



# Chatham United Methodist Church

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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](http://www.ChathamUMC.com) to view or listen to any of CUMC's Sunday services.



**Sunday, May 17**  
**5:30 pm**

It's an evening you won't want to miss! An event like no other!! On the evening of Sunday, May 17, the CUMC stage will come alive again as the Youth Music Program hosts an "Open Mic Night!" — a fabulous evening of food and entertainment.

This will be a chance to hear our fantastic Youth Singers perform as well as an opportunity 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 experienced! Proceeds from the evening will benefit our youth RISE summer mission program and the scholarship fund for Benjamin, our student in Rwanda.

Sign-ups for performers will be available Sundays and in the church office or by contacting Peter Hill at [petepiano@mac.com](mailto:petepiano@mac.com). If you would like to help with food, please contact Karen Berry at [youthchatumc@optonline.net](mailto:youthchatumc@optonline.net).

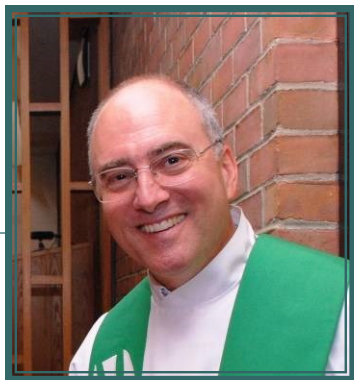


### Join Us For Brunch!

Don't want to be stuck in the kitchen on Mother's Day? Don't want to fight the crowds in the restaurants?

The 2015 RISE team wants to help you celebrate your mother by preparing brunch for you between services on Sunday, May 10. Relax with Mom and your CUMC friends/family in Rodda Hall while enjoying a tasty breakfast casserole and other brunch goodies. And won't Mom be proud that you're supporting a good cause!





## The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

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*His (Haggai's) reply to them is this: "Is it then the right time for you to live in luxurious homes, when the Temple lies in ruins?"*

Haggai 1:3-4 (From The Living Bible)

Dear Friends,

This somewhat obscure text from the Bible comes from the Prophet Haggai who called the people of Israel to account for living in finely furnished, new houses, while the Temple of the Lord lay in ruins.

I am thankful that our church building is not in ruins. Countless generations of Trustees and generous United Methodists in Chatham have cared well for our facilities and the ministries that flow out of our church. I am also grateful for the positive response that so many of you have given to the presentations and vision of renovating our sanctuary. The Trustees and Fundraising Team have presented the vision for this renovation with great clarity of purpose and tangible ways that our congregation members can support this effort. Thank you in advance to those of you who have or will contribute to this effort.

I want to also ask for your prayers for the Trustees and our congregation as we move forward into the building phase. I understand why it is so difficult for the people of Israel, or any congregation that works on a building improvement. When we improve our own houses, it is relatively easy to make a decision between one or two adults in the home. It is another dynamic all together when 9 Trustees, 20+ leaders in the Church Council, and a congregation have to agree on physical improvements to our holiest of spaces. This can often be ground to a halt because it is so hard to find consensus.

Please pray for one another as we live into these renovations in our sanctuary. Please pray for those who may have a different taste in carpet color than you do. Please pray for those who may agree or disagree with you about the size of the pulpit. Please pray for those who can't imagine changing the chancel to engineered hard wood, and those who look forward to the better acoustics.

I am thankful that we will be able to worship God in spirit and in truth, in a beautiful sanctuary for many years to come. I am also thankful that wherever two or more are gathered in the name of Christ, (whether they are of the same mind or not) Christ is there, loving us, delighting in the community that forms, and calling us to reach out with compassion to a world longing for hope and love.

Glad to be on this journey with you,

*Jeff Markay*



From the desk of: **Rev. Sharon Yarger**

Associate Pastor, Congregational Care

On a cold March evening, nine CUMC members along with Pastor Sharon attended the first Faith Community Health Partnership (FCHP) training session at Morristown Medical Center, led by the Rev. Dr. Gary Myers. The session included information about the components of the FCHP program and the role of FCHP Liaisons.

A Liaison or Congregational Care Minister (CCM) is an active participant in CUMC who is gifted, called, and trained to journey alongside persons in our congregation and their families before (if possible), during, and after a time of hospitalization. Congregational Care Ministry does not replace the hospital visitation role of the pastors, but rather supplements it. It makes it possible for us to grow in our faithfulness to our Christian calling to care for one another, and it enables us to take to the next level the quality of the care we offer to those in our church family experiencing hospitalization.

Watch for updates as we move toward implementing this ministry of the Holy Spirit among us! We will commission our Congregational Care Ministers during both worship services on Sunday, May 31.

*For further information on Congregational Care Ministry, please contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at 201-602-8823 or scyarger@optonline.net.*



### ***In the pulpit this month—***

**May 3: Pastor Sharon Yarger**

*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.)*



### ***Lectionary for May***

**May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31 (*UMH 752*); 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter—Festival of the Christian Home**

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (*UMH 818*); 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter—Ascension Sunday**

Acts 1:15-17; Psalm 1 (*UMH 738*); 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**May 24: Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*UMH 826*); Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**May 31: First Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide—Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 (*UMH 761*); Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / SPIRITUAL FORMATION



Prior to the prayer service, Brothers John, Emile and Emmanuel answered questions in Rodda Hall and gave us a glimpse of life in the community and all things Taizé. To see a video of the Conversation click the photo or cut and paste this link in your browser: <https://vimeo.com/125715478>



On April 16, three Brothers from the Taizé Community in France led a prayer service in our sanctuary for nearly 200 people. To hear/see the service, click on the photo above or cut and paste this link in your browser: <https://vimeo.com/125683234>

## taizé prayer at cumc

2nd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

By popular request, we will continue offering Taizé Prayer in the Sanctuary at CUMC on the second Wednesday of each month beginning May 13.



## Adult Discussion Group

meets Sunday mornings between services in Room 6 facilitated by Janice Szarko. Conversation will start with the day's scriptures but who knows where the discussion will lead! Room 6 is near Rodda Hall so bring your brunch, bagel or a cup of coffee and join the exchange.

## Conversations in the Spiritual Life

This gathering happens between worship services on the third Sunday of every month from 10:15-10:45 am in the Asbury Room. Pastor Jeff facilitates conversation about dimensions of spiritual life that will help us deepen our Christian discipleship and explore new ancient practices that can nourish our spiritual life. Please join us.

## Centering Prayer



Join us the each month for some brief words of welcome and an explanation of an aspect of Centering Prayer, followed by silent prayer, a final group prayer and adjournment. Duration: 30 min.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - May 10 at 10:15am in the library**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - May 27 at 7:30pm**

**This month:**

Please pray for (*and with!*) this ministry. Seasoned people of prayer, and newcomers to prayer are *All Welcome here*.

## Sanctuary Revitalization Campaign

*“Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified, says the Lord.” Haggai 1:8*

Our Fund Raising Campaign is launched and off to a good start. We are hoping that everyone participate as part of CUMC’s overall Vital Congregation/Church Revitalization initiative. **Please check out the thermometer in the hall outside the sanctuary to see how we are doing.** As this newsletter goes to press, we have received \$47,000 of the \$84K needed to supplement a generous donation toward a new rug, and endowment funds approved toward chancel enhancements. The modest changes will allow efficiencies and flexibility for expanded worship experiences, concerts, and other events, bringing more people into the church.

All are encouraged to maintain their tithes, pledges, and gifts for the ongoing work of the church. Gifts to the Sanctuary Campaign are in the tradition through the years of the congregation giving above and beyond to provide for the bright future of CUMC.

Please visit the thermometer and pick up a brochure today to read about the details of this exciting endeavor. Contribution packets have been mailed to congregation and friends, and are also available on the table in the hallway.

Please make checks payable to *Chatham UMC Sanctuary Revitalization*. For securities donations, please call the church office. On-line donations can be made at [www.chathamumc.com](http://www.chathamumc.com).



Wheels Down! We're ready to go!!  
Get set, we're ready to roll.  
Everybody, full speed ahead,  
G-Force gonna flow!

God's power, it's burstin' in me.  
God's strength, is something to see  
Everybody, full speed ahead,  
Let's show we believe!!

On your mark...get set... We're getting revved up for another exciting **Vacation Bible Camp at CUMC!** This year's theme: **G-Force** where kids will discover the **power of God's Love in Action!** Kids are already signing up for the fun which will run from Wed. **June 24** to Tue. **June 30** (weekdays) from 9am-noon and you can too! Visit the VBC page on our website.

But to keep things rolling smoothly, we need help. The big need: adults to guide small groups of 'campers' as they move through the building to various activities. At least 25 'shepherds' are needed each day. We invite you to plug into your G-Force and get ready to feel the power! Whether you can volunteer all week, or just a few days - contact VBC director, Shelley Rack via email [shelley@theracks.org](mailto:shelley@theracks.org) or click on the registration link on our website: [www.chathamumc.com/youthkids/vbc-vacation-bible-camp/](http://www.chathamumc.com/youthkids/vbc-vacation-bible-camp/) and look for the volunteer tab.



## Interfaith Abraham Lunch



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

The delicious lunch of Turkish food provided by the Peace Islands Institute was a delicious prelude to the Earth Day reflections of Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield, the Rev. Dr. Christa Compton of Gloria Dei Lutheran church in Chatham, and Mr. Sam Tunagur of the Peace Islands Institute, speakers at this interfaith gathering at CUMC on April 22.



*Rev. Christa Compton*

This 2nd annual event was attended by over 75 Jews, Christians, and Muslims—the three faiths descended from Abraham.

Special thanks to Hilary Stannard and the Church & Society Committee who worked behind the scenes to provide such a gracious welcome to everyone.



*Above: Rabbi Mark Mallach  
Left: Mr. Sam Tunagur*

Dear Chatham United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Gateway North District and the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, I want to thank you for your faithful stewardship in paying 100% of your Shared Ministries thus far in 2015. Over the years, your church has been consistent in meeting this connectional milestone.

Please know that your ongoing commitment continues to make a great difference in our region and across the world. I pray that you will share my appreciation with all the members of your congregation.

As your District Superintendent, I personally want to thank you as well, for your leadership as we journey in ministry together.

*Manolo*

Serving together in the Body of Christ  
Sirviendo juntos en el Cuerpo de Cristo

**Rev. Manuel Sardinias**

District Superintendent, Gateway North  
The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey



## Church Council Update April 20 Meeting

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

### Spiritual Vitality:

Jeff encouraged a brief discussion on how we pray for each other in our church. He also suggested the idea of sending weekly prayer letters to members of the congregation, maybe 20 at a time. We would then pray for these families during worship (w/ permission) and this would be a new weekly prayer ritual for CUMC.

### Update on Sharon Yarger's Ministries:

Sharon shared with us some of 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. Additionally, Sharon has been working actively in worship and attended the training session for the Faith Community Health Partnership with nine of our church members. Sharon will host additional training sessions after worship services on April 26 and May 7.

### United Methodist Women:

The following events are scheduled for May:

- ◆ Thursday, May 7: Rummage Sale, 9:30am-2:00pm / Bag Sale 2:15-3:00pm
- ◆ Saturday, May 9: District UMW Event in Rodda Hall
- ◆ Wednesday, May 20: Spring Salad Luncheon w/guest speaker Melda Pike who will discuss the CUMC Quilt

### Church & Society:

The committee will host the Abraham Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23 and will also host Family Promise guests from Sunday April 27 to Sunday, May 3. Please sign up to assist with our Family Promise hosting duties.

### Trustee Updates:

- ◆ To date, \$47,000 has been raised for Sanctuary Renovations.
- ◆ The work on the roof is complete
- ◆ Renovations to the Family Room are coming along
- ◆ Lighting in the Narthex is being worked on and additionally, the ceiling is being painted.
- ◆ New windows have been installed at the Elmwood Parsonage and various items are being fixed at the Oak Drive house.
- ◆ Consideration is being given to the possibility of renting out space to the New Jersey Youth Choir.

### Finance:

The first quarter results were a break even. However, it looks like we are heading toward a deficit heading into the rest of the year.

### Music Ministry:

The Canticles of Life Concert was a success. The Mother's Day Men's Choir is in place but more men are welcome to join in on the fun. On May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an Open Mike Fundraiser to benefit RISE and TAIZE.

### Missions:

\$1180.00 was collected and distributed from the Special Easter Offerings.

# News for Youth & Kids

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Registration Now Open!

[www.chathamUMC.com](http://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!



*Youth and Young adults from CUMC at Taizé event at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC.*

## 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!

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



*How can I fit into what God is doing today?*



## Calling all Youth:

We are looking for volunteers for VBC. If you have completed 6th grade you are eligible to join the fun behind the scenes or work directly with the campers as a shepherd. Follow this link to our sign up page:

<https://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/cumc/volunteer/>

Not sure what you'd like to do? Send me (Karen) an email or text and we'll figure it out.



## Youth Opportunities

May 9 - RISE Brunch Prep

May 10 - RISE Mother's Day Brunch

May 13 - Taizé Prayer Service

May 17 - RISE Tool & Sensitivity Training

May 17 - All Youth Open Mic Night

Looking ahead:

Jun. 7 - RISE Car Wash

Jun. 24 to 30—VBC!



# Music Notes



## From Behind the Reredos!

A talk with Yang-Hee Song, our Organist and Accompanist

It's been wonderful getting to know people in the congregation over this season at Chatham UMC. In addition to you, the congregation, I also want to get to know someone a little bit more who has been at my side since I started here at CUMC: Yang-Hee Song. She is my and the choir's right ...and left! hands every Sunday. You hear her fantastic work at the organ and piano in both Sunday services as she faithfully brings to life hymns, psalms and spiritual songs! If you get a chance, find Yang-Hee behind the reredos (the wooden

screen behind the altar) and tell her what a wonderful job she does every week!

Yang-Hee was born in Daegu City, South Korea and always wanted to be a musician. She came to the United States to study at the Juilliard School in NYC for her master's degree in organ performance. While there, she was a student of the noted organist, John Weaver. She fondly recalls going to performances at the Metropolitan Opera and being able to work with many world class students. Yang-Hee became good friends with her roommate at school who was a soprano; so much so, that they toured the Southern states of the U.S. as a duo!

After graduating, Yang-Hee moved to New Jersey and it was our good luck that she applied to the church's position as organist! By August 2015, she will have been organist at UMC for 16 years. Of her time here, she fondly remembers the organ recital she gave in 2009 to rededicate the organ after being refurbished. She appreciated Tom Kitson who got the word out to the congregation; it was very well attended! Yang-Hee also remembers the support from members of the congregation and the choir especially Nan and Dale Canfield who have helped her many times over the years.

In August of this year, Yang-Hee will spend the month in Korea and getting married in her home town, in the church in which her father is an elder. Her fiancé is Joon Kim and they met while she was a golf student of Joon's. Golf brought them together, but music does also: last summer they sang a duet during a summer worship; and after *this* summer they will have many more opportunities to sing together.

When not at the church or playing golf with Joon, Yang-Hee maintains a very active private piano studio of 30 students. She enjoys teaching young students, seeing them grow up learning music theory, performing, and feeling accomplished as they become young adults. Recently four students competed at a piano competition; two of them won spots in a recital at Carnegie Hall!

We hope that Yang-Hee spends many more years here at Chatham UMC. If you would like to hear her students perform they will be giving a recital here at the church on Saturday, May 30th 3:00 p.m. Yang-Hee also plans on performing a solo organ recital in the fall following the sanctuary revitalization. Join us in supporting organ music at CUMC! Thank you Yang-Hee for letting us know about your life and time here at CUMC.

Peter 

**On Mother's Day: Sun., May 10,** all males of the church are invited to sing in honor our mothers! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary and the morning of May 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Whether young or less young, an experienced singer or less experienced, all the males of the church are invited to serenade the mothers in the congregation and sing the hymn, "**The Gift of Love**" (also known as "Though I May Speak," UMH #408)



## 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.

For more information, contact one of the ladies below.



## 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 at 11:30am**  
in Rodda Hall

Bring your favorite spring salad to share.  
UMW will provide dessert and beverages.

Program by Melda Pike

*Did you know CUMC has a 100 year old quilt?*

Come see the amazing handiwork done by the CUMC Ladies Aid Society (UMW) in 1915 and hear Melda tell us about this historic 20-block redwork quilt.



## News from around the CUMC Circles

### Abigail Circle

Meets at 7:30pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at church.

**Contact:** Helen Bryant, 973-377-4586 or email bryantpine@aol.com

#### **Next Mtg:**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday evening of every month in member homes.

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

**Next Mtg:** Tuesday **May 5 at 7:30pm** at Dona's house.

Program:  
Trivia Game

### Sarah Circle

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

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

**Next Mtg:** Tuesday, **May 12** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tue.), at **11:30am** in the Asbury Room.

Salad Luncheon—everyone bring a salad or dessert.



# 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.



## SET UP TIMES:

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 5 pm  
 Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 9 pm  
 Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 3 pm

## THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

Bag Sale @ \$5 per bag: 2:15 – 3:00pm



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 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm – 5 pm

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 9 pm

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## How Hungry is America?

### One in Six Households Report Inability to Afford Enough Food, Survey Finds

The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) released in April [\*“How Hungry is America?”\*](#) its latest look at Gallup survey data on food hardship. This report reviews 2014 data for the nation, every state, and 100 of the country’s largest MSA’s (Metropolitan Statistical Areas). Here are five things you should know.

1. One in six American households (17.2 percent) said in 2014 that there had been times over the past 12 months that they didn’t have enough money to buy food that they or their families needed.
2. What that means – the economy is improving, but tens of millions of people are still struggling to afford the basics.
3. There’s not one state that is free from hunger. Even the “best” state on the report’s Food Hardship Index, North Dakota, has one in eleven households struggling to afford enough food. Nine states have more than one in five households struggling.
4. Such high food hardship rates are unacceptable, yet some in Congress continue to propose huge cuts to proven and effective programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), school meals programs, and other supports.
5. What you can do: Tell your Members of Congress that you want them to solve hunger by strengthening our nation’s safety net. Oppose efforts to cut nutrition programs. Add your name today to the [Support SNAP petition](#).



The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey focuses to identify, support, train and nurture effective lay and clergy leaders to strengthen local congregations for ministry in the world.

### Save the Date: May 16

### District Day of Learning

The Gateway North District is organizing a District Day of Learning on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30am-12:30pm at Morrow Memorial UMC in Maplewood. The event which is open to everyone, is one of the many ways the district/conference supports the local churches. There will be opportunities to share ideas with Methodists from churches around NJ, to

worship, and to attend workshops in a variety of areas including:

- ◆ Church Taxes, *led by Danielle Andrews*
- ◆ UMW, *led by Esther Canty Barnes*
- ◆ Steps to Becoming a Pastor, *led by Gary Frieze*
- ◆ Worship, *led by Hector Burgos*
- ◆ Trustees
- ◆ SPRC
- ◆ Youth and young adults
- ◆ Role of laity
- ◆ Children’s ministry
- ◆ Stewardship

To learn more about what the church is doing beyond Chatham and take advantage of the learning opportunities provided by the district and conference, join us on Saturday, May 16!



All who are interested in exploring what it means to become a member of the **Chatham United Methodist Church** are invited to come to the following gathering, 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](mailto:revjmarkay@earthlink.net)

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

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

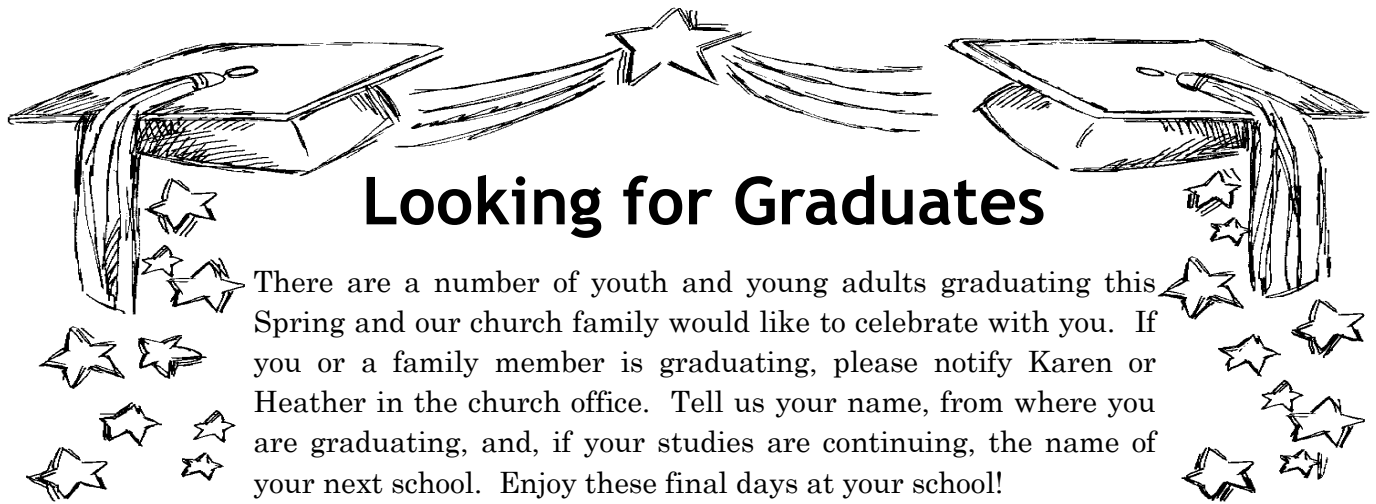
## TRUSTEES UPDATE

### NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

Following is a brief update on some of the Trustees' ongoing projects:

- 1. Sanctuary Revitalization** The Capital Campaign is underway! As of April 8 more than \$36,000 in payments and pledges have been received toward our \$84,000 campaign goal. We are very grateful to those who have so quickly and generously responded. You will be hearing more from the Sanctuary Revitalization Campaign Committee, and you can monitor the progress of the campaign by looking at the display in the hallway to the sanctuary. Donations can now be made online at our website, [chathamumc.com](http://chathamumc.com), by clicking the Make Donation link and choosing the Sanctuary Revitalization line.
- 2. Roof Repair** Roof repair should be done by the time you read this. One more day of good weather is needed to install the skylights and complete the work.
- 3. Family Room** The Family Room off the narthex is already being used! It was exciting to see some families there Easter morning watching the service on the closed circuit monitor. Furniture has been purchased and should be installed soon, as well as a heating/airconditioning unit. Carpet will be added when the sanctuary carpet is installed.
- 4. Narthex** New narthex lights have been purchased and we are working with an electrician to update the wiring. The ceiling will then be patched and painted and the electrician will return to install the lights.
- 5. Windows** New windows will be installed in the wall between the narthex and the sanctuary in order to allow more light, transparency and welcome.

If you have questions for us, the current Trustees are Anne Fullarton (Chair), Tom Fountain (Vice Chair), Eleanor Hartley (Secretary), Tom Belding, Tom Harrison, Dave Meyer, Nick Sfiris, Claudia Shaw, and Rich Tomasello.



## Looking for Graduates

There are a number of youth and young adults graduating this Spring and our church family would like to celebrate with you. If you or a family member is graduating, please notify Karen or Heather in the church office. Tell us your name, from where you are graduating, and, if your studies are continuing, the name of your next school. Enjoy these final days at your school!

### Nursery School

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

*"Thank you to the Church community for your years of support, as I share with you that I will retire from CUMNS at the end of this school year. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to contribute to our wonderful program! We are delighted that Sue Maher has accepted the Director's position beginning July 1. Sue, the teaching staff, board members and I are focused on coordinating a smooth transition as we continue to offer young children and their families a very special place to grow!"*

Carol Bardon



Spring is here at last. What fun we are having playing on the playground, riding bikes and playing in the sand after a long winter indoors.

It is a very busy month at the nursery school. We begin the month by celebrating our Moms and making special cards and gifts. The Fours will host a Mother's Day Tea in their classroom along with a very special gift they are working on.

The Annual Art show will take place on Sat., May 30 from 12:30-2:30. All families and friends are invited to attend and view the children's spring art in the classrooms and celebrate with an "Ice Cream Social." It is the last opportunity for the families to gather together as a community before summer begins.

The Threes will be busy making forsythia bushes, caterpillars, butterflies, and a giant frog pond. Carolyn Dempsey will visit the class to help the children participate in Music with confidence.

The Fours will be learning about dinosaurs, reptiles, and amphibians and will have a special program on "Snakes and Scales", a real hands on activity. They will also take a nature walk at the Trailside

Museum and Nature Center.

The Fours Friday Enrichment will study rainforest animals and spring planting, and end the year with a Field Day.

Kindergarten Enrichment will celebrate spring with May Flowers. The children will also celebrate Moms and Memorial Day this month. They continue to work with word families and are adding to their word walls.

The Nursery School Parent Board will host the 4th Annual "Ladies Night Out" fundraiser. The money raised will be used to purchase an AED unit to be housed near the nursery school. Thank you to the Church, which has generously agreed to share the cost with the nursery school. Teachers will also make a "wish list" of items to purchase with the LNO proceeds.

We invite everyone to join us at the Ice Cream Social" on May 30 from 11:30-2:30 on the school playground.



Enjoy the beauty of the Season!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



are partnering for a day of feasting and fundraising on **Tuesday, May 5**. Bring your family, invite your friends, pickup take out — **Café Villa** (*conveniently located across from the church*) will donate 20% of the proceeds to RISE youth for our 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 UMW 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!

*Bring this flyer with you on May 5.*



**COME AND SUPPORT  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
AT CAFÉ VILLA**

**20% OF YOUR VISIT WILL GO TOWARDS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ITS MISSION!**  
Just bring this flyer with  
you when stop by Café Villa to support this event!

**Tuesday May 5th, 2015  
All Day Event  
Stop in for Lunch or Dinner  
or Take a Pie to Go!**



**Location Details:  
Café Villa  
465 Main Street, Chatham NJ P: 973.635.0880**



**Diane Sullivan**

April 13, 2015

Friend of CUMC

### BLESSING FROM GOD



**Ethan Dennis Hansbury**

April 14 , 2015

Parents - Erin and Jeff Hansbury  
Big brother - John



**CUMC's Taizé pilgrims** are grateful to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts. Whether you bought doves, filled an envelope, came to a soup supper, let us babysit your children, or prayed for us, you have helped us reach our financial goal for our pilgrimage.

**Thank You!!**

### 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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**Mark Your Calendars**

**May 4:** Common Meeting Gathering

**May 5:** RISE Fundraiser at Café Villa

**May 7:** Rummage Sale

**May 10:** Mother's Day Brunch by RISE

**May 13:** Taizé Prayer Service

**May 16:** District Day of Learning

**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 **June Circuit Rider** deadline for submissions is

**Monday, May 12.** Please send all  
articles and announcements to the church office:

**chatumc@optonline.net.**