

Weekly News & Updates



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1st.



Worship Service and the imposition of ashes will be held at 7:30 PM.

Important Lenten Dates...



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



Lenten Small Groups

Groups begin Saturday, March 4th.

We will be offering Lenten Small Groups using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and DVD *"Creed: What Christians Believe and Why"* [Click here](#) to view an introductory video on the study.

Groups will meet 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 (hardcover or Kindle) can be ordered from Amazon at:

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

Books are also available for purchase at the church for \$10.

Sign Up sheets for groups are across from Jeff's office.



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.

Also This Week...



Enquirer's Group

Will meet on **Sunday, February 26th** at 5 PM in the Asbury Room.



Monday Noontime Bible Study February 27th.

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!



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

Next Week...



Stephen Ministry

Will meet on **Wednesday, March 8th** at 7 PM in Room 7.



Taizé Prayer Service, Wednesday, March 8th,

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.

Important Announcements...



**Rise Against Hunger! Sunday, March 12th,
2:00-4:00 PM Rodda Hall**

Mark Your Calendar! CUMC's *Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event* is Sunday, March 12, 2-4 pm in Rodda Hall.

We'll be packing 10,000+ meals to be distributed to orphanages, refugee camps and other situations world-wide where people are hungry. This event is open to all people ages 4 and up. A wonderful inter-generational opportunity for families to serve together!

You must register to participate, so we know how many volunteers we will have. *Watch your email and CUMC's Facebook page for the online registration form - coming soon!*

Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or scyarger@optonline.net

For more information on Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) visit www.riseagainsthunger.org



Family Promise Call For Volunteers March 19th-March 26th!

Our Family Promise Guests will stay with us during the week of **March 19th - March 26th**. We need volunteers to host during the day and overnight, and to cook dinner. Please visit the sign-up sheet opposite Jeff's office or contact **Claudia Shaw: chs1munk@gmail.com, (973) 454-2013**. Please help our families usher in a Spring of hope for the future.



A Special Thank You!

Thank you for all of those that helped organize and attend The National Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Unity Prayer Vigil on Thursday, February 16th at CUMC. It was a beautiful service attended by over 400 people and illustrated our solidarity with our neighbors in faith.

Music News...



CUMC Music News

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

On **Sunday, March 5th** our Youth Musicians will lead music for the 9:00 AM Service.

Looking Ahead...

- On **Saturday, March 4th at 3:00 PM** in our sanctuary, the **New Jersey Youth Chorus'** group, *Sola Voce*, comprised of female voices in grades 6 through 8, will join with the **Sister Cities Girl Choir**. The concert is free to the public and all are invited to hear the **NJYC's** collaboration with this awesome girls' chorus from Philadelphia and Camden!
- 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.

Opportunities to Support our CUMC Family...



Chatham Methodist Preschool-Registration is Open

We have a few spots open in our Full day Fives Class and Kindergarten Enrichment. Here are a few of the unique highlights about the classes. Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC!

Our 5-Year Old Full Day Program Highlights:

Monday-Friday 8:45 AM -2:15 PM

- Creatively designed by veteran SDOC faculty, Peggy Melvin
- Program coordinated by certified Kindergarten teacher
- Exploration of Literacy, Math, STEM , Science, Social Studies and Art
- Experiential learning.....have fun, learn by doing!
- Nurturing Class Size - maximum of 12 students
- At the completion of the year, a teacher evaluation to recommend class placement for next year, kindergarten or first grade

Our Kindergarten Enrichment Program Highlights:

Mornings: 8:45 AM-12:00 PM, BYO lunch

Afternoons: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, BYO lunch

- Certified teachers with kindergarten experience.
- Creatively designed by caring staff to complement and reinforce your Kindergartner's school day.
- Communication with district Kindergarten teachers to reinforce NJ State standards.
- Exploration of Literacy, Math, Science, and Art.
- Explore new ideas and interests together....have fun, learn by doing!
- Our goal is to provide opportunities to develop skills essential for lifetime learning.
- 3 days a week

For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. 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.

Stay Connected on our Social Site:

