

Chepachet Union Church

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We have camperships available for those families who may send their children to Bible Camps. Forms are available and due in by June 10. Speak with Jan Steere, or call the church office to find out more.

Our last day of Children's Church will be June 10. Come celebrate our children during the 10:30 service. Each group will be participating in the service. We've been busy with Children's Church and attendance has been good. Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand this year!

Summer Church for kids is in the planning stages and more information will be out soon.

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for the week of Aug 13-17. Will be getting more details soon. As always we will need volunteers. Speak with anyone on Christian Ed if you would like to help out.



The Giving Box

June is "The Izzy Family Room"

The Izzy Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to design, fund and inspire creative projects that will help families **live, love, laugh and play** during and after cancer.

One of their first projects was designing and constructing the Izzy Family Room which is located on the **5th floor of Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.** In this unique family space volunteers offer activities, such as yoga, wellness days with haircuts and massages, monthly birthday parties, Improv comedy and family meals.

An important role of this room is to provide daily snacks and hygiene products for patients and families.

Needed Items:

Individually wrapped granola bars, chips, crackers, cookies, oatmeal packages, popcorn, etc

As I sit in my office this morning, I can't help but think about Liz's and my recent vacation to Sweden, my father's "old country."

It was a wonderfully delightful time, made more special by the fact that two of my sisters joined us on this "Eklund Adventure!" I must say it was a little strange to meet about a dozen cousins and relatives that I had never met before. Very soon, however, we were blessed by learning some of their stories and how they knew and loved my dad, who was born and raised in Dals-Ed, Sweden on our family farm named "Luvudden."

I am reminded of our greater context of family. There are some parallels between our biological family and our church family as we are the family of God.

Even though we did not know any of them before our trip, we soon enjoyed the very thing that we share in common: our family heritage! What we have in common unites the "Eklund clan" in a way nothing else can! Likewise, in the family of God, we have much in common with each other: a common heritage in Christ and the same Father! We, who trust in Christ as our Lord and Savior, are brothers and sisters. We also have an inheritance, stored up for us in heaven!

And, like biological families, we have flaws and struggles and conflicts, but we can work through them, just like family. One of my favorite memories from our trip was our visit to the family farm where my dad grew up. Rolling hills, dirt roads, and an old mill stone that drew my thoughts back to a time when it was used to mill all the grain from adjoining farms. It was a time when community was not only a blessing, but a way to share the load of work.

Please join us for *our* family reunion, every Sunday morning here at Chepachet Union! (a shameless plug, right?!)

Until next time,

Blessings for you all,
Pastor John



May Breakfast

The May Breakfast was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers and customers. The success wasn't in the profit made or the fact that the food was decent, but in the profound amount of community goodwill and the joy of all who attended. To many of our older citizens, the May Breakfast ritual is actually something they look forward to every year and a way of catching up with neighbors after the long winter. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to the plate once again to help out. Next year's 96th May Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 4th for those of you who would like to mark your calendar early.

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welcome, witness, and nurture each other.
We share the joy of God's love as one
family in Christ.*

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Thanks!

Thank you to Cindy Chace for attending to our gardens. She spent an entire day cleaning up each garden, planting bulbs and giving each flower bed the much needed attention needed after a long winter

Thank you to Joe Huguenin and Chris St. Onge for “MUD-dling” through the vegetable garden this spring. It’s a challenge with the wet ground in the gardens. They have been working together to get through the mud and preparing the garden to be planted.



Rho Delta had their meeting on May 8th, there were 12 ladies present. Devotion were read by Maureen Brown called “No Pecking Orders”, from her book, “Grace for the Moment.”

This Easter we collected \$250 for Easter flowers and the cost of the flowers was \$822.50. we have decide that next Easter we will not order as many flowers. Thrift Shop has taken in \$1375 from November thru April.

We are happy to say that we made \$1545 from the May Breakfast and \$450 from the May Baskets. We served 343 people this year, compared to 309 served in 2017.

The Strawberry Supper will be June 23 with one sitting at 5:30 pm. Reservations are recommended.

The Yard Sale is on hold... we haven’t collected a lot this winter so if you have anything to donate you can bring it to the church. We will put it in the Yard Sale room downstairs for a possibly Early Fall Yard Sale.

We will be getting prices on purchasing new card tables for the church and also a new white altar table runner.

THE BIG NEWS IS THE ANNUAL MYSTERY OUTING JUNE 12TH AT 6:00 PM. Ladies, Join us at 6 pm on June 12, Stephanie is taking us on a mystery outing. It’s \$25 per person and she will have a menu for us to choose from. So see Stephanie if you would like to go out on the town on the Rho Delta Ladies.

The evening was hosted by Stephanie Kain... we had fruit, cheese and crackers with grape juice on the table during the meeting and pastry sups filled with chocolate pudding or yogurt with whip cream and strawberries and blackberries on top. We played a game that has no name but it was fun. Kim Belleavoine won with 90 points and she got 2 pretty mugs for her prize. Our next meeting is June 12th. Don’t forget to join us at 6:00 PM



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