

Weekly News & Updates



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The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church



Join Us Tonight!



SOSS Unity & Prayer Vigil

A call for prayers to offer courage to one another
&
To celebrate our dignity and diversity

Thursday, Feb 16th 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Chatham United Methodist Church
460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ

EMCEE: Rabbi Deb

All are welcome to pray together,
promote peace and harmony and
stand in solidarity with each other for
our community and nation

SOSSP : www.sosspeace.org

Morris County Chapter. Essex County Chapter. Union County Chapter



National Unity Vigil Tonight

Thursday, February 16th 8:00-9:00 PM

The National Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Unity Prayer Vigil will be held on Thursday, February 16th from 8-9 PM, at CUMC. *All are welcome - women, men, youth, and children.* The Unity Vigil is meant to affirm the harmony we see in one another. This will be a call for prayer to offer courage and support to the Muslim community and to make a strong statement to the greater community that we come together to put an end to hate, bigotry and prejudice. The Sisterhood of Salaam-Shalom is a national organization of Muslim and Jewish

women dedicated to forming friendships and getting to know one another. Every chapter of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom throughout the United States will hold a Unity Vigil simultaneously on February 16th.



Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Church doors will remain open for groups to meet as scheduled.

Lenten Happenings...Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1st.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28th 5:30 - 7:00 PM Rodda Hall

CUMC Youth RISE participants would like you to come celebrate Shrove Tuesday (the day before the fasting period in Lent) with a Pancake Supper! In addition to a menu of pancakes, eggs, ham, applesauce, desserts, and beverages, there will be pancake races for all ages and Pastor Jeff will lead us in some rituals with palms that we'll burn to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Why pancakes? Come find out at this evening of fun for all with teachable moments about Ash Wednesday, Lent, and some of our Christian practices during this season.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held at 7:30 PM



Soup and Spirit

Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 9th 6:00-6:45 PM

Rodda Hall

Come and nourish body and spirit throughout Lent. Friends and general public are all welcome to participate in sharing a meal and prayer. Soup Makers needed! Sign-up sheet is located across from Jeff's office.



Lenten Small Groups

Groups begin Saturday, March 4.

We will be offering Lenten Small Groups using Rev. Adam

Hamilton's book and DVD "*Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*"

This great study on the history of Christian belief analyzes the Apostle's Creed and speaks to the meaning of the Creed in our day-to-day lives as 21st century Christians. We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this book for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

Books (hardcover or Kindle) can be ordered from Amazon at

<https://www.amazon.com/Creed-What-Christians-Believe-Why/dp/1501813714>

Books will also be available for purchase at the church soon. Small Groups will be offered several days of the week and both daytime and evenings to accommodate a wide variety of schedules. Sign Up sheets are across from Jeff's office. [Click here](#) for an introductory video on the study.

This Week's Happenings...



Abigail Circle will meet on **Friday, February 17th, 7:30 PM** in Wesley Room. Any questions call the church office at 973-635-7740.

Rebecca Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 1st** at Cafe Villa at 5:30 PM. Following dinner, we will attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 PM.

Sarah Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 7th** in the Asbury Room. Stu Shippey will present the program entitled "Ancestry DNA." Any questions, call Nan Canfield, 973-635-2408



Enquirer's Group

Will meet on **Sunday, February 19th** at 5 PM in the Asbury Room.



Monday Noontime Bible Study February 20th. 12 Noon - 1:30 PM Room 7

Whether you are brand-new to the Bible or know it inside and out, all are welcome! Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack, and feel free to bring a friend - whether or not they are part of CUMC. The group will be exploring the letters of the apostle Paul. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger. Hope to see you there!

Next Week...



CUMC Music News

On **Sunday, February 26th** CUMC's Kenaniah Praise Band will lead music in the 9:00 AM service.

Looking Ahead...

On **Saturday, March 4th** at 8:00 PM and **Sunday, March 5th** at 3:00 PM **Harmonium Choral Society** of Morristown will be performing their winter concert at CUMC. Harmonium will present **FROM HEAVEN DISTILLED A CLEMENCY**, featuring Durufle's Requiem and works by O'Regan, Poulenc, Heath, Chesnokov and Nico Muhly, with strings, harp and organ.

The Suburban Music Study Club's recital scheduled for **Thursday, February 9th** has been rescheduled because of the snowstorm. Everyone is invited on **Thursday, March 9th** at 10:30 AM in the Chase Room at the Madison Public Library to hear our music director, Peter Hill, play piano as well as Merynda Adams, harp, and Charity Wicks, piano.

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

Important Announcements...

Flower Dedications



Flowers This Week

To reserve your week for flower dedication, sign up on the calendar outside of Pastor Jeff's office. Forms with a \$40 check made payable to CUMC need to be received by the church office two weeks prior to the date of your flower dedication. Any questions, please contact the Church Office for more information: 973-635-7740 or email:

churchsecretary@optonline.com

Opportunities to Support our CUMC Family...



Chatham Methodist Preschool-Registration is Open

Registration is now open for Chatham Methodist Preschool! Programs are available for children ages 18 months through 6 years old. Classes offered are Almost 2s, 2s, 3s, 4s, Full Day 5s, and Kindergarten

Enrichment. For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. Word of mouth is our BEST advertisement! Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC! Please visit our website at www.chathampreschool.org



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.

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