

RISE Against Hunger is THIS Sunday! Are you registered?
Lent begins this Wednesday. All events are detailed inside!



CUMC Apparel Is Back!

Due to popular demand, we have opened up another window for people who would like to order a Chatham UMC fleece, baseball hat, golf shirt, or jacket. *Just click on the image above and order the color, size and delivery option of your choice!*

(We find that Women's sizes run small!)

Hurry! Our store is only open until Thursday, February 15th!

All sales are final.

This Week at CUMC

RISE Against Hunger This Sunday!
February 11th 2:00 - 4:00 PM,
Rodda Hall



Register Now! Open for ages 4 to 104!

Volunteers needed for set up at 12:00 noon.

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 **Sunday, February 11th from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**. When we rise together, we can create a world without hunger. This event is open to all people ages 4 and up. A wonderful intergenerational opportunity for families to serve together! You must register to participate, so we know how many volunteers we will have. **Questions?** Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or scyarger@optonline.net

Where: Chatham UMC-Rodda Hall, 460 Main St, Chatham, NJ 07928

[Register by Clicking Here](#)

Monday, February 12th Monday 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. Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack, and feel free to bring a friend-whether or not they are part of CUMC. *This will be our last Bible Study prior to Lent. Bible Study will resume after Easter.*
Questions? Contact: Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at scyarger@optonline.net or Dr. SuJung Shin at sshin@nbts.edu

Tuesday, February 13th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Rodda Hall



Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday (the day before the fasting period in Lent) with a Pancake Supper! In addition to a menu of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, desserts, and beverages, there will be pancake races for all ages and Pastor Jeff will lead us in some rituals with palms that we'll burn to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Why pancakes? Come find out at this evening of fun for all with teachable moments about Ash Wednesday, Lent, and some of our Christian practices during this season.

A free will offering will benefit the RISE 2018 youth mission team.

Remembering in our Prayers



After a few days in hospice care, Mrs. Pat Davis, entered Life Eternal on Monday, February 5.

On Saturday, after spending most of the day in the ER with her son Jeff, we brought Pat up to hospice care at Morristown Medical Center. I said to her, "Pat, you know that you are making this passage from this world into the next." She opened her eyes slightly and said yes. I held her hand and said a prayer with her and Jeff. She held onto my hand long after I said Amen, and kept the prayer going. She said over and over, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you..." I sensed that this was her final spoken prayer. Meister Eckhard, Christian mystic from the 13th Century once said, "If the only prayer you pray in your whole life is, thank you, it will be enough." Pat, a model of faithfulness, was praying a beautiful and sufficient prayer at the end of her life...a prayer of gratitude.

Pat has been a member of Chatham UMC for a very long time. She and her husband Doug, who died last Fall, worshiped God faithfully at the 11am worship service, and lived out their Christian faith by visiting hospitalized and housebound members of our church. There will be a memorial service for Pat

held here at the Chatham UMC at a date to be determined in March, 2018.

Let us keep Pat's son Jeff and his wife Debbie, and this entire family in our prayers. Cards of love and condolence can be sent to:

596 Spring Valley Rd.
Morristown NJ 07960

With love and prayer,
Jeff
The Rev. Jeff Markay
Pastor

Lent 2018



Ash Wednesday is February 14th.

Worship service and the distribution of ashes will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM. **Dark Chocolate will be**

provided.

Lenten Small Groups

We're delighted to offer a Lenten opportunity to grow in faith by deepening our relationships with God and one another in a small group. Through the season of Lent we'll be using Exploring the Way - An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey. Wherever you may be on your own faith journey, you're welcome to join fellow pilgrims in exploring spiritual practices and engaging in community. For further information contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at the church office or at scyarger@optonline.net. The sign up sheet for small groups is located outside Jeff's office. Dates and times are listed below:

Dates and Times are as follows:

Sundays, 10:15-11:00 AM, Room 6
Facilitators: Janice Szarko & Ron Yarger
Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Mondays, noon - 1:00 PM, Wesley Room
Facilitators: Associate Pastor, Sharon Yarger & Dr. SuJung Shin
Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26

Mondays, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Wesley Rm
Facilitator: Penny Sutterby
Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Wesley Rm
Facilitator: Tom Kitson
Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28



Lenten Soup and Spirit Begins February 22nd

Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Asbury Room

Come and nourish body and spirit throughout Lent. Friends and general public are all welcome to participate in these inter-generational events in sharing a meal and prayer.

Volunteers are needed to provide bread, and/or a pot of soup (vegetarian or other) for about 20 people! *Sign-up*

sheet is located across from Jeff's office.

Music News



This **Sunday, February 11th** for the 9:00 a.m. service, the Ukulele Orchestra will lead the congregation in the hymn, *Amazing Grace*, and the Youth Singers will sing Special Music: *Hallelujah* by Ma Muse. The Covenant Choir will sing *Take Me to the River* arranged by Kirby Shaw for the 11:00 a.m. service. Join us!

The Ukulele Orchestra will meet this Saturday morning, **February 10th** at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The next concert in CUMC's sanctuary will be Mozart's Requiem performed by the Chatham High School Choral Program and Orchestra on Wednesday, **February 21st** at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

All of our music groups welcome newcomers: the Covenant Choir, the Wesley Ringers, the Kenaniah Praise Band, the Youth Singers, the Youth Ringers, the Kids' Bells, the Brass & Wind Ensemble, and the Ukulele Orchestra! 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

Announcements



Thanks to the generosity of the **Chatham Interfaith Clergy**, a sign was purchased to promote our expression of Earth Stewardship through the **Bags to Benches** effort.

Chatham UMC has already collected over 350 pounds of plastic!
Once we meet our goal of 500 pounds, St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church will host

the **Bags to Benches** effort next. The vinyl sign will be placed in front of each house of faith that hosts this effort through 2020!

Due to Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Taizé Prayer will not be held this Wednesday, February 14th.
Taizé Prayer is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th.

Shopping for your Valentine?

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Are you searching for something special for that special someone? Support CUMC while you shop for your valentine through AmazonSmile! To begin shopping, simply click on the image below and remember to choose Chatham United Methodist Church.



Looking Ahead

February at a Glance:

Sunday, February 18th, *Lenten Small Groups begin.* Please see **Lent 2018** section for details. *Sign up sheet is now posted outside Jeff's office.*

Wednesday, February 21st, *Mozart Requiem* performed by CHS Choirs and Chamber Orchestra, 7:00 PM Sanctuary. Free event

Thursday, February 22nd, Soup and Spirit, 6:00 PM, Asbury Room. *Sign up sheet is now posted outside Jeff's office.*

Saturday, February 24th, *Men's Group*, 9:00 AM, hosted by Caesar and Peggy Schweitzer, 9 Rowan Rd. Chatham

Sunday, February 25th, *UMW Lent Family & Friends Soup Supper*, 5:00 PM Rodda Hall



UMW Lent Family & Friends Soup Supper
Sunday, February 25th 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Rodda Hall All are Welcome!

The new executive Director of CUMAC, **Mark Dinglasan**, will be telling us about CUMAC and the work they are doing. Bring your family and any friends that you think may be interested in hearing more about CUMAC.

A couple of other United Methodist Churches are also being invited, so it will be an opportunity for us to welcome others to CUMC. Food donations for CUMAC will be welcomed and can be left in the usual spot at the bottom of the stairs.



You are Invited to Join Us:

Tax Reform Risks and Opportunities: What You Need to Know Now

Friday, March 2nd, 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

Chatham UMC, Rodda Hall

What are the changes in the new tax law? How will they impact New Jersey residents? How may the new laws change charitable giving patterns? On **Friday, March 2nd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon**, you will find some answers to these and other questions related to this important piece of legislation. *Regent Atlantic*, the largest private wealth manager in New Jersey, will be providing this cutting edge information in our Rodda Hall at Chatham United Methodist Church. [Click here for a printable flier of the event.](#)

Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free event.

We hope you can come and ask that you click on the RSVP button below in order to let *Regent Atlantic* know you will attend so we all may plan our event accordingly. *If you are unable to register online using the link below, please call the church office at 973-635-7740 for assistance.*

RSVP Here

Ministry Updates

Raise Your Voice and Share it! Liturgists Needed

All are welcome! New Dates Added through to Spring! Disciples are needed to raise their voices at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. If you're interested and would like to sign up please click the link below 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.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



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. Thank you!

[Sign Up for a shift by clicking here.](#)



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



Updates

Bags to Benches

We accept bags/film that are "clean", no residue, trash or waste inside or on the plastic. Spread the word and help us meet our goal of 500 lbs.! Blue Receptacles are located at the rear entrance to the building.

Update: We have collected over 352 lbs of plastic as of February 2nd!

If you would like to help with bringing the plastic to the Acme in New Providence please contact Carolyn Palma at 973-635-3828.



Souper Bowl Of Caring Through April 1st.

My name is Kate Ziegler, and I am spearheading the SouperBowl of Caring food drive again this year. **From now through Easter Sunday, April 1st**, there will be a table outside of the Asbury Room for canned goods and monetary donations to be placed. I would like to encourage the congregation of CUMC to support my efforts to help CUMAC ECHO. Thank you for your continued support.

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The people of the Chatham United Methodist Church

All submissions for next week's E-News are due to Eileen Ruggiero at chatumc@optonline.net by 2:00 PM Tuesdays.

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