

Chepachet Union Church

Our Church Life

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Children's Church Christmas Program



Twelve Symbols of Christmas

Sunday, Dec 16 at 10 am.

We will have 1 service that morning so everyone can share and remember the joy of Christmas with our children.



We will be lighting the trees and caroling joyously on **Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5 pm.**

Bundle up and come start your Christmas season with us.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies will be available.



The Rho Delta Ladies invite you to make wreaths on Sunday, **Dec 2 at 2 pm.** These will be sold during Dec 6th Candlelight Shopping.

Bring your gloves and clippers, also any extra baubles or decorations you have laying around.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank You to everyone who filled Shoeboxes this year for our OCC drive.

As a Collection Drop Off location for OCC, this year we collected

505 boxes

This well exceeded our goal for this year.

Thank you to everyone for your support and donations!!!

This total is thanks to the work of 13 churches and individuals in our area



Our annual Live Nativity play will take place on Dec 13 & 14 Come experience this wonderful story, enjoy the animals, the play and the community gathering together to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Our first night, **Thursday, Dec 13 at 6 & 7 pm,** coincides with Candlelight Shopping. Join with the community to stroll the town, enjoy the Live Nativity and share in our Free Soup.

On **Friday, Dec 14** Live Nativity will be at **7 pm.**



Advent. Coming. This season is most blessed. The Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I often think about what this means to us today, since it occurred so many, many years ago.



The Child of Bethlehem brought hope to a lost and dying world. He brought peace to a people who knew little peace. He brought salvation to a world that was lost. He brought life to those who were "dead in their trespasses and sins." He brought grace and mercy from heaven and continues to give it to all most abundantly and freely. Yes, our Savior continues to save. Our intercessor continues to hear and answer our prayers. Our Lord...is still Lord over all.

As you celebrate the 1st Advent of our Lord Jesus, don't forget that he promised a 2nd Coming! We live in anticipation of his coming back to earth, and our lives are to reflect that reality. Let us live in such a way that He would be honored and blessed by what we say and do.

Have a blessed celebration of Christ! He is Worthy!
In His grip,
Pastor John



With wisdom comes an understanding and knowledge of God. God's Word encourages us to seek wisdom as silver, and to search for it as hidden treasure. The adult class has started mining the silver mine called the Book of Matthew. We are finding it is loaded with historical events and prophecy, both past, present and future. Most of all it sets forth the truth about the world we live in and the truth about who and what God is. These all bear witness to the movement of God and his Son in our history today. This month we start chapter 4 and are moving into chapter 5 and to chapters beyond. In chapter 4 and 5 we are looking at such questions as:

Adult
Bible
Study

Why was Jesus tempted?
What is with the 40 days and 40 nights?
After getting baptized and tempted, why did Jesus dwell in Capernaum?
Jesus gave four discourses. The Sermon on the Mount was his first. What is its purpose?

You do not have to be a biblical scholar to participate in the Adult Class. In fact being one (none of us there are) may actually be a hindrance. Just bring your desire to mine some wisdom and have some fun finding the hidden treasures in the Word of God. And maybe along the way understand life, the world we live in and why God does the things he does. Which is precious as silver. We will start our new study in September from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Adult class room. Everyone is invited.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The Christmas season is upon us again! The Board of Deacons would like to invite you, your family, and friends to join us for special services and activities. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior together, let us remind one another of all the blessings we receive from our Lord, and from our Church family.

Sunday, Dec. 2, Advent begins, Communion, Pot Luck Luncheon

5 pm: Lighting of the Green

Thursday, Dec. 6, 5-9 pm: Candlelight Shopping/ Meal - Lasagna

Thursday, Dec. 13, 5-9 pm: Candlelight Shopping, Free Soup Supper!

6 & 7 pm: LIVE NATIVITY

Friday, Dec. 14, 7 pm: Live Nativity

Thursday, Dec. 20, 5-9 pm: Candlelight Shopping/ Meal - Shepherd's Pie

Monday, Dec. 24: 6 pm: Christmas Eve Service

11 pm: Christmas Eve Service



Rho Delta News

Rho Delta had their monthly meeting on Nov 13, there were 9 ladies present.

Devotions were read by Brenda called Love Thy Neighbor Love for Others.

Rho Delta made their yearly pledge to the church of \$2000.

The refrigerator in the All Purpose Room and the air conditioner for the Thrift Shop have been delivered. The Yard Sale made \$1260. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work.

The 10 Shoeboxes are done and ready to be given to Nicole, for Operation Christmas Child

Wreath making day is Dec 2 at 2 pm, and we will be selling them on Dec 6th during Candlelight Shopping.

RHO DELTA WON SECOND PLACE IN THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL!!!

Next month's Rho Delta meeting will be held at [\[call the church office for information of location\]](#) It will be at 6 pm with a potluck dinner and a Yankee Swap following. Please join us and bring a dish and a gift (we usually keep gifts to \$20 and under) (I would love to see you there!

The evening was hosted by Maureen We had snacks and ginger ale and apple cider during the meeting and Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars with coffee for dessert. We played two short games and then we wrote out Christmas cards to be sent to Walter Reed Hospital to cheer up our Veterans.

Thank you Maureen for a fun night. We are so glad to see you when you come to Rho Delta.



Candlelight Shopping in Chepachet

on Thursdays, December 6, 13 & 20.

We once again will be opening our doors, from 5 – 9 pm, with a variety of vendors in our fellowship hall and a meal served from 5 – 8 pm.

Dec 6 Our meal for this evening will be Lasagna, rolls. \$10 is the suggested donation for the meal. Come shop for those special gifts, we will have a variety of vendors in our fellowship hall

Dec 13 This evening will coincide with our Live Nativity, which will be at 6 & 7 pm. Our meal this evening will be FREE Soup. Come share a bowl of soup with us. A variety of soups will be served.

Again we will have a variety of vendors in our fellowship hall, come browse and shop local.

Dec 20 Our meal for this evening will be Shepherd's Pie 5-8 pm. \$10 is the suggested donation for the meal.

Once again we will have vendors offering up their items.



I wish to have a Memorial Poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Given In Memory of: _____

plant cost: \$15

Given by: _____

During the Christmas Season (check one):

I will pick up the plant

I wish it to be taken to someone chosen by the Flower Committee.

Enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____

(If different then Given by)

Please send your request into the church office at: Chepachet Union Church PO Box E Chepachet RI

Or place in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sundays

