



Chepachet Union Church

Our Church Life



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Easter Activities

PALM SUNDAY, April 14

Worship at 9 & 10:30 am

10:30 Children's Church Parade of Palms



MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18

Living Last Supper 7 pm



GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

Church Sanctuary open for Silent Prayer from 9 am – 3 pm



EASTER Sunday April 21

Sunrise Service at Acotes Hill 6:00 am

Morning Worship 9 & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt for Children 11:30 am



The Giving Box

April is the ...

RI Community Food Bank

The Mission of the RI Food Bank is to improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders by advancing solutions to the problem of hunger. They envision a state someday where no one goes hungry. Let's do our part in helping them move toward that goal!

Items Needed:

PEANUT BUTTER CANNED SOUP/



May Breakfast

The 97th Annual May Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 4th.

Many volunteers are needed for a variety of interesting jobs. It has been a whole year since you've waited on tables, cooked johnnycakes, filled orders, and cut millions of grapefruit. This will be a great opportunity to brush up on your skills in preparation for the Grand 100th Annual May Breakfast coming up fast in three years! Please see Cindy Chace to sign up for your favorite May Breakfast assignment.

P.S. Not able to work at the breakfast this year? We're okay with that – but please try to come and eat in support of the Rho Delta Club and the good things we do during the year.

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From The Trustees

The Trustees are proud to announce the completion of the RISE Project to switch all of the church's lighting to energy-saving LED fixtures and/or bulbs. This program is designed to significantly reduce our electric bill. We are thrilled to extend a **big thank you for the generous donation that paid for most of our share of the cost.** We remain deeply grateful for that pleasant surprise!



Also

The Trustees would like to express their gratitude to everyone who helped with the Turkey Supper. The supper was a grand success thanks to Bruce Rylah and a small army of workers and pie bakers. Also, a special thank you to Jim Ponte of Serio's Pizzarama for cooking the turkeys and donating the stuffing, gravy and rolls. The profit of \$1526.00 was given to the church's general fund.

Rho Delta News



Rho Delta held their meeting on March 12th. There were 5 ladies present.

For devotions, Cindy Chace read some fun facts regarding the Rho Delta By-laws...

Did you know?

Rho Delta was created by a group of woman to promote Christian fellowship and to raise funds for the maintenance of our church. The original meeting day was Fridays at 8 PM...why 8 PM.. so that the women could put their children to bed before the came to the meeting. They would meet at different places which was determined by the president of Rho Delta... most of the time it was at the ladies homes. The dues for Rho Delta was 10 cents per month. A quorum was 7 members with one member having to be an officer. There used to be approximately 40 members of Rho Delta. Today are goal is to still promote Christian fellowship and we work hard to raise money for the maintenance of our

church and any needs that arise...

...Our meetings now are on Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room at the church. We don't pay dues but we do have a Sunshine Club and members give what they would like to give. Sadly today we have approximately 15-18 members and at a meeting we have approximately 10 ladies that attend.

The new folding machine is in and Kathy has set it up. The May Breakfast is May 4th and you can see Cindy Chace if you would like to help out.

The evening was hosted by Kim Belleavoine. We had soda bread and a beverage during the meeting and yogurt with granola and berries for dessert with coffee. Kim gave us a class on painting on glass.

Our next meeting is April 9th at 7 PM.



“He is risen, He is risen indeed!”

What a wonderful and life-changing affirmation! “We serve a risen Savior!” That’s great news for everyone who believes!

This past March, I preached a series of messages on discipleship, entitled “Make Disciples”, which is the 3rd part of our Mission Statement, “**Love God, Love others, and make Disciples**” It was challenging as well as encouraging to me to look deeper into these words of Jesus, found in Matthew 29:19—“*Go into all the world and make disciples...*”

It is easy to get so involved in church activities: meetings, gatherings, suppers, etc. that we can easily lose sight of the most basic reasons why we are here! That is, to make disciples. To replicate ourselves; inviting others to join us in this great adventure of following Jesus!

Part of our study was to go through, one step at a time, the booklet entitled, the “4 Spiritual Laws”. It’s a great tool, because it describes, in a very clear and concise way, the “How” of accepting Christ as our personal Savior and Lord. Step 3 states, “Jesus Christ is God’s only provision...” Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” The uniqueness of Christ is simply that: unique. God’s only provision for our sins to be forgiven. The Easter story is much more than a story, it is the ultimate expression of God’s love for his creation! He alone can save! He alone can atone for our sin. He alone is the gateway to heaven.

“*There is no other name, under heaven, given to mankind by which we must be saved.*” - Acts 4:12

This season of the Church year is amazing and awe-inspiring because it gives us hope in God and hope in the future of mankind! It also reminds us of the hope we have in Christ, of sins forgiven and a future glory in heaven for eternity!

“He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!”



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

When you buy a model kit or a piece of furniture in a box that says “Some assembly required” you have to read the instructions that come with it if you are to have a happy outcome. The results of not following those instructions will often lead to dissatisfaction or even injury. Sometime ago my daughter bought a set of chairs on line. Some assembly was required. By not studying the instructions before doing so she gave assembly a try. The result was a phone call to dad that went like this:

Daughter: Hello Dad I need to borrow your saw and drill.

Dad: For what? (Trying to see if I could assist my little girl in some way. Yeah, I have a soft spot.)

Daughter: I bought these chairs on line and the holes don't line up and some legs are too long.

Dad: May I take a look at one of them and see if I can fix it?

Daughter: (Brings the chairs [note the plural] to Dad)

When I looked at them I realized she had put them together backwards and that was why they did not fit together correctly. Drilling and sawing the parts to make them fit the way we thought they should would have destroyed the brand new chairs. They could have even collapsed when sat upon resulting in injury. The simple step of taking the time to study the instructions would have avoided the whole situation.

If we make the claim that we are Christians it means that we want to have a fruitful and pleasant life with a good relationship with God, the Creator of all things. But that life and relationship requires “some

assembly.” When the things in this life do not fit correctly, because we do not read or we misread the instructions, we call on God to fix them. We cannot make the plan for our lives fit together ourselves with a saw and a drill. The results are always disastrous. God looks at us in our plea for help and says “Did you read the instructions I gave you?” “Did you take time to study them before assembly?” That is what the study of God’s Word, the Bible, and His instructions is all about proper assembly.

The Adult Class has been studying the instructions God gave us in The Book of Matthew. We are finding that the instructions contain knowledge and understanding, and an understanding of righteousness and justice, equity and every good path. In December we started chapter 5 the first of three chapters (5, 6, and 7) on the Sermon on the Mount. We are continuing into chapter 6 month. We are looking at such questions as:

- Jesus gave four discourses. The Sermon on the Mount was his first. What is its purpose and how does it apply to our lives?
- What are the details for living a life that pleases God and ourselves?
- What is the purpose of the Lord’s Prayer? Is it always accepted by God when it is recited and does it give us some special place with God when we do so?
- What is this treasure in heaven stuff?

You do not have to be a biblical scholar to participate in the Adult Class. It is just a bunch of ordinary people trying to understand and discern the truth about reality and to have some fun following the assembly instructions for life, as found in the Word of God, along



If you would like to have Memorial Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please fill in the information on the form below and return it to the church.

Plants this year will cost \$15.00.

Remember that the Flower Committee and the Decoration Committee are volunteering their time. If you wish your plant to go to a specific special person, please take the time to personally deliver your plant.

Flower Order Form:

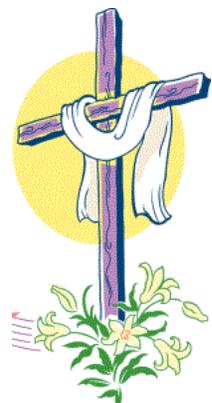
GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

I will pick up my plant YES NO circle one please

Name: (if different from Given By _____)

Please print all information clearly. Thank you



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 welcome, witness, and nurture each other.
 We share the joy of God's love as one
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Our Spring Yard Clean-Up is scheduled for
Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Troop 44 Boy Scouts will be on hand to help
 with picking up sticks, raking and sweeping.
 Able church members, young and old, are
 encouraged show up with a favorite yard tool and
 help with this endeavor. Many hands make light
 work! Rho Delta will provide refreshments.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 4 Annual May Breakfast
- May 5 Fellowship Brunch
- May 25 Men's Breakfast



April



RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because
 Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ___ united	2x3 = ___ death	7+6 = ___ resurrection
3x3 = ___ certainly	18-16 = ___ have	4-1 = ___ been
0+1 = ___ if	2x4 = ___ we	13-1 = ___ him
2+3 = ___ in	20-6 = ___ like	2+5 = ___ his
2x5 = ___ be	8+3 = ___ with	

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV