May the Warmth, Peace, and Joy of the holiday season fill you throughout the New Year.



Sunday, December 31th one Worship Service, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary



Sunday, December 31, 2017 10:00 AM -Sunday Worship Service - Sanctuary (led by Tom Kitson)

ALL ARE WELCOME AT COMMUNION



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

Announcements

Official CUMC Apparel Store is Here!

Our Online CUMC Apparel store is up and running! Shop online using the link below and have shipped directly to your house. It's perfect for that lastminute Christmas gift, even though the products will arrive in mid to late January 2018. There are a few samples to view outside the Church Office. *To purchase Chatham UMC golf shirts, fleeces, jackets and baseball*

hats, please click on the following link: http://www.thompsonsportinggoods.net/team-store/cumc/ Don't delay! Our "store" is only available until December 31, 2017.



Our models donnnig the latest styles



A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you to all who submitted their 2018 Pledge Card. If you did not receive the letter and pledge card, you may pick up these items on the information ledge and return to the church office.

As we close out 2017, we are expecting to

meet our annual Regular Giving budget. We truly appreciate your generosity in bringing your gifts and offerings up to date. 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

4 MORE DAYS!

Cooking for The Holidays? Take a Night Off!



Turn Your Meal into Meals:

Help feed Hungry People!

From now until December 31st Begum Palace will donate 20% of your dinein 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

January Dates

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

At A Glance...

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

Mondays, January 15th & January 22nd, *Advent Small Group*, 7:30 PM Wesley Room

Richard Rohr Discussion Group: 2018 Gatherings: January 17,

(Not in February) March 21, April 18, May 16

Sunday, February 11th, Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event.

Music News



This Week:

All music groups will be off for the holiday break. Happy New Year and thank you to all of our our musicians for your hard work through the seasons of Advent and our Christmas services! Rehearsals for all groups will resume after January

1st. See you in the new year!

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.

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.



Liturgists

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 150 lbs of plastic! Recycling Tip of the Week: Did you do some online shopping? If your packages came with plastic packaging pillows, pop them and recycle! We take them too!

Thank you for helping us care for the Creation!

2018 News



Join us for our upcoming meal packaging event!

Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! We need your support to reach our goal to package 10,152+ meals on 2/11/2018. When we

rise together, we can create a world without hunger. When: 2/11/2018 Where: Chatham UMC-Rodda Hall, 460 Main St, Chatham, NJ 07928

Register Here for Meal Packaging Event

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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