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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of the Chatham United Methodist Church



"Our debt to the Heroic Men and Women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

~ President Harry S. Truman



Please note that the Church office will be closed on Friday, May 26th and Monday, May 29th. The building will be open for any groups that are scheduled to meet.

Important Announcements

Important Message from Church Council

Please join us in Rodda Hall on June 4th between worship services for a presentation by the Church Council. **Topic:** State of CUMC, Finances, new initiatives, SPRC update, and Stewardship results.

GNJ 2017 Annual Conference Wrap Up

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey gathered together to rejoice in God's faithfulness at the 2017 Annual Conference in Wildwood, N.J., May

21-23 with more than 1,400 people in attendance. Bold, forward-thinking visions were shared as we were called to step out on the edges of faith with joyful hearts and the Conference responded with bold actions.

Note: *You may click on each item below for information.*

1. You may watch the official conference **wrap up video here**.
2. *To access a link to the official conference summary please click [2017 GNJ Annual Conference Summary](#).*
3. *For more information and additional conference videos please click on the image below.*



We Celebrate!

Graduation Blessings and Support

Seminarians Seongsoo Kim and Micah Coleman Campbell will be graduating from *Drew University Theological School* on May 13, 2017. Both have been a vital part of our ministry, community and have become part of our hearts. They will be missed here at Chatham UMC but are ready for the next chapter in their ministries. Micah will be pastoring two part time churches in NJ and Seongsoo will be furthering his studies at Yale Divinity School.



- *There will be a time of blessing for Micah at the end of the service on June 25, 2017.*

Cards and expressions of love and support can be addressed to Micah, and Seongsoo, and will be collected at the church office.

Congrats to Our Grads!

There are a number of youth and young adults graduating this spring and our church family would like to celebrate with you. If you are graduating or have a loved one that is graduating, please notify the church office. You may call (973) 635-7740 or email your messages to chatumc@optonline.net. Please include the individual's name, from where they are graduating, if their studies are continuing, and the name of the next school they will be attending. **Please send in your information by June 14th.** Enjoy your final school days.



This Week at CUMC

An Evening with Richard Rohr TONIGHT!

Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:00 PM CUMC Sanctuary

Registration for this event is closed. We will be streaming the event on Facebook Live. If you weren't able to register for a seat, please join us online!



Enquirer's Group will not be held this Sunday, May 27th due to Memorial Day Weekend.



Monday Noontime Bible Study

Room 7 Will not be meeting this Monday, May 29th due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



CUMC Bread Ministry

Disciples Needed on our Team

As part of their Dough-Nation program, Panera Bread Company in Florham Park has offered to give the Chatham UMC bakery products they don't sell by closing on Saturday night. We can use the breads, pastries, bagels, cookies, muffins for church friends and visitors, and to give away as an expression of love.

We need disciples of all ages willing and able to participate in a variety of ways:

- **Saturdays 10:15 PM:** Pick up 50-100 pounds of product and take to the church by Sunday morning, an hour before the first worship service; OR
- **Sunday Mornings Before First Worship Service:** Come an hour before the first Sunday service to wrap breads and baked goods and attach cards from Chatham UMC for the recipients; OR
- **Sunday Mornings After Sunday Fellowship:** Deliver whatever product remains to a local organization that can use it to feed the hungry



And of course, ALL are invited to use the wrapped baked goods for ministry or table. *Our goal is to help eliminate food waste while spreading God's love in tangible ways.*

If you're interested in participating in ANY way, or just want to know more, please feel free to speak with anyone from Church Council, *or see the Sign-up Genius online sheet below for further details:*

Bread Ministry Sign-Up

Anyone who wants to volunteer and can't do so online may contact the church office.

It's an honor to do the work of Jesus in giving bread to hungry people. We might even meet the Christ who said to his disciples: "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." (Matthew 25)

Looking Ahead at CUMC

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.



Get Involved in CUMC!

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.



Did you miss something? To revisit previous E-newsletters, please

Support Our Local Community

Opiod Crisis to Opportunity
Tuesday, May 30th 7:00 PM
Chatham High School Auditorium,



All families welcome to participate in an evening to raise awareness of the opioid/heroin epidemic. It will be an evening of sharing and discussion of the crisis of opioid addiction among teens and young adults. Panel discussion will include: A mother of a child who overdosed, a local person in recovery, a licensed professional counselor speaker, and a representative from Origins Behavioral Healthcare. This event is sponsored by: The Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams and the Madison Chatham Coalition.

Relay for Life, Chatham
June 3rd, 6:00 PM - Midnight
Haas Field, Chatham Middle School,
480 Main Street



This event has been becoming an annual tradition in Chatham. For more information, to participate, and/or support, please follow the following link:

RelayForLife.org/ChathamNJkyra.miller@cancer.org

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES)
To Host Blood Drive
Saturday, June 10th "Fishawack Festival Day"



The bloodmobile will be located at the corner of Fairmount Ave. and Main St., alongside of the Bank of America. The hours of donation will be from **8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. In the summer blood donations tend to diminish as people go away on vacations. Please try to donate on June 10th. Donors, ages 17-76, should be in good health and have some form of identification with them. Teenagers, age 16 can also donate with parental permission; forms for this will be available at the site. Anyone with questions about donating can call the blood center at 800-688-0900.

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