resume at 5:00 PM in the Asbury Room.

Sunday, October 15th *Hunger Walk* in Morristown. Join the CUMC Walk Team. More information to follow!

Wednesday, October 11th Chatham UMC Church Conference Meeting 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM.

Saturday, October 21st *Hospitality Committee* members needed for the Super Charged Church Conference. We will need some volunteers to help welcome our guests throughout our facilities. More information to follow

Saturday, October 28th *Fall Rummage Sale*...Do these early cool days lead you to "cleaning out"? If so, keep those treasures for our Fall Rummage Sale!



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