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The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church



Remembering in Our Prayers

George Booth

A funeral service for George Booth will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM** at the Bradley Funeral Home in Chatham, NJ. Let us keep Jean Booth, their children, and grandchildren in our prayers as we grieve George's death and celebrate his life, that in Christ has no end.

Loren Taylor

A funeral service for Loren Taylor is planned for **Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM** in our Sanctuary. There will be a reception in Rodda Hall after the service. Let us continue to surround Lee Ann, Caley, and Colton with our prayers and our love.

To revisit previous E-newsletters, please visit our website!

News

Important Lenten Dates...



Lenten Small Groups

We are offering Lenten Small Groups using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and DVD *"Creed: What Christians Believe and Why"* Groups are meeting at various days and times to accommodate busy schedules. To see our confirmed schedule of groups and to read a more in-depth description please click on:

[2017 Lenten Small Group Information.](#)

Books are available for purchase at the church for \$10. Books for Kindle can be ordered from Amazon at:

<https://www.amazon.com/Creed-What-Christians-Believe->



Soup and Spirit Thursdays in Lent 6:00-6:45 PM Rodda Hall

Come and nourish body and spirit throughout Lent! Friends and general public, of every age, are all welcome to participate in sharing a meal and spiritual exercise. Each week a different member of the congregation will share from their own experiences a little bit about Christianity as it's practiced in other parts of the world. *Soup Makers needed! Sign-up sheet is located across from Jeff's office.*



2017 Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving

Forms are now available in the CUMC office and during services on, **Sunday, April 2nd** to participate in our Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving. Our sanctuary will be adorned on Easter Sunday in beautiful lilies in honor/memory of our loved ones. **Lilies can be ordered for a donation of \$15 per plant. Forms need to be returned with your check to the church office no later than Monday, April 3rd.** Thank you for your continued, generous support of our church ministry aiding local, national and international organizations. Our sponsored causes for our church ministry this year will be the following: *Local-* Interfaith Food Pantry, Morristown
National- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
Global: Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

RSVP to Important Events Coming to CUMC!



Common Ground: Interfaith Prayer and Conversation- Care for Our Neighbors Tuesday, May 2nd 7:00 PM CUMC Sanctuary

All are invited to enjoy a time of Interfaith singing, scriptures and prayer (in the Sanctuary) followed by A Time of coffee, conversation and baklava! (in the Fellowship Hall) For more information visit

www.chathamumc.com. Please RSVP for this event by using the following link:

[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?
llr=5thxerab&oeidk=a07edzujplu2ec5430b](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5thxerab&oeidk=a07edzujplu2ec5430b)

This event is sponsored by the Chatham United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Or Ha Lev Jewish



An Evening with Richard Rohr Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:00PM CUMC Sanctuary

Come hear world renowned author, teacher and speaker, *Richard Rohr* on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7PM at the Chatham United Methodist Church. This is a rare opportunity to spend some time with one of the great spiritual leaders and wisdom figures of our time.

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The event is free, but monetary donations will be received to support Fr. Richard's work at the Center for Action and Contemplation.

We expect this event to fill up quickly so please RSVP using the following link:

[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?
llr=5thxerab&oeidk=a07edziqysu88d71224](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5thxerab&oeidk=a07edziqysu88d71224)

This Week at CUMC...



Game Night at CUMC!

Saturday, April 1st 7:00 - 9:00 PM in

Rodda Hall

Saturday, April 1st (no foolin'!) is **Game Night** at CUMC! A casual evening of fun for game lovers of all ages from 7:00-9:00 PM. We'll have a selection of games in Rodda Hall but if you have a favorite, bring it! Bring a snack to share, and a friend too...or meet a few there! We'll provide the drinks, you provide the laughter. See ya' there!

Sponsored by Christian Ed./Spiritual Formation



CUMC Music News!

This Sunday, April 2nd in the 9:00 AM service, the Praise Band will lead the music. At the 11:00 AM service, *Elisabeth Incardona* will sing *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. Join the congregation for a pair of lovely services!

Chatham UMC's own organist and accompanist, *Yang-Hee Song*, will be performing with the Oratorio Singers of Westfield and their director,

Trent Johnson, this Sunday afternoon, **April 2nd**, at **3:00 PM** at the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street in Westfield. The program will include music by both J.S. Bach and P.D.Q. Bach! Tickets will be available at the door or for more information go to www.oratoriosingerswestfield.org.

All musicians in the congregation are invited to take part in our **3rd Annual Open Mic Night** hosted by our Youth Musicians. On **Sunday evening, April 30th at 5:30 PM** in Rodda Hall our Open Mic Night will present solos, duos, and small groups singing and playing music both sacred and secular. Food will be served and all the benefits of the evening's dinner will go to our RISE mission trip in this Summer. To sign up or for more information please contact Peter Hill at the below email address.

If you would like to know more about music@CUMC please contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com.



United Methodist Women Lenten Soup Supper Sunday, April 2nd 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Rodda Hall

Our program guest will be Rev. Tanya Linn Bennet, Ph.D. Associate Dean, Vocation & Form at Drew University. All women in the church are invited to attend.



Sarah Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 4th at 9:30 AM** in the Asbury Room. Our topic will be "The Great Swamp-God's Creation".

Rebecca Circle will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 5th from 1:00-4:00PM** in the Asbury Room.

Looking Ahead at CUMC...



Taizé Prayer Service, Wednesday, April 12th, 7:30 - 8:15 PM Asbury Room

In the midst of the frenetic pace of news, work, life and stress, it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the music, beauty, stillness, scriptures, and prayers of a Taizé Prayer Service. All are invited to come and enjoy the serenity.

Men's Group Saturday, April 22nd

The next Men's Group meeting will be on **Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00 AM** at the home of *Alexander and Sally Strunc*,



23 Thornley Drive in Chatham. Our May meeting will be at the home of *Dave and Kelly Bramwell*, 50 Oxbow Drive, New Providence on **May 20, 9:00 AM**.



UMW Spring Rummage Sale! Saturday, April 29th

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be on **April, 29th**. Please donate your items between **4/26-4/28**. In order for our sale to be successful, we will need numerous volunteers between **April 26th-April 29th**. More information to follow as we get closer to the date!



Calling All Super Heros! VBC Needs You! June 26th - 30th 9:00 AM-Noon

Chatham UMC's Summer Vacation Bible Camp is open for registration! This year's VBC runs from **June 26th to June 30th, 9:00 AM to noon**. At HERO CENTRAL, kids ages 4 thru 5th grade will discover their strength in God and go on an adventure learning about Real Life Heroes - both in the Bible and in the world today. There will be a hero code, powerful music, crafts, snacks, and action-packed recreation. "Heroes" will learn how to use the powers God has given them to Do Good and join the team of real life super heroes! Click on the link below to register a child or to *volunteer!* VBC *volunteers must have completed the 6th grade by June 26th*. To sign up to be a camper or on our volunteer team go to:

<http://www.chathamumc.com/youthkids/vbc-vacation-bible-camp/>

For more information call Karen Berry at (973) 635-7740 or email youthchatumc@optonline.net.

With Thanks...



Thank You!

We are so grateful to all of those that volunteered to welcome and host our Family Promise guests last week. We helped our guests usher in a Spring of hope for the future.

Announcements...



Enquirers Group

Will not be held for the duration of Lent. Meetings will resume on **Sunday, April 23rd**.

Noontime Bible Study will not be held during Lent and



will resume after Easter.

Opportunities to Support our CUMC Family...



Seeking Liturgists

Raise Your Voice! All ages welcome! If you're interested and would like to sign up please click here to go to the Sign Up Genius and reserve your date. If you are intrigued but not quite sure, please contact **Barbara Babbitt** at babbitt@optimum.net, or 973-660-1960, to discuss what this worship leadership entails. Find your voice...and share it!



A Message from Care Corps

Care Corps is the way we take care of each other in our church family. If you or someone you know needs meals or rides to doctor's appointments, please call the **CUMC office** at 973-635-7740 or **Marie Watt** at 973-635-7326. We can always use additional volunteers for meal preparation and rides.

Opportunities to Support our Local Community...



5th Annual Town Spring Clean Saturday, May 6, Reasoner Park Gazebo

It's time for Chatham Borough's Spring Clean and the town is looking for volunteers! Every set of hands can help. Please dress for the weather and wear boots, bring garden tools and gloves. For more information, please contact *Janice Piccolo, Director of Community Services* at (973) 635-0674 x200 or email: jpiccolo@chathamborough.org.



Relay for Life, Chatham! June 3rd, 6:00PM-Midnight Haas Field, Chatham Middle School, 480

Main Street

This event has been becoming an annual tradition in Chatham. For more information, to participate, and/or support, please follow the following link: RelayForLife.org/ChathamNJkyra.miller@cancer.org

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