

How much do you know about St. Patrick's Day? Take our fun quiz and see!
Want to be in next weeks email? All submissions due by Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to Eileen Ruggiero:
chatumc@optonline.net.



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St. Patrick's Day Quiz!

How much do you know about the man behind the holiday?

(answers can be found at the end of the newsletter)

1. True or False? Patrick was not Irish.
2. What Irish plant did Patrick use to help teach Celtic Druids about Christianity?
 - a) Lucky 4-Leaf Clover
 - b) Mistletoe
 - c) Shamrock
 - d) Irish Rose
3. The color historically associated with St. Patrick is:
 - a) Green
 - b) Orange
 - c) Gold
 - d) Blue
4. True or False? Patrick was captured by Irish Pirates when he was 16; he lived as a pirate sailing the British Isles wearing an eye patch on his left eye. This is why in all pictures of him, he is holding a lucky clover in front of that eye.
5. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in which city:
 - a) Dublin
 - b) New York City
 - c) Boston
 - d) Chicago

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Alert! For Today Only!



Do you need to do any online shopping today? Amazon is celebrating its #1 ranking in customer satisfaction by the ACS!! Today ONLY, March 16, Amazon will donate 5% (10 times the usual donation rate) of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Chatham United Methodist Church. Get started at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1659495.

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With Thanks...



CUMC to Rise Against Hunger!

Thanks to all who participated in our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, helping to care for "the least of these" and so caring for Jesus himself. Your faithfulness in loving and serving God and loving and serving neighbors far away ("our" meals are headed to Swaziland!) is truly inspiring. "Well done, good and faithful servants." (Matthew 25:31) Photos and time-lapse videos of more than sixty disciples ages four and up packing 10,000+ meals are posted on CUMC's Facebook page.



A big thank you as well to all who made financial contributions. We received enough donations to defray about one-third of CUMC's cost to pack the meals (\$0.29 per meal). Its still possible to make a financial contribution by dropping off your donation (*designated for Rise Against Hunger*) at CUMC.

We are already looking forward to our next Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event - stay tuned!

Important Lenten Dates...



Lenten Small Groups

We are offering Lenten Small Groups using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and DVD "*Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*" Groups are meeting 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 are available for purchase at the church for \$10. Books for Kindle can be ordered from Amazon at:

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

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



Lenten Soup
and Spirit

Soup and Spirit Thursdays in Lent 6:00-6:45 PM Rodda Hall

Come and nourish body and spirit throughout Lent! Friends and general public, of every age, are all welcome to participate in sharing a meal and spiritual exercise. Each week a different member of the congregation will share from their own experiences a little bit about Christianity as it's practiced in other parts of the world. *Soup Makers needed! Sign-up sheet is located across from Jeff's office.*



United Methodist Women Lenten Soup Supper Sunday, April 2nd 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Rodda Hall

Our Program Guest will be Rev. Tanya Linn Bennet, Ph.D. Associate Dean, Vocation & Form at Drew University. All women in the church are invited to attend.



2017 Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving

Our sponsored causes for our church ministry this year will be the following:

Local: Interfaith Food Pantry, Morristown

National: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Global: Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

Forms will be available during services this Sunday, March 19th.

This Week at CUMC...



Enquirers Group

is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19th at 5:00 PM** in the Asbury Room; our topic will be "Risen." *There is no meeting on Sunday, March 26th.*



Men's Group

is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 AM**. Please note that for this month the meeting in the Wesley Room.



Fellowship and Fixing! Saturday, March 18th 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Join in at any time or for the whole day! There will be projects for all skill sets and lunch provided by those who sign up to

help with food. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway near the elevator. Signing up is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome! Join in for some fun and fellowship!

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Family Promise Still Needs Volunteers! March 19th-March 26th

Our Family Promise Guests will stay with us during the week of March 19th - March 26th. **We especially need hosts and dinner volunteers for Saturday, March 25th and overnight hosts for Tuesday March 21st and Saturday, March 25th.** 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.



Abigail Circle will be hosting the *Family Promise Dinner* on March 19th.

Sarah Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 4th at 9:30 AM** in the Asbury Room.

Rebecca Circle will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 5th from 1:00-4:00PM** in the Asbury Room.



Brian McLaren-Lecture Sunday, March 19th 3:00 PM West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ

West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood NJ welcomes Brian McLaren, author, speaker, activist and theologian to a lecture at 3PM on Sunday, March 19, 2017. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend this exciting event, which is McLaren's only appearance in the New York City metropolitan area this winter.

McLaren is the author of more than two dozen books. His latest, "The Great Spiritual Migration," has been called "provocative and powerful" by Nicholas Kristof of the "New York Times."

Brian McLaren has some significant wisdom for the church that wishes to be a part of authentic, faithful and relevant expressions of the Gospel. *(I'll be leaving from the Chatham UMC back parking lot at 1:30 PM if anyone wants to join me. Peace, Jeff Markay)*

Important Announcements...



Noontime Bible Study will not be held during Lent and will resume after Easter.



Saint Patrick's Day Quiz Answers:

1. True! Although there is no clear information about Patrick's parents' birth origins, they were citizens of the British Roman Empire. Patrick was originally from an area near Dumbarton, Scotland. He was born in 387 and it is believed his name was Maewyn Succat.
2. C, Shamrock. Patrick used the three sectioned leaf to teach the trinity.
3. D, Blue. More of a Sky Blue, actually!
4. True...and False! Patrick was captured by "pirates" when he was 16 but he was sold into slavery in Ireland where he spent about 6 years before he was able to escape and return to his home.
5. B, NYC in 1762.

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!



Chatham Methodist Preschool-Registration is Open

We have a few spots open in our Full day Fives Class and Kindergarten Enrichment. Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC! For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. Please visit our website at www.chathampreschool.org



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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