

Look inside for new announcements and important Youth News for this week.



## This Week at CUMC



Lenten Soup  
and Spirit

### Lenten Soup and Spirit Begins Tonight! Thursday, February 22nd, 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.*



### Men's Group Saturday, February 24th, 9:00 AM,

Hosted by Caesar and Peggy Schweitzer,  
9 Rowan Rd. in Chatham

## 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](mailto: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

Mondays, noon - 1:00 PM, Wesley

Facilitators: Janice Szarko & Ron Yarger  
Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25

**Room**  
Facilitator: Penny Sutterby  
Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26

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



## **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.

## **Announcements**



### **WANTED: Friendly, welcoming faces!!**

CUMC is rejuvenating our **Greeting Ministry** and looking for individuals willing to welcome visitors and church members entering for Sunday services.

Greeters set the tone for a warm and welcoming congregation and begin approx. 15 minutes before the start of each service. If interested in signing up or finding out more about this important ministry, please contact **Penny Sutterby** at 315-777-6376, [psutterby@drew.edu](mailto:psutterby@drew.edu) or **Becky Meyer** at 201-400-0039, [drbbmeyer@aol.com](mailto:drbbmeyer@aol.com)



### **From the CUMC Library: Missing Items**

More than a few books (including several recent acquisitions), as well as DVD's are currently missing from our church library (were never signed out). Some others that were signed for have been out for six months, twelve months, and even longer. *Please check to see if you have any of these items and return them at your earliest convenience so that others may enjoy them as well.* ~Thank You!

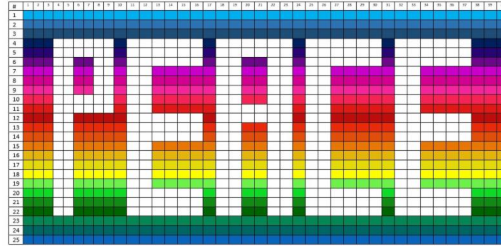
### **Help Paper Cranes Take Flight**

*The Legend of 1000 Cranes* states that whoever folds 1000 origami cranes will receive a sense of peace and serenity in their hearts. **Miriam Yarger** will be folding 1000 cranes to create a mural as a part of the Humanities Academy at her high school. Each crane will have a name written inside of it. Each person

named on a crane will receive a portion of the peace and serenity that forms after all the cranes have been folded.

CUMC members and friends are invited to submit as many names as they wish on the forms across from Jeff's office. Names may also be submitted by email to [Gingerdog555@gmail.com](mailto:Gingerdog555@gmail.com). The names can be of people alive or no longer living. You may also submit the name of a pet, alive or no longer living.

This is the template for the final mural. Each box represents one crane containing a name that has been submitted.



## Youth News

**Sunday School Kids:** This week (**Feb. 25**) there will be no 8:15 am class. We hope to see you in worship tho, and back at the regular Sunday School time on March 4.

**Youth News:** Sunday morning classes will meet as usual followed by ... lunch at Café Villa. All youth - middle school thru high school - are invited to join this time honored Methodist tradition of Food and Fellowship! Meet in the Wesley room to walk over together or meet the group there at approx. 11:30 am. Bring a friend and money for lunch. No youth group Sunday night...tho you could come with your family to the Lenten Soup Supper and presentation on CUMAC starting at 5:00 pm.



**RISE summer mission trip for youth July 8 - 14.** RISE is a home repair program in the NY State Appalachians and is for youth who are in high school this year. Construction skills are not necessary, as Elisabeth said her first summer "*I didn't have to know how to do anything - there was always someone*

*there to explain it to me*". If you would like to know more or to join one of the CUMC youth teams, email Karen at [youthchatumc@optonline.net](mailto:youthchatumc@optonline.net)

## Looking Ahead



**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

### March at a Glance:

Thursday, March 1st, *Lenten Soup and Spirit*, 6:00 PM Asbury Room

Friday, March 2nd, *Regent Atlantic Presentation on Tax Reform Risks*, 10:00 AM Rodda Hall

Tuesday, March 6th, *Sarah Circle*, 9:30 AM, Asbury Room

Tuesday, March 6th, *Rebecca Circle*, 1:30 PM, at Anne's.

Thursday, March 8th, *Lenten Soup and Spirit*, 6:00 PM Asbury Room

Wednesday, March 14th, *Taizé Prayer*, 7:30 PM, Asbury Room

Thursday, March 15th, *Lenten Soup and Spirit*, 6:00 PM Asbury Room

Saturday, March 17th, *Gateway North District Foundational Leadership Training*, 8:30 am -12 Noon, Morrow Memorial UMC (details below)

Saturday, March 17th, *Memorial Service for Pat Davis*, 11:00 AM Sanctuary



## Gateway North District Foundational Leadership Training

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church  
600 Ridgewood Road  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

The Foundational Leadership Training is designed for church officers, committee and team leaders, and people engaged in various ministries of the church to provide foundational understanding and leadership skills. Two workshop sessions provide opportunity for participants to choose different options to learn about their area of ministry and other more general leadership skills. There is no cost for the event, but pre-registration is requested so that we might be prepared with adequate numbers of materials for you. To see a program of the day's schedule and workshops,

[please click here.](#)

To register, please visit [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org) and click on the Gateway North Foundational Leadership Training on the events calendar.

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

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



### Bread Ministry

Volunteers are needed in brief shifts to help Saturday nights and Sundays to ensure that this ministry continues to be successful. [Sign Up Here!](#)

More information can be found on our website:  
[www.ChathamUMC.org](http://www.ChathamUMC.org)



### 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.



## 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 420 lbs of plastic as of February 22nd!**

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.

## Community Information



**Blood Drive!**

### Chatham Emergency Squad Spring Blood Drive

**Saturday, March 10th 8:30 AM to 2:30**

#### PM

The Chatham Emergency Squad (CES) will host a blood drive on **Saturday, March 10th** at the **Borough Squad Building, 31 North Passaic Avenue in Chatham**. The hours of donation will be from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Parking is available behind the Squad Building.

Donors, ages 17-75, should be in good health and have a form of identification. Teenagers who are 16 years of age can also donate with parental permission; forms will be available at the site. Anyone age 76 years or older must have a doctor's note permitting donation. In addition to whole blood donations, the Alyx machine will be on site for donations of red blood cells specifically.

Any questions? Call the New York Blood Center at 800-688-0900 or check their website [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org).

Appointments can be scheduled at [www.tinyurl.com/ChathamESBloodDrives](http://www.tinyurl.com/ChathamESBloodDrives).

The flu season has impacted the number of available donors so your donation is urgently needed and greatly appreciated. Please donate if you are able to do so. Refreshments will be served.

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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](mailto:chatumc@optonline.net) by 2:00 PM Tuesdays.

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