

This Sunday, December 17th is the third Sunday of Advent.



Announcements



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



Be on the Look Out!

Official CUMC Apparel is coming!

We will be offering a selection of quality shirts, fleeces, baseball hats and jackets featuring our Chatham United Methodist Church logo. Information on choices, pricing, and how to order will be coming out this week. Our window for ordering will be brief so keep your

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,

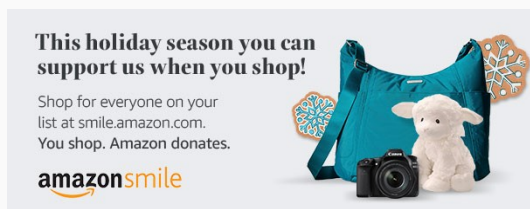
The Stewardship Committee: Hal Burlingame, Doug Bryant, Anne Fullarton, Katie Hill, Edit Ostrom and Ronald Yarger

You have two options to support CUMC while finishing your online Holiday Shopping!

Christmas shopping can be hectic! UMCmarket.org makes it easy. Shop for gifts for your loved ones and generate much needed funds for your ministries! To begin, click on the image below!



Wrap-up your holiday shopping on Amazon and Amazon donates to Chatham United Methodist Church! To begin, click on image below or go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1659495



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



The Church Office will be closed the week of December 25th and will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd. Thank You!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This Week at CUMC

Men's Group

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



Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th,
7:00 PM Room 7



Richard Rohr Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 20th,
7:30 PM Asbury Room

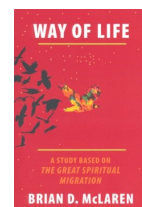


We will share reflections on Fr. Richard's daily emails from the prior week; as well as some videos and webcasts from Richard Rohr. To sign up for Richard Rohr's free email subscription, please visit the Center for Action and Contemplation's website at www.cac.org. Conversation and spiritual practices will be facilitated by our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Jeff Markay. You may sign up for *Richard Rohr Discussion Group* or *Taize Prayer* by [clicking here](#). You may also call the church office at (973) 635-7740.

Advent Small Groups are Meeting! Join Us!

We are using the DVD-based study "Way of Life", based on Brian McLaren's book *The Great Spiritual Migration*.

Final dates are listed below.



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

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

Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 PM - Wesley

Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Room
facilitated by Tom Kitson
(Please note following date
changes: January 15th, and
January 22nd)

Wesley Rm
facilitated by Dr. SuJung Shin
(Dec. 20)

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 all who have participated in our traditional Staff Christmas Giving. If you haven't yet, and wish to contribute, you still have time to mail your check or drop it off at church, leaving it in the Lay Leader's mailbox, this Sunday, 12/17. Please make out your check to CUMC, and in the memo line indicate 'Staff Christmas Gift'. Thanks again for your support and generosity.



Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Chris Fillimon
Lay Leader

Music News



The next Ukulele Orchestra meeting time will be Saturday morning of **December 16th** at 10:30 AM in the Music Room. All ukulele players welcome!

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 our **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

Get Your Sticky Buns for Christmas!!



Don't forget to pick up your delicious sticky buns! Orders can be picked up **this Sunday, Dec. 17** between services.

Looking Ahead

At A Glance...

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

Church Office Closure:

Office will be closed the week of 12/25 and will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd.

Sunday, January 7th, Epiphany White Christmas Service

Sunday, January 7th *Taize Information Meeting, 7:30 PM*
Asbury Room

Tuesday, January 9th,
Sarah Circle 9:30 AM Asbury Room
Rebecca Circle 1:00 PM -2:30 PM Priscilla's House

Wednesday, January 10th *Taize Prayer Service, 7:30 PM*
Asbury Room

Bags to Benches Update!

Remember to collect and bring your plastic bags/film to CUMC (460 Main Street). Blue 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 of 500 lbs.!

Update: We have now collected over 101 lbs of plastic!

Recycling Tip of the Week: Hosting a Holiday get together? Save and recycle the plastic from your bags of ice and the film that wraps your cases of bottled drinks!

Thank you for helping us care for the Creation!

Ministry Spotlight

Bread Ministry

[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

Epiphany White Christmas Service Sunday, January 7th, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Services



A decades-long tradition at CUMC! This year benefiting Family Promise in Morristown. As the three kings bring gifts to baby Jesus, please come with your gift wrapped in white paper. The suggested list for White Gift donations for Family Promise are the following items:

Gas Cards	Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	Copy Paper, Stamps, #10 white envelopes
Baby Wipes	Diapers	Pull-ups Sizes 4,5,6	Walmart OR Food Store Gift Cards
Liquid Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies	Hand Soap	Dish Detergent
Body Wash	Disposable Razors	Q-Tips	Shampoo & Conditioner
Batteries & Flashlights	Feminine Hygiene Products	Large Contractor Bags	Small & Large Garbage Bags

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.



Flowers This Week

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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