

"...the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come." ~Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

Welcome May!



Announcements



Sunday, May 20th is Confirmation Sunday.

There will be no 11:00 AM Worship Service. Please join us in supporting and celebrating our Confirmands at the 9:00 AM Service.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th!

Support Chatham United Methodist Church when you shop for the Moms in your life. Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1659495 and Amazon donates to Chatham United Methodist Church. *You may also click on the image below.*



WANTED: A gently-used piano

CUMC is looking for a used piano that would replace the one currently in the Activities room. The piano would be used in the music program here at CUMC but also to support the programs of the New Jersey Youth Chorus that meets here each week.

If you wish to donate a piano, *and Peter Hill determines it is suitable*, CUMC will

supply a letter documenting your generous donation, pay for moving the piano, and for tuning. If you are interested or have information about a piano, contact the church office at (973) 635-7740 or Peter Hill at petepiano@mac.com if you are interested. *Thank You*, Linda Connors for the CUMC Trustees

Altar Flower Dedication Opportunities!

There are currently a number of Sundays open on our Altar Flower Calendar. Please consider choosing a Sunday to honor a loved one or a loved one's memory with an arrangement from Sunnywood's florist. Arrangements add beauty to our worship service and can be taken home after to enjoy. Please see the calendar across from Jeff's office to sign up and fill out a form.

We Remember in our Prayers

Former long time CUMC member, **Constance Hall**, entered Life Eternal on April 3rd. She was the beloved wife of the late Eugene Hall and mother of the late Diana Jones (Kyle). Expressions of sympathy for her family may be sent to her daughter, **Jacqueline Hall Wright: 324 Water Watch Lane Traverse City, MI 49686.**

This Week at CUMC



Family Promise Host Week - Departure Day is May 6th

Volunteers Still Needed!

All are welcome to participate. You can make a nutritious meal, prepare a warm cozy bedroom, help a young mom parenting a new infant, play with the children, help a teen with homework, or just be a comforting presence to walk with the families through whatever may befall in the night. Hosting slots are 2 hours; overnight shifts are from 9:00 pm to 6:30 am the next morning. Two CUMC hosts work together at all times. The specific needs depend on our guests, but there is always something important to do, always serving up dignity, always rewarding. *Please visit the sign-up sheet opposite Pastor Jeff's office, email or call Claudia Shaw at chs1mnk@gmail.com, (973)454-2014. Call to volunteer or just to learn more about the ministry.*

Saturday, May 5th, *Ruth Schreiber Memorial Service*, Sanctuary, 11:00 AM, reception to follow in Rodda Hall.

Sunday, May 6th Fire Pit & Friends, 7:15 - 8:15 PM

Friends in our church family and beyond are invited to gather around a fire pit on our church front lawn, sing songs, roast marshmallows, make s'mores, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. *Bring a lawn chair or blanket, bring a guitar or ukulele, and come May 6 from 7:15-8:15 pm!*



This Fire Pit and Friends event is sponsored by the Chatham UMC Church Council.

Monday Noontime Bible Study: Exploring the Book of Esther
May 7th 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. The group has decided to explore the book of Esther this Spring. **Questions?** Contact Associate Pastor Sharon Yarger at scyarger@optonline.net or Dr. SuJung Shin at sshin@nbts.edu. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, May 9th, Taizé Prayer Service, Asbury Room, 7:30 PM

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 **Taizé Prayer** or **Richard Rohr Discussion Group** by [clicking here](#). You may also call the church office at (973) 635-7740.



Thursday, May 10th, Rebecca Circle, 1:00 PM, Ice Cream Social at Dot's, 103 Maple Glenn, Lantern Hill

Looking Ahead



Sunday, May 13th, Mother's Day Brunch, Rodda Hall

Join us for Brunch! Don't want to be stuck in the kitchen on **Mother's Day**? Don't want to fight the crowds in the restaurants? The 2018 RISE team wants to help you celebrate your mother by preparing brunch for you between services on

Sunday, May 13th. Relax with Mom and your CUMC friends/family in Rodda Hall while enjoying a tasty breakfast casserole and other brunch goodies. And won't Mom be proud that you're supporting a good cause, our **2018 RISE Team!**



Wednesday, May 16th, UMW Spring Salad

Luncheon, Rodda Hall, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM "Bring a Salad to Share!"

All women in the church are invited to attend! Please bring a salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

A Special Invitation for CUMC Members

You are cordially invited to attend a farewell dinner to honor and celebrate former CUMC member and Associate Pastor, the Rev. Frances Preston

on the occasion of her retirement.

Saturday, June 2nd

Hors d' Oeuvres 6:30 PM , Dinner 7:30 PM

Pines Manor,

Edison, New Jersey

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 15th

All details including RSVP information and cost are listed on the invitation.

To view invitation, [please click here](#).

May at a Glance:

- **Tuesday, May 15th**, *Abigail Circle*, Rodda Hall, 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, May 16th**, *Richard Rohr Discussion Group*, Asbury Room, 7:30 PM
- **Saturday, May 19th**, *Men's Group*, 9:00 AM, Tom and Meg Belding to host: 7 Milton Ave. Chatham
- **Tuesday, May 22nd**, *Trustees Meeting*, Room 7, 7:00 PM

Music News



For this **Sunday, May 6th**'s 9:00 a.m. service, the *Youth Singers* will perform *Lord, I Need You* by Matthew West with the *Praise Band*. The *Youth Ringers* will perform *Rondo Brillante* by Arnold Sherman conducted by our own youth musician, Aaron Weidemer, and the *Kids' Bells* will also perform for the prelude! In the 11:00 a.m. service, the *Praise Band* will perform for the Special

Music. Join us!

The *Ukulele Orchestra* will next meet on Saturday morning, **May 5th at 9:15 a.m.** in the Music Room. All ukulelists are welcome! If you are new to ukulele, you are invited to come **at 9:00 a.m.** for a brief introduction to the instrument.

The *New Jersey Youth Symphony* will hold an Honors Recital in our sanctuary on **Friday, May 11th** at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to this free recital! Come and hear fantastic young classical musicians in our sanctuary!

On **Sunday, May 13th**, in honor of Mother's Day, all of the gentlemen of the church are invited to sing an easy-to-learn anthem! Rehearsal will take place at 8:20 a.m. before the service on **May 13th** and this coming **Sunday, May 6th** after the 9:00 a.m. service. Please contact Peter Hill for more information!

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.

VBC Registration is Here!



Are you ready for Adventure?

You're invited to **experience the ride of a lifetime with God** at the **Chatham United Methodist Church** for **Rolling River Rampage** VBC!

June 25 - 29, 2018, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

For more information and to **register** or **volunteer** for our Vacation Bible Camp, click on the button below. If you have questions, call or email Karen Berry at (973) 635-7740, youthchatumc@optonline.net.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2)

Register for VBC 2018!

Ministry Updates

Raise Your Voice and

Greeters Needed!

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 bbabbitt@optimum.net.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

If interested in signing up or finding out more about our **Greeting Ministry**, please contact **Penny Sutterby** at 315-777-6376, psutterby@drew.edu or **Becky Meyer** at 201-400-0039, drbbmeyer@aol.com

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

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.

Did you miss something? To revisit previous E-News, please visit our archived news on our website by clicking the button below.

News

All submissions for next week's CUMC Weekly E-news is due to Eileen Ruggiero by Tuesdays, 2:00 PM

Submissions may be emailed to chatumc@optonline.net.

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