



# Chatham United Methodist Church

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### SIMPSON SEMINARIANS

At our Church Conference Meeting on September 29, 2015, our congregation voted unanimously to broaden the visibility and language of the Simpson Christian Education Fund by establishing Simpson Seminarians. These seminarians from Drew University Theological School, who are taking the Supervised Ministry Course will be eligible

to be Simpson Seminarians at the Chatham UMC. The Staff Parish Relations Committee who oversees the ministry needs of our Chatham UMC, with the input from the Senior Pastor, will identify seminarians who would like to be in a type of "apprenticeship" ministry here at Chatham UMC.

By establishing Simpson Seminarians, we will be able to honor some of the values of the Rev. Dr. Bob Simpson: a love for the Chatham UMC, Drew University Theological School, and the next generation of faithful Christian leadership. This will also allow us to become even more of a "Teaching Church" that encourages seminarians with opportunities to be in ministry, discover their spiritual and pastoral gifts, and learn from a highly functioning, nurturing and faithful United Methodist Church such as Chatham UMC. By building up this fund, it will also allow us to pay seminarians a small honorarium from the Simpson Christian Education Fund and take some pressure off of the general budget.

Bob and Megan Simpson's family has been very excited about this new ministry that honors Bob's ministry here at the Chatham UMC from 1965-1990, as well as his lifelong support of Drew University and its students. Above is a picture of Gwen Simpson Wear meeting our inaugural two Simpson Seminarians: Sooah Na and Seongsoo Kim, who are already actively in ministry at Chatham UMC, leading the liturgy at at 11:AM worship, working with our youth, praise band, Taizé services, participating in nursing home worship services, participating in the Congregational Care Ministry, and volunteering in mission projects.

There are some ways you can be supportive:

1) If you knew Bob Simpson, please seek out or invite Sooah and Seongsoo for coffee or tea and tell them your answer to this question: What made Bob Simpson such a good and faithful pastor? Simpson Seminarians will learn important wisdom from your responses.

2) If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to Chatham UMC and earmark the check for the Simpson Christian Education Fund.



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.





## The Pastor's Pen

Rev. Jeff Markay

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Dear Friends,

Sir Laurence Olivier, one of the greatest Shakespearian actors of his time, once performed Hamlet. During the performance, he knew that something special was happening in his portrayal of Hamlet. Immediately after one of the greatest performance he had ever given, a friend found him backstage

weeping. Olivier's friend said, "You have just had the performance of your life! Why are you weeping?" Olivier said, "I know it was the performance of my life, but I don't know why!"

Sometimes after great experiences or great performances, it is helpful for us to ask ourselves "Why?" so that we can tap into this power, this ease, this way of being, more frequently.

At our last Church Council meeting, the leaders of Chatham UMC reflected on the success and fruitfulness of the recent capital campaign to renovate the sanctuary. We sensed our congregation accomplished something significant, beautiful and inspired. And so we asked ourselves why. What worked so well? How might we build on this and apply these dynamics to other great challenges facing our congregation and our world?

The Church Council identified some of what made this capital campaign so successful:

- We had good communication about the vision and the project.
- We deeply engaged a significant group of people for participation in the project.
- We reached out to many, who then invested in this vision.
- Generous people gave their financial support, including Dorothea Dier who left a significant gift of money to the Chatham UMC in her will.
- We built consensus, which was time well spent.
- We compromised well with each other, not insisting on our own way.
- Many were willing to give time and energy to this project.
- We had a reasonable and doable goal.
- We used endowment money judiciously.
- We were transparent about our plans, the project schedule and the work being done.
- It was an open process at every stage.
- The remaking of the pulpit honored the past, and yet moved us into the future.
- The project was accomplished with great sensitivity.
- We had a realistic timetable and stayed on task.
- We were flexible in worshiping in Rodda Hall during construction.
- We lived into this project with an adventuresome spirit.
- We tolerated tension and experienced "collegially challenge"
- We allowed folks to dissent, without judging, maligning, yet also kept moving forward, slowing the process when we discerned it necessary.
- We are now proud to host events like weddings knowing that our sanctuary is even more beautiful.

What would you add to this list?

Friends, perhaps this has always been part of the DNA of Chatham UMC. The above-mentioned sentiments can be core values for us as we respond to God's call, which at first usually seems impossible, overwhelming and too demanding. As the scripture says, "We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength." (Philippians 4:13.)

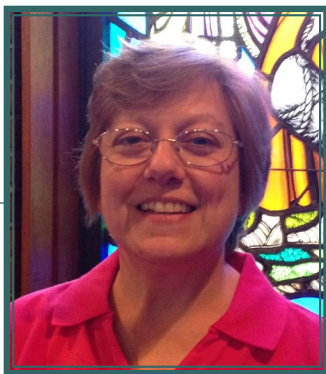
We held our service of blessing the new sanctuary on Sunday, October 11, 2015 moving throughout the sanctuary with singing, reading scriptures and praying words of blessing. You can see it on our Facebook page or website at: <http://www.chathamumc.com/multimedia-archive/sanctuary-blessing/>

At the end of the service the benediction was a quote from Dag Hammarskjöld:

"For all that has been, thanks.  
For all that will be, Yes!"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. With love,

*Jeff*



From the desk of:

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Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving. One day a year, or a way of life? Our ability to experience and express gratitude can make all the difference. One writer puts it this way, "Gratitude may be the purest measure of one's character and spiritual condition."

As an expression of faith, gratitude - like other faith practices such as prayer, meditation, reading and studying the Bible, fasting, tithing - needs to be cultivated. Just as stewardship reflects our need to give back to God some of what God has given us, gratitude reflects our need to say thank you to God for all that God has given us, and done for us.

Here are a few ideas for cultivating the spiritual practice of gratitude:

- Trust that there is *always something* to be grateful for. No matter our circumstances, there are always *at least* two things to be grateful for. 1) God loves us. Each one of us. In ways beyond our ability to comprehend or imagine. Each one of us is God's unique, precious, beloved child. Perhaps you've noticed that when I pray with the children in worship, I almost always begin with, "thank you God, for loving us so much." 2) God is with us. Everywhere. Always. Rejoicing with us when we rejoice, weeping with us when we weep. We are always loved and we are never alone. Those are things to be grateful for!
- Stop, Look, and See – we miss so much as we move through life at our often frantic pace. If we can pause, for just one minute – we begin to notice things. The beauty and wonder of the world around us, the place we have to live, the clothes we have to wear, the people in our lives, and so on. Making a point of stopping for just sixty seconds each day to appreciate our blessings can help cultivate a sense of gratitude.
- Prayers before meals – whether eating alone or with others, it's an obvious moment to say thank you – not just for the food on your plate, but for all that was involved in getting it *to* your plate – the people, the equipment, the weather conditions. Since eating is something we do usually more than once a day, saying thank you when we eat grows our sense of gratitude.
- All prayers – every time you pray, make a point of saying thank you for something, someone.
- Praying the Psalms – the book of Psalms is kind of like the prayer book or hymnal of ancient Israel. We find the full range of human emotions expressed in the psalms, and one of the most prevalent is gratitude. In your Bible reading at home, make a point of prayerfully reading a psalm each day, or the same psalm each day for a week – and cultivate gratitude!
- Keep a Gratitude Journal – every day write down five things for which you are grateful.

Remember the words of Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley: "Give God the praise for any well spent day." As you fall into bed each night – think back. Was this a well spent day – however you measure that? Give God thanks.

I encourage you to begin the practice of *ThanksLiving* – receiving and honoring each and every day as a gift from God; taking nothing and no one for granted. As you grow in ThanksLiving, just watch - you'll discover even more reasons to give thanks!

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

Blessings and Peace,

Sharon

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Taizé Prayer

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

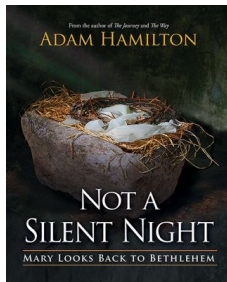
**7:30PM in the Asbury Room**



All are welcome to enjoy a brief time of worship, scripture, singing, prayer, silence and community at our monthly Taizé Prayer. The Taizé style of praying reflects the practices and customs of the early Christians, which is being practiced and rediscovered throughout the world, by seekers, and people of various Christian traditions. Come, let us seek God together, in ancient and new ways.

### Advent Small Groups - You're invited!

This year we're again offering the opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our relationships with God and one another during the season of Advent by being part of a small group. We'll be using the book and DVD *Not a Silent Night* by Rev. Adam Hamilton:



"Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by her love for him as a person and so much more. In this series, Adam Hamilton looks at Jesus' life through the eyes of his mother. He begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with Mary's beautiful baby, the Christ child born in a stable. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary. Focus your own gaze on the Savior she knew as her own son. In this Advent study, Hamilton paints a fresh and moving portrait of mother and Messiah."

#### Small Groups Will Meet (beginning November 29):

Sundays 10:15 – 11:00 am, facilitated by Janice Szarko

Sundays late afternoon/early evening (exact time TBA), facilitated by Pastor Sharon & Seongsoo Kim)

Mondays 12:00 – 1:00 pm, facilitated by Sue Maher & Melda Pike

Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm, facilitated by Micah Coleman Campbell

Signup sheets will be posted outside Pastor Jeff's office. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at [scyarger@optonline.net](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).



### *Lectionary for November*

#### **November 1, 2015, All Saints Day**

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769); 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

#### **November 8, 2015 24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

#### **November 15, 2015 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834); Hebrew 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

#### **Nov. 22, 2015, Last Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

#### **Nov. 27, 2015, Thanksgiving Day**

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126 (UMH 847); 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

#### **November 29, 2015 1st Sunday of Advent**

Jeremiah 33 14-16; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756); I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

## The Simpson Christian Education Fund

The Rev. Dr. Bob Simpson loved and faithfully served Drew University and the Chatham United Methodist Church. Chatham UMC has taken the initiative of funding Simpson Seminarians who will serve in ministry here at Chatham UMC, while simultaneously taking Supervised Ministry Courses at Drew University Theological School. If you would like to support this mutually beneficial relationship between the church and the academy, and invest in the next generation of church leaders, checks can be made to the Chatham United Methodist Church, and earmark the check to The Simpson Christian Education Fund.



**Two Hour Pilgrimage - Thursday,  
November 19, 2015, 10:AM**

**Meet at the Chatham UMC. All Friends are Wel-  
come**

For hundreds of years, Christians in Europe were unable to make the long pilgrimage to Jerusalem, so architects and Christians began building labyrinths into church architecture. These labyrinths, often in the floors of cathedrals such as Chartres, Reims, Amiens, became a metaphor for a longer spiritual pilgrimage.

In the last 20 years, labyrinthine spirituality has captured the attention and spiritual hunger of mainline Protestants and seekers throughout the US. In fact there are many churches that open their doors and labyrinths to visitors and pilgrims who wish to walk, and pray, and seek.

We will meet at the Chatham UMC at 10:AM for a brief time of devotions and spiritual preparation. We will then carpool to Frelinghuysen Arboretum where we can together walk and seek communion with God. Dress warm! Friends and seekers are most welcome to join us. We'll go out for lunch after our labyrinth walk to enjoy the community that the Holy Spirit will certainly create.

**Nov. 19 Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morris Township (outdoor)**

**Dec. 17 Christ Church, Summit (indoor)**

### **New! Weekly Noontime Bible Study on Acts Mondays 12:00 – 1:30 pm**

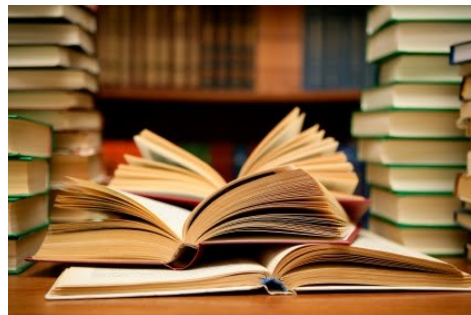
Whether you're brand-new to the Bible, or know it inside and out, you're welcome to join Pastor Sharon and Su Jung Shin in a lively and thought-provoking look at the New Testament Book of Acts. We'll follow the movement of the Holy Spirit and the actions of the disciples as they spread the word about Jesus from Jerusalem to "the ends of the earth," and encounter remarkable challenges and rewards along the way. There's no homework for this study, so any and all are welcome whenever you can be there. Feel free to bring a friend!

For further information contact Rev. Sharon Yarger at the church office or at [scyarger@optonline.net](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).

## CUMC LIBRARY NEWS

Our library has added new materials over the summer, from books to DVDs!

Books you may be interested in include *Grace Sufficient: A History of Women in American Methodism 1760-1939* by Jean M. Schmidt (Dave Pike's cousin), genealogist Megan Smolenyak's *Who Do You Think You Are: Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family's History*, plus Ben Carson's *One Nation: What We Can All Do To Save America's Future and America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made America Great*.



This September, two new movies are being released, *90 Minutes in Heaven* and *A Walk in the Woods*. Both are based on books in our library (Don Piper and Bill Bryson the respective authors).

The DVD collection now has four videos on the Wesleys and our Methodist heritage; the latest acquisition is *John Wesley – the Man and His Mission*. A new 6-hour PBS film, *Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine*, follows Christianity's beginnings as “a small movement called ‘The Way’ to its eventual place as the official religion of the Roman Empire.” *The Jewish People: A Story of Survival* (60 minutes) is also available for borrowing, as is Simon Schama's *The Story of the Jews* (5 hours)

Magazines in the library include *Christian History*, *Christianity Today*, *Biblical Archaeology* and *Archaeology*.

Please remember to sign out whatever you are borrowing and leave the card in the box on the cart in the hall outside the library. There is no “due date”, but try to keep in mind the public library limits of a few weeks/months.

We welcome suggestions of new titles, as well as volunteers to the Library Committee. So, please do stop in and check us out this September/October!

*Betty Anne Keat*, Library Chair



*Common Meeting Night*

The Common Meeting nights were started in the fall of 2014, with the idea of bringing committees together to meet on the same night, starting with a time of gathering and sharing. It's important as a church community to foster opportunities like this, where we can explore our vision for Chatham UMC in a freer forum than is possible in our monthly Church Council meetings.

Unfortunately, our committees have had many challenges with this schedule and attendance hasn't been what we'd hoped. So we're cancelling the Common Meeting Nights going forward. If you had noted any of the dates from September's Circuit Rider article and planned to attend sometime, please cross them off your calendar.

We are exploring another option for a community gathering time, probably in the form of short retreats for church leaders and committee members, and open to all members of the congregation. This would likely take place on Saturday mornings, three times during the program year—fall, winter, and spring—either here at the church, off-site, or a mix of both. Please watch for detailed information as this takes shape.

# News for Youth & Kids

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## WAY TO GO Junior Youth & Kids!!



On Sunday, October 4, our JYF (with an assist from Kids Fellowship) led a Food Drive at the Chatham Kings. In one afternoon we collected an awesome **630 pounds of food** and **\$184 in cash donations** to help fight food insecurity in Morris County.



The Confirmation Class went to a Corn Maze in October. The challenges and frustration of finding one's way out of the maze, the need to be both self-reliant, helpful to others, and able to ask for assistance all parallel the commitment we need in order to develop personal relationships with God in community and fellowship with others. **Senior Youth** (members of the 2014 Confirmation Class) came along on the trip to offer support, build relationships, and be role models of active lives in the CUMC community beyond Confirmation.



Our youth **RISE** team is recruiting for the **Summer 2016 mission trip**. Interested **Senior High Youth** (currently in grades 9-12) should contact Karen to be included in this year's mailing list.



Have you ever been talking with someone and then wondered: **"What Really Happened?"**

Join us at the youth groups on **Sunday, Nov. 1** (4:30 for junior youth, 5:45 for senior youth) for a workshop on Body Language by CUMC's own Allie Irwin, certified speaker on the subject.

*"Sometimes people say one thing but mean another. Learn the secrets behind what others are really thinking and feeling and what your own body language is telling them!"*

## Youth Opportunities

- Nov. 1 — "What Really Happened"
- Nov. 6 — Hanover Park vs. Madison
- Nov. 11 — Taizé Prayer
- Nov. 14 — Confirmation Dinner/Study event
- Nov. 29 — No JYF/SYF (Thanksgiving Weekend)

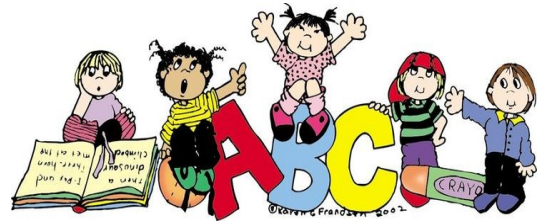
### Looking ahead:

- Dec. 6—Alternative Gifts Fair (fundraising/service hrs)
- Dec. 6—Advent Gathering



## ***NURSERY SCHOOL***

October seemed like a whirlwind of a month. The weather was fantastic and now we look forward to November. All the Halloween decorations are down and we are decorating the room with colorful fall projects. As the weather turns colder we will continue to play outdoors but will also be using Rodda Hall with some all the equipment we have like scooters, balls, parachutes, bean bags, to name a few.



The Fours will learn about hibernation and end the month with a Sharing Feast in the classroom and a visit to the Church Food Pantry to make some special donations.

Mrs. B, puppeteer, will visit the Threes to introduce the class to a variety of fantastic puppets. The children will have a real up close and personal experience as they meet and chat with an incredible array of puppets.

The Fours Friday Enrichment class is in full swing. A different theme is presented each week which is so interesting to the children as they participate in many hands on activities.

Kindergarten Enrichment is enjoying their time in the Red Room. The class is offered to children attending Kindergarten and they can choose to come two days a week. It is so nice to see many of our alumni children return as well as some new faces. The class continues to learn about authors and illustrators as they make their first class book.

We wish everyone and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

*Nancy Monahan*

## **Mother's Morning Out**



The Mother's Morning Out is enjoying fall fun at school. The children have eased into the preschool schedule and are now attending full time sessions from 9:15-11:15am. We have been spending lots of time on our playground and exploring our new surroundings. We are getting used to our new routine, and doing lots of growing along the way! We are celebrating pumpkins and ghosts in our art projects. We can hardly wait until the turkeys show up.

The mission of MMO is to provide a warm and caring environment for toddlers, age 18 months to 3 years. Through varied and positive experiences, our goal at MMO is to help children grow. The good news is spreading, the MMO program is still growing. We had a few children register in the last few weeks. Thank you to all who helped share information about our program.

*Amy Crandall*

Director, MMO  
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## Fall Upcoming Events



Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m.

Contact Alex Strunc 201-400-7229  
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By Diane Van Patten, UMW Co-President

**Sunday Afternoon High Tea, Nov. 8**  
**3-4:30 pm in Rodda Hall**



**Program by Stephanie Klotz**

Jersey Battered Women's Service

*Jersey Battered Women's Service: Much More Than a Shelter*



**Advent Luncheon**

**Wednesday, December 16** More information to come.

All women are invited to be part of UMW. Join a Circle or just come to UMW gatherings. Whatever level of involvement you want to have, you are welcome!

Be sure to mark this year's Alternative Gifts Fair on your calendar: Sunday, December 6. Save those shopping lists and come see what you can give that will support ministries and those in need. Once again, there will be a mix of merchandise and honorary donations. Watch for details in December's Circuit Rider.



**Save the Date! Sunday, December 13**  
**Anytime between 4 - 7 pm**

For an All-church, Intergenerational Fun, Fellowship, and Mission event: **Cookies4Life**



Young children through senior citizens are invited to Rodda Hall to help decorate hundreds of cookies for the staff and inmates at the Morris County Correctional Facility, as part of their annual Chaplaincy Christmas Gift Program. More details to come – stay tuned!

**A Stewardship Moment Shared by Sally Strunc of the Stewardship Team on Sunday Morning,  
October 18, 2015**

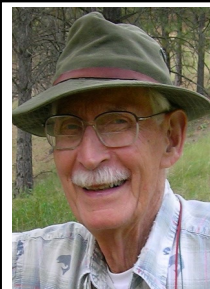
On September 29th, our congregation held its annual charge conference. It was attended by a group of perhaps 40 people, many of whom serve on various committees and occupy leadership positions in the church. We went through the annual report and discussed the latest committees and accomplishments of the past year and approved the new people appointed to the roster for 2016. We admired our revitalized sanctuary and felt energized by the wonderful things we are doing for the kingdom of God on earth through our pastors, seminary students, staff and programming.

Then we arrived at the budget for next year and many attendees were surprised to learn that even though we have been successful in our capital campaign for the sanctuary revitalization and have generated some additional revenue by increasing our income from property use by outside organizations such as the NJ Youth Chorus, we are still faced with a budget that anticipates a roughly \$100,000 deficit for 2016. This is in addition to the deficit for this year (2015), which was also in excess of \$100,000. These deficits are driven primarily by a drop in pledged and offering plate giving. As a result of these revelations and the need to approve large transfers from the 21st Century endowment fund in order to fund these deficits, we were asked, or I could say given a mandate by the charge conference, to provide more information and education regarding the finances of the church.

As we kick off the stewardship campaign, which traditionally takes place at this time of year, we on finance, stewardship and trustees are committed to this information sharing process. It is crucial for all of us to realize that the work of this church relies on a budget that is supported by regular giving each and every week by you the congregation. The running of this church is not a one off campaign to reach a one-time goal. It is a concerted effort over time to financially support the work of CUMC and it needs to be funded that way. Over the next couple of months through various communications including a presentation between services on November 15th, we on the stewardship committee will be rolling out a series of initiatives in order to better educate all of us as to how we can move towards a sustainable financial future for this church. The finance committee under Kevin Walker's leadership, the Stewardship committee under the leadership of Hal Burlingame and Susan Fountain and the Trustees, who are the guardians of the various endowment funds will be part of this transparent process. We plan to give everyone the information to make informed decisions regarding their contributions to the work of this church community, which provides such a wonderful, nurturing, Christian environment for all of us and our families.

In the meantime, please make every effort to fulfill your pledges for 2015 and consider an additional year-end gift to help us to close the sizable gap which currently exists between expected and received revenue for 2015.

**Howard Stuewe**, age 88, entered Life Eternal on October 19, 2015. Let us keep Shirley and the Stuewe Family in our prayers. Cards can be sent to: 120 Whiteland Hills Circle Exton PA 19341-2221



**Memorial Service for Robert Earl Millar  
Sept. 8, 1926 - Sept. 24, 2015  
Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 11 AM  
Lunch in Rodda Hall to follow at noon  
Chatham United Methodist Church**

**Let us keep Carol Millar and the entire Millar family in our prayers as they grieve Bob's death and celebrate his life, that in Christ has no end.**



## Welcome to the Chatham United Methodist Church

Built in the early 1960s, the sanctuary of the Chatham United Methodist church is designed in the mid-century modern, “A” frame style. Consistent with most of the mid-century modern structures of the time, the sanctuary is an American reflection of the Bauhaus and International design movements.

Characteristic of the style, the space is defined by straight lines and angular shapes declaring that this is the work of man during a forward-thinking time. However, combined with the angular design elements is the liberal use of organic materials that provide a clear connection to the natural world – rows of pine planks lining the ceiling, solid maple pews, interconnected wood beams acting as both backdrop to the chancel area and encasement to the pipes of our spectacular organ; and a rough-hewn cross as the point of central focus.

Also characteristic of the mid-century modern style is an abundance of natural light illuminating the sanctuary through a wall of windows at the rear and our beautiful stained glass windows along both sides. This warm wash of sunlight serves to marry both the manmade and organic elements of the space and is a component integral to the structure and its life as both a modernist “home” to the congregation and a true “house” of God.

In 2015 the sanctuary underwent a comprehensive renovation that honored the modernist structure by holding true to its representative themes, while also expanding upon them. The carpet chosen for the space is designed with uneven linear elements that usher the congregation toward the chancel and altar, in an organic sand-green color that brings to mind the additional organic element of flowing water. The hardwood used in the chancel area was chosen for its strong, characteristic grain that emphasizes its organic nature and also helps to unify the many wood colors present in the sanctuary. Finally, new interior windows at the rear allow for an even greater wash of comforting sunlight.

Welcome to the Chatham United Methodist Church - a modernist masterpiece with an eye to the future, that honors the beauty of the natural world and pays ultimate homage to the glory of God.

Written by Tom Franklin  
August 25, 2015



**Community  
FoodBank**  
OF NEW JERSEY

The annual Food and Turkey Drive for the Community Foodbank of NJ will be held on **Saturday, November 21**, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at CUMC. Please bring your donation of a frozen turkey and/or nonperishable foods to the truck that will be parked on the west side of the church, just off the Main Street entrance to the Middle School. If you have any questions, please call Peggy or Caesar Sweitzer 973-635-7636.

### JOIN THE CUMAC CONVERSATION

It's wonderful that CUMC supports CUMAC through our Missions budget, and that we're continuously collecting and delivering food. There are even more ways for us to partner with CUMAC in ministry to hungry families. Pastor Sharon and a group of CUMC folks will be meeting soon to discern and take action on how we can become more intentionally and actively involved with CUMAC. To join us, contact Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at [scyarger@optonline.net](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).



To all my friends & members at CUMC,

I want all of you to know how much you are appreciated for being with me every step of the way through Don's illness and my downsizing move. I could not have done it without you. You mean more than words can ever express. I feel blessed and very rich to know all of you.

*-Priscilla Haberstroh*



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**~ 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.**Mark Your Calendars & Keep in Prayer****November 3:** Sarah Circle**November 3:** Common Meeting**November 3:** Church & Society Committee Meeting**November 4:** Rebecca Circle**November 6:** Youth Outing**November 8:** Centering Prayer**November 8:** UMW Tea**November 9:** Deadline for Circuit Rider Submissions**November 10:** Abigail Circle**November 10:** Church Council Meeting**November 11:** Taizé Prayer Service**November 14:** Memorial Service for Bob Millar**November 14:** Confirmation**November 18:** UMW Planning Meeting**November 24:** Trustees Meeting**November 27:** Friday after Thanksgiving - Office Closed

The **December Circuit Rider submissions** deadline is **Monday, November 9**. Please send all articles and announcements to the church office:  
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