

Weekly News & Updates



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church



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

This Week's Happenings...



Stephen Ministry Will meet on Wednesday, February 8th
at 7PM in the Wesley Room.



Taizé Prayer Service

Will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th** from 7:30 - 8:15 PM in the 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 Meeting

Will take place **Saturday, February 11th** at 9AM. We are grateful that Robert and Liesel Lyon will host us at 20 Chestnut Road in Chatham Township. For planning purposes, please indicate whether or not you will or will not join.



CUMC Music News

On **Sunday, February 12th**, the Wesley Ringers, CUMC's adult hand bell choir will perform for both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. On **Sunday, February 26th** CUMC's Kenaniah Praise Band will lead music in the 9:00 AM service. If you would like to know more about music at CUMC, please contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com .

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.



Enquirer's Group

Will meet on **Sunday, February 12th** at 5 PM in the Asbury Room. Our topic will be Methodist History.



Monday Noontime Bible Study February 13th. 12 Noon - 1:30PM 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...



National Unity Vigil

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.



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.

Important Announcements...



A Special Thank You to the Congregation

We Are Called to Serve One Another

By now you all know that I am Kate Ziegler, and I have been coordinating the SouperBowl of Caring food drive to benefit CUMAC ECHO in Paterson. This mission was started at CUMC by my older brother, Andrew, 6 years ago, and the donations and support from year to year have grown to an impressive number. I am happy to tell you that this year's donations have exceeded my personal goal, as well as, the totals for any of the previous years.

I wanted to share some thoughts with you about CUMAC ECHO and the meaning of each can of food we donate to those in need. A can of Bush's Baked Beans may represent something very different to you and me than it does to the less fortunate. For you and me, it probably reminds us of BBQ picnics in the summer. For the clients of CUMAC ECHO, however, this can of beans may be their only source of protein or fiber they receive during the day. It also represents a feeling that they are not forgotten. This simple act of kindness can make a huge difference in the lives of others.

I would like to thank the congregation for their generosity this year.
God is Good...All the Time!

Total collected:

500 Plastic Bags from Shop Rite | 1,000 lbs of food | Monetary Donations
\$800 |

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2017 Offering Member Envelopes

The 2017 Member Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up outside of the church office after services on Sunday, February 12th. All boxes are organized in alphabetical order. Please feel free to also pick up literature available offering additional diverse options to support CUMC, including a *2017 Faith Commitment Card*. We are so grateful for all that you do.



Flowers This Week

Flower Dedications Now Open for 2017

The weekly flower donation calendar is now available for the year. Please request your week by signing up on the calendar outside of Pastor Jeff's office. Please sign up and complete the [form](#) on our church website. 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, Your donation is greatly appreciated!

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! We're looking for an even greater variety of voices to speak God's word as liturgists. All ages welcome! If you've planned to participate in this ministry, there are open dates throughout 2017. 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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