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This Week...



Epiphany White Christmas Service

Sunday, January 8th, 9AM & 11AM Worship Services

A decades-long tradition at CUMC! This year benefiting **Homeless Solutions** in Morristown. As the three kings bring gifts to baby Jesus, please come with your gift

wrapped in white paper. The suggested list for White Gift donations for **Homeless Solutions** is the following:

- twin-sized blankets
- bath towels
- wash cloths
- bed pillows (new)
- canisters of coffee for brewing regular not decaf
- antibacterial hand soap
- toilet paper
- paper towels



Enquirer's Group

Will meet Sunday, January 8th, at 5PM in the Asbury Room.



Monday Noontime Bible Study

Will resume this Monday, January 9th in Room 7.



Sarah Circle

Meets Tuesday, January 10th at 9:30 AM in the Asbury Room. Any questions call Nan Canfield, 973-635-2408.

Abigail Circle

Meets January 17th at 7:30 PM. Bingo Fundraiser!

Rebecca Circle

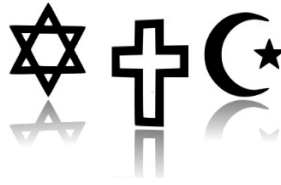
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1st at Marge's House. The speaker will be Chatham's own history expert, Liz Holler. Her topic is "Tales of Chatham's Industrial District." Any questions call Dot Dunn, 973-635-7599 or email dbdunn45@gmail.com.



The Stephen Ministry

Will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 7PM in the Wesley Room.

Upcoming Events...



4th Annual Interfaith Abraham Lunch

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

12 Noon - 1:30 PM

Hosted at the Chatham United Methodist Church
460 Main Street in Chatham, NJ.

Religious Leaders from the three Abraham faith traditions will speak on the theme: "The journey Toward Community Healing and Wholeness from a Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspective."

Delicious Turkish food will be provided by the *Peace Islands Institute*. This is a Chatham Interfaith Council sponsored event. All are welcome! We have room for the first 100 people to RSVP. To RSVP, please call the Chatham UMC office at 973-635-7740 or email: churchsecretary@optonline.net. There is also a sign up sheet outside of Jeff's office.



Recruiting for SouperBowl!

Happy New Year! My name is Kate Ziegler, and I am spearheading the **SouperBowl of Caring** food drive again this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the **SouperBowl of Caring**, it is a way for youth to be involved in helping those in need in their local communities. Starting next **Sunday, January 15th through Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th**, there will be a table outside of the Asbury Room for canned goods and monetary donations to be placed.

I would like to encourage the congregation of CUMC to support my efforts to help CUMAC ECHO. Please help me help others in need, especially during this time of celebration. Thank you for your continued support!

Opportunities to Support Our CUMC Family...



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.



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. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45a9a83ea02-cumc2>. If you're 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!



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.

Important Announcements...



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Richard A. Eesley, 87, former member of the Chatham UMC, died peacefully on December 4, 2016, at Wesley Willows Health Center. Dick is survived by wife Mary; son, Rick (Joanne); daughter, Jane; grandsons, Jeff and Stephen Eesley; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by brother, Daniel (Susan). He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jane; and son, John David (who died in 2007).

His memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017, at Christ United Methodist Church, 4509 Highcrest Rd, Rockford. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to Christ United Methodist Church. Mary Eesley's address is 4141 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103.



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. This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a personal milestone. We depend on contributions from our church members to provide the gorgeous flowers that adorn our sanctuary every Sunday; each unique arrangement is provided by Sunnywood's Florist. You may request to take the flowers with you after Sunday services or they may be donated to our CUMC members who are in need of cheer. 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.



2017 Member Offering Envelopes

The 2017 Member Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up outside of the church office after services on Sunday, January 8th. All boxes are organized in alphabetical order. Please feel free to also pick up literature available offering additional diverse options to support CUMC. We are so grateful for all that you do.



The 2017 UMW Member Directory

The updated United Methodist Women's Directory is now available. All circle leaders have been given copies to distribute to their members. If you would like additional information on the directory, you may email Diane Van Patten at dvanpatten@optonline.net.

A special thank you Melda Pike for all that you did to make this possible.



The Staff Offer Our Sincerest Appreciation

On behalf of the entire staff of the Chatham UMC, thank you for your generous Christmas bonus'. We, as a staff, are very grateful to be in this shared ministry with you and one another. Thanks for sending us your message of support and gratitude. We appreciate your generosity.

On behalf of the staff,

Rev. Jeff Markay

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