

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



Wishing all of you in our CUMC family a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are grateful for you.



This Sunday, November 26th, is United Methodist Student Sunday. Please click picture above for an important video.

## Announcements

### 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!

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## Calling All Black Friday and Cyber Monday Shoppers!

If you are beginning your Holiday online purchasing over the Thanksgiving Holiday, please consider shopping through AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping

features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Chatham United Methodist Church. To begin, simply click on the image below.

*Don't forget to designate Chatham United Methodist Church as your charitable organization of choice.*



## CUMAC Food Drive Update! Thank YOU!



The season for "decking the Halls" is rearing - but with your donations of Thanksgiving "fixings", you filled the stairwell with **395 lbs. of food**. How Great Is That!!!! Many thanks for your very generous bags of food; it is greatly appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Barbara Bennet and Ruth Maloney

## 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 **Acme** in New Providence and **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 salt bags pellet bags  
pillows

All bags/film must be "clean":

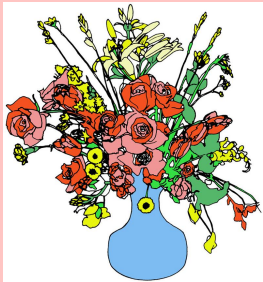
-No residue, trash, or waste inside/on the plastic.

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

### Enquirers Group

Please note that we will **not** be meeting this Sunday, November 26th. Please see next week's e-news for confirmation about our meeting on Sunday, December 3rd. Happy Thanksgiving!



### Monday Noontime Bible Study

Monday, November 27th 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-1:30 pm 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](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net) or Dr. SuJung Shin at [sshin@nbts.edu](mailto:sshin@nbts.edu). *This will be our last meeting until after the New Year.*



### Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th - Room 7.





## 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](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).)

## Looking Ahead

### At A Glance...

Sunday, December 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent *Advent Small Groups Begin*

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



### Turn Your Meal into Meals: Help feed Hungry People!

Beginning Thursday, November 30th and continuing through December, Begum Palace will donate 20% of your dine-in or carry-out purchase to fund a **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event at CUMC on February 11, 2018.

Just *one meal* at Begum Palace at the Staples Plaza in Madison could feed as many as *11 people in a food insecure nation*. *The more you eat, the more people we feed*. Look for the gold flier on the information ledge at CUMC. Please present the gold flier with your order or simply say "Turn My Meal into Meals!"

To learn more about **Rise Against Hunger** please go to their website at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

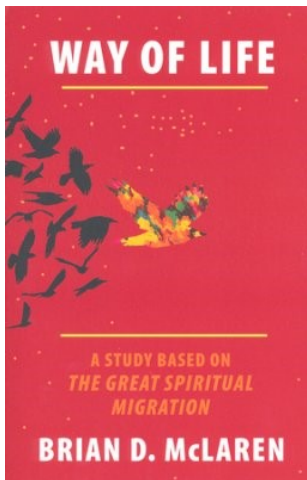


## Save the Date! Alternative Gift Fair 2017 Sunday, December 3rd 10:00 AM - 12 Noon Rodda Hall

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!*

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### 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. Dates are listed below. 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](mailto:scyarger@optonline.net).

**Sundays, 10:15-11:00 AM Room 6** Mondays noon - 1:00 PM Wesley  
co-facilitated by Janice Szarko and **Room**  
Ron Yarger (Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24) co-facilitated by Sue Maher and Melda  
Pike (Dec. 4, 11, 18)

**Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM**  
facilitated by Tom Kitson  
(Dec. 4, 11, 18)

**Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 PM Wesley  
Rm**  
facilitated by Dr. SuJung Shin  
(Dec. 6, 13, 20)

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## 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 26th**, the *Covenant Choir* will sing an arrangement of the hymn tune: *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*. Peter Hill and Yang-Hee Song will perform Bach's *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* as an organ and piano duet for the 11:00 AM service.

The Praise Band will lead music for the 9:00 AM service on **Sunday, December 3rd**. The band will sing Special Music and play for our Youth Singer, Hanna Giedraitis, singing Lauren Daigle's *Light of the World*.

Our Youth Singers and Ringers will lead music for the 9:00 AM service on **Sunday, December 10th**. The Youth Singers will perform Mack Wilberg's arrangement of *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*. Youth Musician, Adam Rack, will conduct the Ringers for *Sing We Now of Christmas* arranged by Kevin McChesney. CUMC wind players will also perform Michele Colombier's *Emmanuel*. Join us!

If you would like to know more about music@CUMC see our page at [www.chathamumc.com/music](http://www.chathamumc.com/music) or contact Peter Hill at [petepiano@mac.com](mailto: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

## Happenings in Our Chatham Community

### Blood Drive

Saturday, December 2nd

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Chatham Emergency Squad, 31 N. Passaic Ave.



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!



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## 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](mailto:babbitt@optimum.net).



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## 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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