

# Chepachet Union Church

## Our Church Life

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### Summer Hours

Worship Services through August will be at 9:30 am.

Children's Church is at 9:30 am

Following worship we will have a light refreshment each Sunday with a time of fellowship.

On the 1st Sunday of each month we invite you to join us for a Potluck meal following worship. This is a great time to connect with all our church family. Join us!

Outdoor worship will be July 15 @ 9:30

And August 12 at 10:30 am with a church family picnic to follow.

Church Office Hours will be Tues-Fri from 9-12.

### The Mission Board

Thank you for your support and prayers for our Missionaries near and far.

The Chepachet Union Church General Fund does not support our missionaries.

The only way to give a donation to Missions is with a check marked Chepachet Union Church -Missions. or to set aside a part of your envelope giving for "Missions" as well.

If you give a donation of cash - mark it on the envelope.

Thank you! God bless you all!



The Giving Box

### July is CUC Food Pantry!

Yes! The Chepachet Union Church Food Pantry is our charitable group this month.

The CUC Food Pantry has grown over the 30+ years we have offered it. We provide food assistance for those families and individuals in our community and surrounding communities. Sometimes it's just a little help to make it through a tough week Other times it's more regular assistance to provide much needed food and staples for that person or family. CUC is proud to help.

We've expanded several times over the years to meet the needs of our communities. We went from a literal closet to a full room. Most recently, our new Pantry is on the lower level in a double room. We now offer fresh fruits & vegetables as well as refrigerated and frozen items.

We are happy to partner with the RI Food Bank for a majority of our food, but we could use your help in filling our shelves as well. There are popular items — just like in your own home — that go quickly.

**Needed Items:** Grape jelly    pasta sauce    cereal  
canned beans    tuna fish.

# MISSIONS

**July 29 9:30 am**  
Sunday Morning Service

Please come to meet **Joel & Karen** (missionaries we support in Burkina Faso, Africa). They are from Massachusetts originally & have family there. He teaches young men at the Mission Institute of Africa how to witness to folks over there about Jesus Christ & helps them to start new churches in their various countries.

We will have brunch after the service so we can learn more about their joys and hardships in Africa. We will witness God's blessings in their lives !



July 1st marks my 3rd year anniversary at CUC! It's hard to believe that we have ministered together here in Chepachet for 3 years

It is fitting to spend a bit of time looking back. In some ways, the time has "flown by", don't you think? When I began, our church was reeling from conflict. My primary task was to "right the ship." There was a strong resolve to maintain a Bible-centered, Christ honoring ministry here in our community. I pledged a commitment to preaching and teaching ministry, that was Christ-centered, and I believe we have done that. We began to introduce several initiatives that are focused on the 3 watchwords: Unity, Community, and Growth.

We focused on Small Groups, along with traditional and contemporary ministry and music and outreach that has ministered to both our current membership as well as reaching young families with children. Praise God that many families and individuals have started attending our church, as well as many who have decided to join us in this worthy cause. Our recent Children's Sunday bares testimony to the fruit of these efforts! Children are the future of our church, and meeting their needs are paramount in our commitment to reach our community with the Good News of the Gospel of Christ's saving work.

Our goal is to continue this good work.

As we look to the future of CUC our efforts will continue unabated. My resolve is to maintain a Christ-centered ministry. This will take hard work for all of us.

I'm excited to see what God has in store for CUC! Please join us in taking advantage of current and future initiatives to promote GROWTH, both spiritually and in participation in worship, service, and outreach. Several upcoming efforts are:

- \* Fellowship meals, following our Worship services on the 1st Sunday of the month
- \* Participation in the 4th of July parade, and our church float
- \* Small Groups in the Fall
- \* Vacation Bible School (July 31-August 3)
- \* Support of the upcoming "Uganda Kids Choir, on Sunday, July 15th
- \* "Bring a friend to church" initiative
- \* Bible memorization, and "Bring your Bible to Church" initiative
- \* "Kid's Church" and the Christian education of our children
- \* Our Nursery outreach; seeking more volunteers to work in our Nursery so parents can attend our Worship services

One closing question: Do you have a good idea to promote our Church? That is ways that we can promote fellowship, outreach, and ministry? If you do, please share them with me or with one of our Deacons. We covet your prayers and efforts for our future Gospel initiatives.

One more thought: I'm very excited as I believe many of you are, because I believe the future of CUC is very bright, limited only by the depth of our commitment to Christ's work.

In His grip,

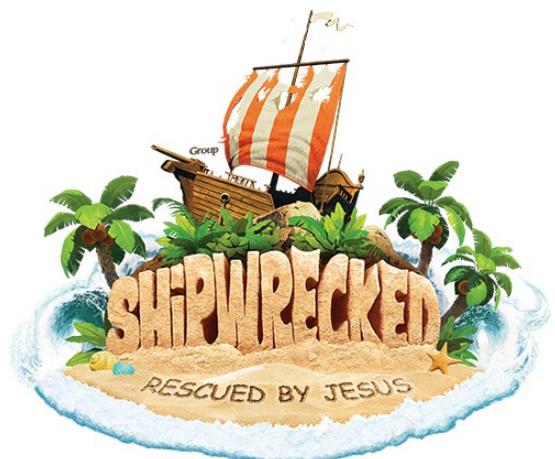
Pastor John

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are Rescued by Jesus!

Our theme this year is Shipwrecked, be sure to volunteer or sign up for the fun!

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

More information on how to register your children, or how to volunteer to join our island crew will be available soon!



Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

## Rho Delta News



Rho Delta had their Mystery Outing Dinner/ Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We were so happy to have 18 ladies present.

We voted to purchase 10 new card tables for the church, which are mostly used for our collations. We will purchase new red, white and blue bunting for the front of the church for next year and we will also purchase new wreaths for the front doors of the church for the summer.

We have two collations this week, and several ladies will be baking. Rho Delta is so sad that we have lost two outstanding members of our church. Jim Chase and Milt Thoene will be greatly missed.

We are planning a Christmas bazaar with more information to come.

The Yard Sale will be on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you are cleaning out your closets or downsizing please bring your unwanted to the church for the yard sale. It will be greatly appreciated.

The Missions Board will also be having a Bake Sale on the day of the Yard Sale. We are sure they will need some bakers for that, so if you can bake please see Fern Rylah.

The Strawberry Supper is June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are ready to go. Remember make your reservations early so you don't miss out on the great food and company.

Our Mystery Outing was hosted by Stephanie Kain. She took us to Pat's Italian Restaurant. We had a short meeting followed by a great meal and conversation. Stephanie made us each tissue/eyeglass holder. Thank you Stephanie for all the hard work that you do to make our Mystery Meeting so much fun. Stephanie is a collector of butterflies, and Noel presented her with a beautiful butterfly pin for all the hard work that she does.

Rho Delta will take July and August off from meetings and start again in September. It was so nice to have all the ladies join us at the supper. It would be great to see all of you at our meeting in September. It is always the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm in the All-Purpose Room. We have a meeting and then we do a craft or play a game or just sit and chat a little while. We plan things to help our church, our church families and our church town. In the newsletter you see that a member of Rho Delta hosts the evening and several ladies have said, "I don't know what to do to host." You don't have to host, you can just come and help us plan and be a part of the great things that we do for our church. I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer and we will see you in September!!

Blessings  
Jan Steere



## JULY EVENTS

July 4	<b>GLOCESTER RECREATION ANNUAL ROAD RACE STARTS HERE</b>	<b>8 am</b>
	<b>ANCIENTS &amp; HORRIBLES PARADE</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
	We're entering a float! Lend a hand in construction, participation or just cheering us on! Speak with Jared Hartley to help	
July 11, 18, & 25	<b>CONCERTS ON THE LAWN</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	Glocester Rec. & Chepachet Union Church host Summer Concert Series! Bands will play from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Bring your family & friends, your lawn chairs and blankets, and bug spray just in case! These are alcohol-free, smoke-free events.	
July 14	<b>COWBOY CRUISERS CAR SHOW</b>	
	Once again we will be hosting a Car Show in our parking lot. Bring your donation of a non-perishable food item! To benefit our Food Pantry.	
July 15	<b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>UGANDA KIDS CHOIR</b>	
	Potluck Dinner	<b>4 pm</b>
	Kid's Choir Presentation	<b>6 pm</b>
July 16	<b>PIZZA NIGHT</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	Share a meal with the Uganda Kids and Chaperones. ALL WELCOME!	

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We share the joy of God's love as one  
family in Christ.*

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August 5 at 9:30 am  
Sunday Morning Service

**Donnie & Jody**

(missionaries we support in the  
Mideast) will be here to share the Good  
News they are spreading in their area  
so far away. They are a young couple  
who have two children. They  
have family in New Hampshire.

Donnie's father & mother, (Paul &  
Lucinda) are missionaries in the  
Bolivia area.

We help support them as well. Join  
us for the morning worship service &  
stay for the brunch that will  
follow. They are indeed called to this  
special ministry! Hope to see you  
here on August 5!




# PUZZLE

## Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, any, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, nud, npe, hide, freed, pride, siren, fresh, fems, friend, fisher, diners, nused, shine, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, rethink, finished