

This Sunday, December 10th is the second Sunday of Advent.



Announcements

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Thank you to all who submitted their 2018 Pledge Card. If you did not receive the letter and pledge card, please go to the CUMC website, you may [click here](#) to be redirected to the Stewardship page on our website. All information is available there for you to review and print.

An Update on 2017 Pledges and Giving:

As we close out 2017, we thank you for helping us get closer to closing out the budget gap with your pledges and giving. We appreciate you bringing your gifts and offerings up to date so that we can cover current expenses. Thank you for being part of the faith-filled, generous people at CUMC.

Generously in Faith,

The Stewardship Committee: Hal Burlingame, Doug Bryant, Anne Fullarton, Katie Hill, Edit Ostrom and Ronald Yarger

Bags to Benches Update!

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:

Simply collect and bring your plastic bags/film to CUMC (460 Main Street). Blue Receptacles have been labeled for plastic bag recycling. Receptacles are located at the front entrance on Main Street and at the rear entrance to the building. We accept bags/film that are "clean", no residue, trash or waste inside or on the plastic.

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

Update: We have now collected over 62 lbs of plastic!

Recycling Tip of the Week: Are you planning on donning your Holiday best for your upcoming parties and gathering? When they come back from the dry cleaners, save the plastic wrap and bring them to recycle!

Thank you for helping us care for the Creation!

Turn Your Meal into Meals: Help feed Hungry People!



From now until December 31st 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 flier with your order *or simply say "Turn My Meal into Meals!"*

[To print out a flier now, click here.](#)

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger please go to their website at

www.riseagainsthunger.org

This Weeks at CUMC

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

Advent Gathering at the Parsonage

Sunday, December 10th, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

48 Elmwood Ave.

Chatham NJ.

This has become a great opportunity for our congregation to enjoy good food, fellowship, and signing favorite Christmas carols together. All are invited to bring hors d'oeuvres to share, a good appetite, and your signing voice!



UMW News this Week:

Abigail Circle Christmas Dinner: Tuesday, December 12th,

6:00 PM at Claudia Couch's.



UMW Luncheon: Wednesday, December 13th, 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM, Rodda Hall

Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 13th,

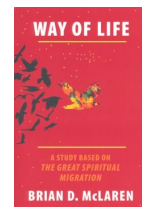
7:30 PM Asbury Room

In the midst of the frenetic pace of news, work, life and stress, it is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the music, beauty, stillness, scriptures, and prayers of a Taizé Prayer Service. All are invited to come and enjoy the serenity. You may sign up for *Taize Prayer* or *Richard Rohr Discussion Group* by [clicking here](#). You may also call the church office at (973) 635-7740.



Advent Small Groups are Meeting! Join Us!

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! **Dates are listed below.**



Sundays, 10:15-11:00 AM - Room 6
co-facilitated by Janice Szarko and
Ron Yarger (Dec. 10, 17, 24)

Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM - Wesley Room
facilitated by Tom Kitson
(Dec. 11, *Please note following date*

Mondays noon - 1:00 PM - Wesley Room
co-facilitated by Sue Maher and
Melda Pike (Dec. 11, 18)

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

changes: January 15th, and January 22nd)

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.

Staff Holiday Appreciation

Thank you to those of you who have participated, thus far, in our traditional Staff Christmas Giving. Just a reminder that if you haven't yet, but wish to contribute, please mail your check, (made out to CUMC with the memo line indicating Staff Christmas Giving) to the church, attention Chris Fillimon, Lay Leader, no later than **Friday, December 15th**. If it's easier for you, I will be in church between the two services this Sunday, and you can give your contribution directly to me. Thank You!



Music News



Our Youth Singers and Ringers will lead music for the 9:00 AM service this **Sunday, December 10th**. Youth Musician, Adam Rack, will conduct the Ringers for *Sing We Now of Christmas* arranged by Kevin McChesney; the Youth Singers will perform Mack Wilberg's arrangement of *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*. The Chatham UMC Wind Ensemble will perform Michele Colombier's *Emmanuel* with Brian Loudermilk on soprano saxophone. In the 11:00 AM service the Wind Ensemble will also play and the Covenant Choir will sing *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* arranged by John Carter. Join us!

On **Sunday, December 17th**, the Covenant Choir and Wesley Ringers will join forces for special music in both services! The Covenant Choir will sing *Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child* by Lloyd Larson and the Wesley Ringers will perform *Christmas Processional and Medley* by Jeffrey Hall. Both groups will join together to sing and ring Mack Wilberg's *Gloria In Excelsis Deo*!

December 24th's Christmas Eve Sunday services will have a variety of music: for the combined 10:00 AM service in the morning, the Praise Band will lead music featuring Lauren Daigle's jazzy *What Child Is This?* For the 5:00 PM Family Service, our Youth Musicians will ring and sing. And for the 8:00 PM Service of Lessons and Carols, the Covenant Choir and friends will perform and lead carols.

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

It's not too late to get Sticky Buns for



Christmas!!

Even if you missed the Alternative Gifts Fair last Sunday, you can still place an order for the **famous** Sticky Buns made by the RISE youth to help fund their summer mission trip to help repair homes in Appalachia. The buns are sold by the dozen - *\$10 for plain, \$12 for pecan* - and come frozen so that you can pop them in the oven on the day of your choosing and enjoy the wonderful aroma of freshly-baked sticky buns wafting through your home.

To place your order, email Karen at youthchatumc@optonline.net.

(Orders must be received by Dec. 11. Orders can be picked up Dec. 17 between services.)

Looking Ahead

At A Glance...

Saturday, December 16th, *Men's Group*, 9:00 AM Steve and Kate Davis' home, 43 Red Road, Chatham

Tuesday, December 19th, *Trustee's Meeting*, 7:30 PM Room 7

Wednesday, December 20th, *UMW Planning Meeting*, 10:00 AM Asbury Room

Wednesday, December 20th, Richard Rohr Discussion Group, 7:30 PM Asbury

Sunday, December 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent one Worship Service, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary

Please note that Enquirers Group and Monday Noontime Bible Study will not be meeting until after the New Year.



Sunday, December 24, 2017

5:00 PM - Family Christmas Eve Worship Service

8:00 PM - Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 31, 2017

10:00 AM - Sunday Worship Service - Sanctuary
(led by Tom Kitson)

ALL ARE WELCOME AT COMMUNION

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!



Service Spotlight

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. [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.



2018 News

Chatham Methodist Preschool 2018 Priority Registration is underway!

Priority registration for CUMC members and alumni is now open for the month of **December!** Programs are available for children ages 18 months through 6 years old. Classes offered are Almost 2s, 2s, 3s, 4s, and Kindergarten Enrichment. For tours and program information, please call Director, Amy Crandall, 973-635-5261. Word of mouth is our BEST advertisement. Please share with your friends and neighbors with young children what a wonderful preschool we have at CUMC! *Hurry! Spots are filling fast and registration opens to the general public on January 1st, 2018. For more information please visit their website at:* www.chathampreschool.org



Altar Flowers

Our 2018 Calendar is now available! Please sign up on the calendar outside Jeff's office. 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



Flowers This Week

community. If you are interested in being a part of this uplifting ministry, contact Dona Franklin for more details.

Did you miss something? To revisit previous E-news letters, please visit our website by clicking below for our archived news.

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