

What is on display this month in our own CUMC Library?  
Want to be in next weeks email? All submissions due by Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to Eileen Ruggiero:  
[chatumc@optonline.net](mailto:chatumc@optonline.net).



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The Chatham United Methodist Church



*"We can learn to see each other and see  
ourselves in  
each other and recognize that human beings are  
more  
alike than we are unlike."*

*~Dr. Maya Angelou*

### **March is Women's History Month**

Please stop by our CUMC library and see our poignant selection of books on display! We have a treasure of literature accessible for our members and friends.

*Did you know that women now make up approximately 25% of clergy in The United Methodist Church? As preachers, leaders, teachers, missionaries, organizers, women have shaped the history of the Methodist Church. Want to know more? [Click Here](#)*

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To revisit previous E-newsletters, please visit our website!

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## **Important Announcements...**

Family Promise **Still** Needs Volunteers!



## March 19th-March 26th

Our Family Promise guests are staying with us until Sunday, March 26th. **We still need overnight hosts for Saturday, March 25th and clean up on Sunday, March 26th.**

Please visit the sign-up sheet opposite Jeff's office or contact:

Claudia Shaw: [chs1munk@gmail.com](mailto:chs1munk@gmail.com), (973) 454-2013.

*Please help our families usher in a Spring of hope for the future.*

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## Enquirers Group

Will not be held for the duration of Lent. Meetings will resume on **Sunday, April 23rd.**

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

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## With Thanks...



## Fellowship and Fixing!

Thank you to all who joined us last **Saturday, March 18th**, to come together and do some "spring cleaning" projects at Chatham United Methodist Church. Fun and fellowship was shared by all as we painted, polished, and pampered our much loved facilities. The day was sponsored by the Chatham UMC Board of Trustees. To see some pictures of the day, please see our Facebook page. You may follow the link below to the page.



## 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.

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## 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.*

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## 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.

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## 2017 Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving

Forms are now available in the CUMC office and during services today, **Sunday, March 26th** to participate in our Easter Flower Donation and Mission Giving. Our sanctuary will be adorned on Easter Sunday in beautiful lilies in honor/memory of our loved ones. **Lilies can be ordered for a donation of \$15 per plant. Forms need to be returned with your check to the church office no later than Monday, April 3rd.** Thank you for your continued, generous support of our church ministry aiding local, national and international organizations. 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)

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## This Week at CUMC...



### CUMC Music News!

This **Sunday, March 26th** in the **9:00 AM** service, the Youth Ringers will perform as will the Covenant Choir. *Elisabeth Incardona* will also sing a solo. Joining the music this weekend at the **11:00 AM.** service, will be *Angela Notari* singing *The Old Rugged Cross*.

Our own Youth Musician, *Calvin Torkelson*, will be performing in Chatham High School's production of *The Adams Family* on **March 23rd at 6:00 PM.**, and **March 24th and 25th at 7:30 PM.** For tickets go to

All musicians in the congregation are invited to take part in our **3rd Annual Open Mic Night** hosted by our Youth Musicians. On Sunday evening, **April 30th at 5:30 PM** in Rodda Hall, our Open Mic Night will present solos, duos, and small groups singing and playing music both sacred and secular. Food will be served and all the benefits of the evening's dinner will go to our **RISE** mission trip in this Summer. To sign up or for more information please contact Peter Hill at [petepiano@mac.com](mailto:petepiano@mac.com).

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## Looking Ahead at CUMC...



**Game Night at CUMC!**  
**Saturday, April 1st 7:00 - 9:00 PM in**

### Rodda Hall

Saturday, April 1st (no foolin'!) is Game Night at CUMC! A casual evening of fun for game lovers of all ages from 7:00-9:00 PM. We'll have a selection of games in Rodda Hall but if you have a favorite, bring it! Bring a snack to share, and a friend too...or meet a few there! We'll provide the drinks, you provide the laughter. See ya' there!

*Sponsored by Christian Ed./Spiritual Formation*

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**Sarah Circle** will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 4th at 9:30 AM** in the Asbury Room. Our topic will be "The Great Swamp-God's Creation".

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

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## Important Dates and Volunteers...



**UMW Spring Rummage Sale! Saturday, April 29th**

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be on **April, 29th**. Please donate your items between **4/26-4/28**. In order for our sale to be successful, we will need numerous volunteers between **April 26th-April 29th**. More information to follow as we get closer to the date!

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**Calling All Super Heros! VBC Needs You!**  
**June 26th - 30th 9:00 AM-Noon**

Chatham UMC's Summer Vacation Bible Camp is open for registration! This year's VBC runs from **June 26th to June 30th, 9:00 AM to noon**. At **HERO CENTRAL**, kids ages 4 thru 5th grade will discover their strength in God and go on

an adventure learning about Real Life Heroes - both in the Bible and in the world today. There will be a hero code, powerful music, crafts, snacks, and action-packed recreation. "Heroes" will learn how to use the powers God has given them to Do Good and join the team of real life super heroes! Click on the link below to register a child or to *volunteer!* VBC *volunteers must have completed the 6th grade by June 26th.* To sign up to be a camper or on our volunteer team go to:

<http://www.chathamumc.com/youthkids/vbc-vacation-bible-camp/>

For more information call Karen Berry at (973) 635-7740 or email [youthchatumc@optonline.net](mailto:youthchatumc@optonline.net).

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## 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 Babbit** at [babbitt@optimum.net](mailto:babbitt@optimum.net), or 973-660-1960, to discuss what this worship leadership entails. Find your voice...and share it!

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### 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](http://www.chathampreschool.org)

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### 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:



