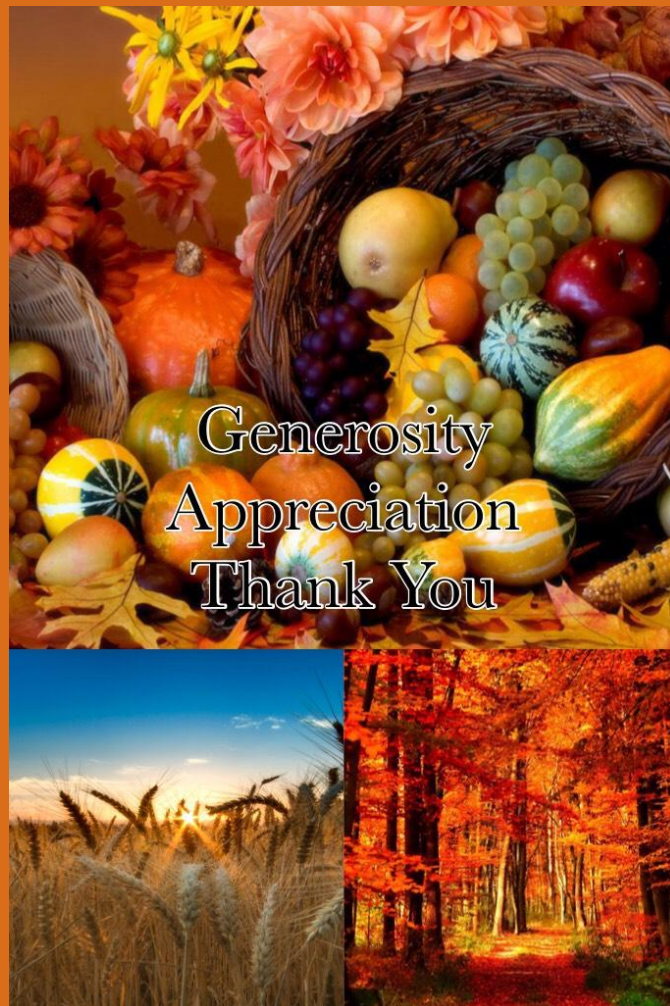


Please look inside to see information on our Bags To Benches Recycling Challenge!

It's the Season of Gratitude



Announcements

News From Benjamin!

[Click Here](#) to read the email that was received last week from Benjamin Kubwimana, the Rwandan student whose secondary education was supported by the Sunday School, the UMW, and other generous members of CUMC. We are so proud of what he has accomplished!



Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed on **Thursday**,



November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, November 20th.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday. We are so grateful for all of you!

A Message from the Stewardship Committee



Glimpses of Generosity was the focus of the sermon on October 29th. Rev. Markay invited members of the men's group to share their experiences regarding people who impacted their own sense of generosity. We encourage the CUMC community to view this conversation and reflect on the generous people in your own network of family and friends who modeled generosity in their lives.

[Click here for a video of the Sermon](#)

Others from our congregation will share similar experiences in the coming weeks. On **November 19th** we will all share our generosity through the pledges we present to support the many ministries of CUMC for the year ahead.

Bags to Benches

What is "Bags to Benches?"

In response to the growing concerns on the impact of plastic waste, Chatham UMC, and other communities of faith in the Chatham area, are partnering with Trex to collect and remove 500 lbs. of plastic film from our environment. Once our goal is achieved, Trex will gift the Chatham community with a bench made from recycled plastic.

How To Participate:

Chatham UMC is the designated collection site for our area. Simply collect and bring your plastic bags/film to CUMC (460 Main Street). Blue Receptacles have been labeled for plastic bag recycling. Receptacle will be located at the rear entrance to the building.

What to Recycle:

grocery bags	newspaper sleeves	bread bags	produce bags	ice bags
product wrap	cereal bags	food storage bags (zip tops)	dry cleaning bags	bottled drink case overwrap
packaging air pillows	salt bags	pellet bags		

All bags/film must be "clean":

-No residue, trash, or waste inside/on the plastic.

Spread the word and help us meet our goal! [Click Here](#) for a printable flier to hand out to your friends and family.

We will keep you updated with our progress as we aim to collect 500 lbs.

Thank you for helping us care for the Creation!

Alter Flowers



Flowers This Week

Did you know that the donated Sunday altar flowers are brought to our church members at home or in care facilities? The colorful bouquets not only brightens their day, they offer spiritual support and reminds recipients that they are so very important to our church community. If you are interested in being a part of this uplifting ministry, contact Dona Franklin for more details.

Our 2018 Calendar is now available!

This Week at CUMC

Community FoodBank of NJ Annual
Turkey and Food Drive
Saturday, November 18th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Local drop off site: Chatham United Methodist
Church



Please drop of your donation of a frozen turkey and/or other nonperishable foods at the truck parked at the west end of the church, just off the Main Street entrance to the Chatham Middle School.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Men's Group
Saturday, November 18th @ 9:00 AM

This meeting will be hosted by Tom and Meg Belding, at their home: 7 Milton Ave. in Chatham.



Our December 16th Men's Group Meeting will take place 9:00 AM, at Steve and Kate Davis' home, 43 Red Road, Chatham.

The Memorial Service for Dale Canfield will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Following the service, there will be a reception in Rodda Hall. *If you would like to give to the "Organ Re-leathering Fund" in Memory of Dale Canfield, checks can be written to: Chatham UMC*



Enquirers Group

Sunday, November 19th Enquirers Group will meet at 5:00 PM. *Please note that we will be meeting in the Wesley Room this week!*



Monday Noontime Bible Study

Monday, November 20th Noontime Bible Study - Room 7. Whether you're brand-new to the Bible, or know it inside and out, you're welcome! *The group will meet each Monday from noon-1:30pm in Room 7.* We will continue to read and explore the Book of Ruth this fall. Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack, and feel free to bring a friend-whether or not they are part of CUMC. *Questions?* Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at scyarger@optonline.net or Dr. SuJung Shin at sshin@nbts.edu. Hope to see you there!



Looking Ahead

At A Glance...

Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24th Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26th United Methodist Student Day

Tuesday, November 28th *Trustees Meeting*, 7:30 PM Room 7.

Saturday, December 2nd *Food With Friends Pot Luck Dinner* 6:00 PM
(see below for more details)

Sunday, December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3rd *Christmas Giving Tree Deadline*

Sunday, December 3rd *Alternative Gift Fair* (see below for more details)

Sunday, December 3rd *Rebecca Circle*, 1:30 PM at Marge's

Tuesday, December 5th *Sarah Circle*, 9:30 AM Asbury Room.

Saturday, December 9th Blue Christmas Worship Service 4:00 PM



Inter-generational FOOD WITH FRIENDS Potluck Supper and COOKIES4LIFE!

Saturday, December 2nd, 6:00 PM

Our next monthly fellowship/covered dish evening -

"Food with Friends" - on **Saturday, December 2nd**, will feature Cookies! CUMC has been asked by the Chaplaincy Program of the Morris County Correctional Facility to provide 500 cookies for the inmates and staff. That evening after eating we will bake cookies, decorate pre-baked, homemade cookies (no frosting this year per request of the correctional facility), and package cookies in Ziploc bags. It will be a wonderful festive time for all ages, and a great opportunity to bring a friend!

Covered dish supper starts at 6:00 PM; stay as long as you like to work on the cookies.

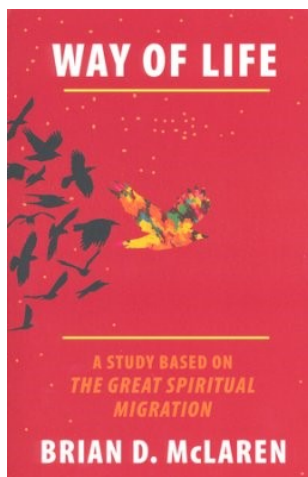
(If you can bring cookie baking ingredients, cookie cutters, or pre-baked cookies contact Pastor Sharon at scyarger@optonline.net.)



Save the Date! Alternative Gift Fair 2017 Sunday, December 3rd 10:00 AM - 12 Noon Rodda Hall

On December 3, from 10:00 AM to noon, Chatham United Methodist Church hosts the annual gift fair in Rodda Hall. Come learn about organizations doing charitable work here and abroad while choosing gifts that offer greater meaning to the giver and the recipient and supporting organizations with much needed exposure and funding. Organizations represented include Heifer International, our Family Promise Ministry, and more. Come do some Christmas shopping, visit our famous bake sale and have a cup of coffee while sharing the spirit of the season. ***We also welcome bakers for the bake sale and volunteers - just an hour of your time makes a huge difference and allows us to keep the event going!***

Bakers: Please bring what you have baked to the kitchen on **Saturday, December 2nd** or on Sunday morning before the 9:00 AM Service. *Please indicate whether or not your item has nuts. Thank You!*



Advent Begins December 3rd - So do Advent Small Groups!

We're excited to offer a seasonal opportunity to grow in faith - deepening our relationships with God and one another by being part of a small group. We'll be using the DVD-based study Way of Life, based on Brian McLaren's book *The Great Spiritual Migration*. Participants will learn how shifting away from a system of beliefs to a new way of life based on love can lead to new, more redemptive communities and practices. Guaranteed to be a thought-provoking and engaging experience with

fellow pilgrims on the journey of faith!

Small Groups will begin the week of December 3rd, and will meet on various days and times to accommodate a range of schedules. Signup sheets will be available outside Pastor Jeff's office, and books will be available for purchase. For further information contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net.



Blue Christmas ~ A Worship Service of Comfort and Hope

Saturday, December 9th, at 4:00 PM

A Blue Christmas service is a time to acknowledge the feelings that surrounds Christmas for some of us, a time to remember the reason for those feelings, and a time to offer those feelings to God. This service offers a haven for people who desire a special touch from God during the holidays, and promises to be a time of quiet reflection, candle lighting, readings, singing, and prayer. We invite you to join us this Christmas season for a time of comfort and rest.

Our Blue Christmas Service will be followed by light refreshments and shared fellowship. Our prayer is that you will find peace and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Please join us, bring a friend.

Stephen Ministers Care

Music News



On **Sunday, November 19th**, at the 9:00 AM service, the *Youth Singers* will sing *You Will Be Found* from Dear Evan Hansen. Join us!

If you would like to know more about music@CUMC see our page at www.chathamumc.com/music or contact Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com.

Youth News

Christmas Giving Tree Time!

The CUMC Youth Fellowship group is helping children by coordinating our annual **Christmas Giving Tree** again this year under the guidance of Dave and Becky Meyer. The tree is up already so that we can meet our **December 3rd deadline** for gift delivery to CUMAC. The tree, which you'll find near the top of the stairs by the elevator, is decorated with gift tags containing info about the new gifts requested by families in need. This year we are sponsoring 25 children ages 6 months to 16 years old.

Here's what you do:

- Take a gift tag (or two!) from the tree
- Check off on the clipboard the gift you are buying
- Return the appropriate unwrapped gift to the gift box by the



tree by *Sunday, December 3rd.*

Take-home directions are available at the tree.

Please remember, that while these children have little, their wishes are similar to those of any other child.

A donation box will be available in the office for monetary donations which will be used to shop for additional items for children and families. *Checks can be made out to CUMC noting Giving Tree in the memo.*

If you have further questions please contact David or Becky Meyer at 973.701.6965

Thank you and Bless You

We Remember in Our Prayers



Marlee Frahn, longtime member of the Chatham UMC passed away on November 2nd. She is survived by her husband, Carl Frahn.

Marlee was an active member of the Chatham UMC and served in many areas including Lay Leader, President of the Board of Trustees, and also helped co-found the Chatham Methodist Nursery School.

A memorial service will be held on **November 18, 2017** at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception at:

Grace Christian Fellowship
1250 Fisher Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045
Ph. (607) - 749-3233

Memorial donations can be sent to:

1. Grace Christian Fellowship - at the address above

Please mark "In memory of Marlee Frahn c/o Food Pantry" on the memo line

2. Chatham United Methodist Church

Please mark "In memory of Marlee Frahn" on the memo line

Happenings in Our Chatham Community

Blood Drive

Saturday, December 2nd

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Chatham Emergency Squad, 31 N.
Passaic Ave.**



Blood Drive!

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will again host a blood drive on Saturday, December 2 at the Chatham Emergency Squad. We invite the community to stop by and support the blood drive with a donation. There is a

constant scarcity of blood. Less than 5% of the population donates. Please try to donate on December 2nd.

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.

Ministry Spotlight

Bread Ministry

Please consider giving your gift of time this weekend or future weekends. Volunteers are needed in brief shifts to help Saturday nights and Sundays to ensure that this ministry continues to be successful.



[Sign Up for a shift by clicking here](#). Even if you are not available this weekend, please consider signing up for a future weekend. Thank you!

Liturgists Needed

CUMC needs more voices bringing the Word of God in worship! Disciples are needed to raise their voices at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services; there are open time slots through February 2018.



At this time we are requesting disciples only sign up for one of the first service slots; this will ensure that everyone has an opportunity to serve. Please [click here to sign up](#) and to secure your slot. If you have any difficulty with the sign up and need assistance, or if you have any questions about this ministry, please feel free to contact *Barbara Babbitt* at babbitt@optimum.net.

Care Corps

CUMC remains committed to our neighbors in need throughout the year with our Care Corps Ministry. If you or someone you know needs meals or transportation, please call the CUMC office at (973) 635-7740 or Marie Watt at (973) 635-7326.



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