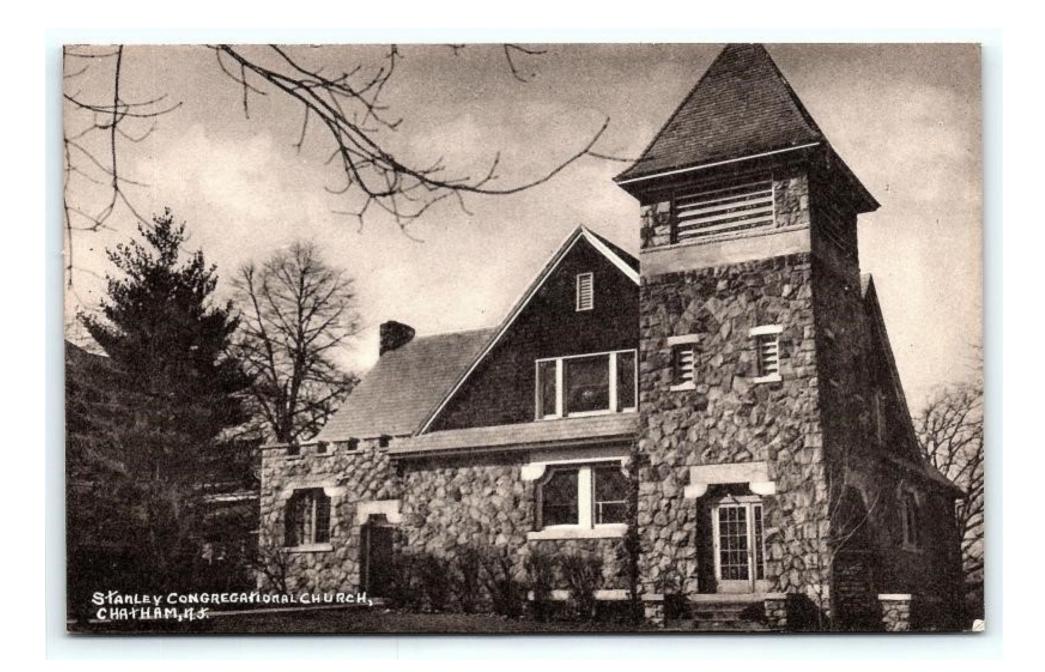


STANLEY CHURCH UPDATE

Borough Council Meeting 4/12/2021



HISTORY

- Stanley Congregation approached the Borough in the spring of 2019 about donating the building.
- Building donated to Chatham Borough in early 2020
- Included \$350,000 for improvements and maintenance
- Desire is for the building to be used as a community resource

WORK TO DATE

- Submitted request for the building to be considered for state and national registry of historic places
- Borough submitted for a county historic preservation planning grant
- First public use will begin this week Public Arts Council will move mural project to the parish hall
- Obtaining quotes to update replace heating system, add air conditioning, and measures to improve energy efficiency

POTENTIAL USES

- Community meeting space
- Concerts / plays
- Classes or rehearsal spaces (yoga, music, etc.)
- Large events weddings, receptions, dances
- Rentable office space
- Youth center
- Before/after school programming
- Art exhibits
- ... many others

VIDEO TOUR OF THE BUILDING

OTHER ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Revenue options / financial sustainability
- Fundraising
- Management structure
- Staffing
- Remodeling
- Inventory and plan for fixtures/furnishings/etc.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Visit and meet with other community centers (YMCA, Madison community house, various teen centers, etc.)
- Survey Borough residents
- Speak with school district, student groups, PTO, library, senior center, neighboring towns, and other Chatham organizations about unmet needs
- Form subgroups to flesh out specific ideas (e.g., youth center, events)
- Periodic reports to the community with opportunities for feedback

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Seeking volunteers for steering committee
- Expertise in key areas would be helpful
 - Large event planning (weddings, conferences.)
 - Commercial leasing or real estate
 - Community event programming
- Representatives of different potential user groups (teens, fitness instructors, seniors, etc.) would also be helpful
- Would like at least 1 or 2 students to work on youth center and youth programming ideas

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

- Submit a volunteer application to the Borough Clerk (on our web site)
- Please include information about special skills and interests that you can contribute to the group
- *Be prepared to put in 1-2 hours per week on research, outreach, interviews, data collection, etc.
- Candidates will be interviewed
- ... if you don't have time to volunteer, there will be many other ways to provide input, including a community-wide survey, workshops, and focus groups.

QUESTIONS?