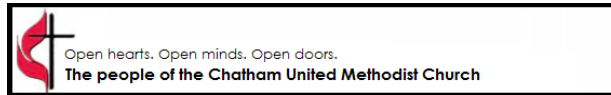


Please see the [Chatham UMC Response Efforts](#) inside to support those devastated by the impact caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma .



*It's Here! This Sunday is...*



#### Rally Day 2017 Events:

- Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.
- Students and educators bring your bags for our *blessing of the back packs!*
- "Picnic" Lunch in Rodda Hall immediately following worship.
- Help us officially launch our new Instagram page! Simply "Follow" [chathamumcnj](#) on Instagram to begin. Look for details near the stage in Rodda Hall for ways to participate in photographing Rally Day!

[Click here or scroll down for more Rally Day 2017 details and to see how to get involved in the fun!](#)



#### This Sunday in Worship!

We invite *all* students (pre-school through grad-school) and educators to bring their literal or figurative school bags to worship this Sunday to receive a blessing.

**CUMC Response to Hurricanes  
Harvey and Irma**



Dear Friends,

The past two weeks, we have all watched Hurricane Harvey and continue to watch Hurricane Irma generate unimaginable tragedy and devastation in Texas, Louisiana, and the islands in the Atlantic. As we approach the weekend, we continue to keep Florida in our prayers as Irma begins its approach towards Florida's shores.

Despite our geographical distance to those residing in that area, we remain neighbors. We feel compelled towards action in helping our neighbors in distress. As history has proven, we are all at our best when we are reaching out in love to those in need.

Because we are a community of love and action, **Chatham UMC** have organized a response to aid our neighbors who are most impacted by these devastating storms. This is an opportunity for our **Chatham UMC** family to invite our greater local community to join us in our efforts.

This is a community effort. We invite our CUMC family and friends to create "**Flood Bucket**" **Cleaning Kits** for those affected by these destructive storms. The Chatham UMC is distributing empty buckets and then collecting the filled **Cleaning Kits** (aka. **Flood Buckets**) throughout the next few weeks.

*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](#)

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

**Chatham United Methodist Church: Rodda Hall  
460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928**

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 and 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.**

***For the UMCOR official video on making Cleaning Kits please click***

the image.



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 directly if you wish. Online donations can be made via their website:

[www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

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

**Look for CUMC at the Chatham Borough Farmer's Market Sustainability Fair this Saturday, September 9th!**

**We will be distributing empty Flood Buckets and instruction sheets!**

## Sunday Is Rally Day!



**Trustees Rally Day:  
Clean, Fix & Fellowship -  
Take pride in our home -  
Our church!**

Join us for a day of fellowship beginning with our 10:00 AM service in the Sanctuary! Students (preschool - grad school) and educators may bring their school backpacks/bags for a special blessing as they begin their new academic year!

BBQ lunch in Rodda Hall will begin after our worship service followed by an afternoon of "Fix & Fellowship!" People should come dressed to work/clean. We will probably work till 4:00 PM, but you can stay as long or short as you can.

### "Picnic" Lunch Details:

\*Lunch to be held in Rodda Hall.

\*We will be serving Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Veggie Burgs/Chips Potato Salad please bring a side-dish, salad and/or dessert to share!

\* **We need picnic volunteers to:**

\*Set-up (serving tables/chairs etc. in Rodda Hall)

\*Grill volunteers

\*Clean-up

### Fix-Up and Fellowship Details:

We will have chores for young and old and even if folks cannot work for whatever reason - please stay for the fellowship and encouragement.

#### We will be doing projects such as:

- \* Replacing some rotting wood outside of church (good RISE team opportunity)
- \* Vacuuming Sanctuary Rug
- \* Wiping down church pews
- \* Washing windows
- \* Seal some wood window sills in hallway
- \* Painting rails of stairways
- \* Repainting the yellow caution stripe on concrete front steps
- \* Planting mums below front church sign
- \* Washing floors
- \* Fixing/connecting down spouts to ground drain
- \* Possible retile elevator floor
- \* More to come



Help us launch our new Instagram account! If you are an Instagram user "Follow" us at **chathamumcnj**. Look near the stage in Rodda Hall for a "selfie station" near our collected "Flood Buckets." We will have some official "Hashtags" assigned as well so you can tag your own photos and help us document our day.

To sign up to help with lunch and/or our Fix and Fellowship projects, please [click here](#). You may also find a sign up sheet across from Jeff's office or you can call the Church office at (973) 635-7740 for assistance.

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## Disciples Needed!



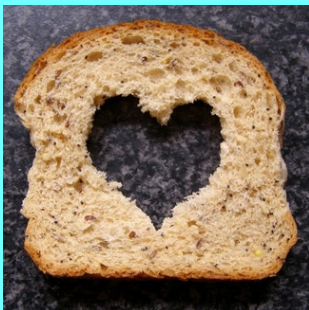
### Join Us and Volunteer at CUMAC on Saturday, September 9th!

You are invited to CUMAC in Paterson to serve for about 2 hours on Saturday, September 9, 2017. We can all travel together by carpool. We are going to need about 4 people to volunteer to drive.

**When:** Depart CUMC at 9am on September 9, returning to CUMC around 1pm

This event is open to all people ages 12 and up. **RSVP soon! We have limited spots open!**

If you are interested please email Christiana at [chriskofol13@yahoo.com](mailto:chriskofol13@yahoo.com).



## Volunteers Needed for This Weekend

We need disciples for the Saturday Night Pick up at Panera Bread in Florham Park and the Sunday morning preparation before worship services. [Please click here](#) for the sign-up genius to help out! Thanks so much!

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## Music News



### CUMC Music News!

Thank you to all of the musicians who made our music during this Summer's services possible: to Sally Strunc, Eleanor Hartley, and Kevin Walker

who helped fill in while I was out of town, to all of our singers who participated in the Summer Choirs, and to our wonderful soloists: Brian Loudermilk, Ron Yarger, Catherine Flynn, and Tom Belding. It was a great Summer for music here at Chatham UMC!

This **Sunday, September 10th** at the **10:00 AM Rally Day Sunday service**, there will be a lot of music: the Chatham UMC Brass will play the prelude, Covenant Choir will sing Special Music, and Youth Musician, Elisabeth Incardona, will sing Here Comes the Sun by the Beatles. Join us!

CUMC's music program season begins again this week!

- Music for adult singers and handbell ringers started this Thursday evening! Welcome Back!
- **Youth Music** for middle and high school students begins 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** also begins this fall!

**All musicians are welcome!**

For more information about the schedules or 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).

## Save the Dates!



## CUMAC's 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](mailto: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)*

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## Pencil These Dates into Your Calendar!

**Church Conference Meeting** for Chatham UMC is **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**. Also, if you or your ministry team has a report that you would like included in the *Chatham UMC Church Conference Journal*, please email it in Word format to our church secretary, Zrinka Cvetkovic, at [churchsecretary@optonline.net](mailto:churchsecretary@optonline.net). *Updates must be received prior to Sept. 11th.*

**Hospitality Committee Members Needed!** CUMC will be hosting the Super Charged Church Conference on **October 21st**. We will need some volunteers to help welcome our guests throughout our facilities. More information to follow.

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

**September is here!** If you have a group or circle planning on resuming your meetings, please confirm your dates to ensure we can include them in future E-blasts and Ministry Opportunities!

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

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.

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

[See Our Flier! Click Here](#)

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## CUMC Group and Ministry Updates

### Bread

**Ministry:** Disciples needed for both Saturday and Sunday morning opportunities! Please see Sign-Up Genius using [this link](#) for more

**Taizé Prayer:** Our Taizé Prayer service is held the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Our next scheduled dates are as follows: **September 13, November 8,** and

**December 13.**

**\*Please note we will not be meeting**

information and to sign up! If you are unable to sign up online, please call the church office for assistance.

**We need assistance this Saturday evening and Sunday morning!**

Abigail Circle is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, September 19th** at 7:30 PM.

Sarah Circle is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, October 3rd**.

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

Men's Group is scheduled to begin on **September 23rd** from 9:00-10:00 AM

in October.

#### **Richard Rohr Discussion Group:**

Our group meets the *third* Wednesday of month from **7:30 - 8:30 PM**. 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)

Dates are as follows: **September 20, 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 Taize and/or Richard Rohr groups by [clicking here](#).

#### **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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## Community News



### **Blood Drive!**

**Saturday, September 9th, 8:30 AM - 2:30 AM** the Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will again host a blood drive on at the "Farmers' Market/Health Fair" in the Borough. The bloodmobile will be located at the South Plaza



Chatham Railroad Station. We invite the community to stop by and support the blood drive with a donation. Please try to donate on September 9.

Donors, ages 17-76, should be in good health and have some form of identification with them. Teenagers, age 16 can also donate with parental permission; forms for this will be available at the site.

Anyone with questions about donating can call the blood center at 800-688-0900.

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