

Reconnect with the God of Love. Holy Week 2017 worship schedule inside.
All submissions due by Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to Eileen Ruggiero: chatumc@optonline.net.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church

Chatham United Methodist Church HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9th:
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

Holy Thursday, April 13th:
7:30 p.m. service

Good Friday, April 14th,
7:30 p.m. service

Easter Sunday, April 16th:
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ

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News



The Chatham United Methodist Church office will be closed on **Friday, April 14** for Good Friday. The building will remain open for meetings and worship services.

Final Lenten Dates...

Lenten Small Groups



This is our final week for our Lenten Small Groups using Rev.

Adam Hamilton's book and DVD "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why" **Please know the group meeting on**

Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 AM is cancelled. To see our confirmed schedule of groups and to read a more in-depth description please click on:

[2017 Lenten Small Group Information.](#)

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.](http://www.chathamumc.com)

Please RSVP for this event online by clicking [here.](#)

This event is sponsored by the Chatham United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Or Ha Lev Jewish Renewal Congregation of NJ, and the Peace Islands Institute.



An Evening with Richard Rohr

Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:00PM CUMC Sanctuary

Registration for this event will be closed by the end of Thursday night! We will be streaming the event on Facebook Live that evening of Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. If you weren't able to register for a seat, please join us online!

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 Richard's work at the Center for Action and Contemplation.

This Week at CUMC...



CUMC Music News!

As we enter Holy Week with Palm/Passion Sunday, our congregation has a great deal of music to offer your spirit,

both contemplative and festive!

On **Palm Sunday, April 9th** in the **9:00 a.m.** service, the Covenant Choir will sing Hosanna to the King! by Dan Forrest. The Wesley Ringers will offer Faith by Paul McKlveen at both services. Also at both services for the prelude, Yang-Hee Song and I will play a jazz organ and piano duet: Ballad by Joe Utterback.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 13th, at 7:30 p.m.** the Covenant Choir will offer I Give You a New Commandment by Peter Aston. On Good Friday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m. we will hear from Karen Berry and Ron Yarger playing a flute duet arrangement of Wondrous Love, Yang-Hee will play Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine, and I will play Mozart's Adagio in B minor on piano.

On **Easter Sunday, April 16th**, the Covenant Choir, Youth Singers, and guests will sing for both services: including René Clausen's All That Hath Life and Breath and Hal Hopson's This Joyful Eastertide. The Chatham UMC Brass Ensemble will join the music to play a prelude and accompany the choir! Each service concludes with a sing-a-long of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. All are invited to the chancel to sing as Yang-Hee leads us in this joyful benediction.



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 petepiano@mac.com.



Stephen Ministry will be meeting on Good Friday, April 14th, at 2:00 PM in the Wesley Room.

Looking Ahead at CUMC...



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.

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.



Taizé Prayer Service scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th, has been cancelled.

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

Are you community minded? Earth friendly? Environmentally aware? Join us **Saturday, May 6th between 8 AM-1 PM** to help! Meet at Reasoner Park gazebo and dress for the weather. We will be weeding, picking up trash, spreading mulch and doing other springtime chores as we freshen up our downtown public spaces. Free t-shirts while they last! Pre-registration to reserve yours now! 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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