



# Chepachet Union Church Our Church Life

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Following the busy Easter season, let's take a minute to reflect on a matter of utmost importance: **prayer**.

As many of you know, this past April, I began a sermon series on Prayer. Prayer is one of the 4 things the early church was "devoted to." They were: "the Apostle's teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer."

We have looked at prayer from several different perspectives, for sure, and my goal for this series is that we will spend time to pray together.

One thing I believe we can all agree on, and upon which we can have unity, is prayer. United prayer. Corporate prayer. Fervent prayer.

So with that in mind, I will be promoting a 24-Hour Prayer Chain, here at Chepachet Union Church! We'll learn more about this in the weeks to come; suffice it to say that we will seek God's face in the matter of what we can do, together, to unite our church to best meet the needs of our community. I believe we ought to pray together for God to work in our lives and in our hearts and in our church. If so, then let's come together, in a concert of prayer, to ask God to "**hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land.**" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

I look forward to teaching on this great and vital subject.

I am,  
In His grip, Pastor John

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Draw near to God is the admonition to us in the book of James (James 4:8). Whenever you draw near to something or someone your risk goes up according to statisticians. There can be good consequences or bad ones. The landing of an airplane is a good example. If the pilot is properly trained in the planes operations and the airframe (a.k.a foundation of the aircraft) is sound the risk of a bad landing is negated and the good landing is increased. In many ways drawing near to God is like that plane landing. It requires a good foundation based on the knowledge of how to land. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount gave those instructions. He then gave demonstrations about the power and skill of the air traffic controller (God).

The Adult Class has been studying the instructions Jesus gave us for living in The Book of Matthew. We will be starting to move through the demonstrations of the power and skill of God in chapter 8 this next month. In that chapter we see that anyone with faith in the air traffic controller (Jesus) will have a safe landing.

Our study is looking at such questions as:

- What are the details for living a life that pleases God and ourselves?
- What is the purpose of all those miracles?
- The boat is sinking. Why sleep?
- Why kill the pigs?

The Adult Class will be taking the summer break starting June 16, 2019 and will resume in the fall. There is still a lot of Matthew to cover. 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 along the way following the instructions for life as found in the Word of God. Adult class meets 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Adult class room every Sunday. **Everyone is invited.**



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Jun 1 Men's Fellowship
- Jun 2 Monthly Fellowship Brunch
- Jun 9 Firemen's Sunday Parade at 11:30 am Service at 12
- Jun 11 Rho Delta Mystery Outing
- Jun 12 Learning Place Grad.
- Jun 16 **Father's Day** Children's Closing Prog.
- Jun 22 Men's Breakfast Strawberry Supper
- Jun 28 24-Hr Prayer Chain
- Jun 29 VBS Spaghetti Supper





## Christian Education

On **June 16<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the end of this semester with our **Children's Church Program, at 9:30 am.**

Children's Church will take a 1 week break and start their summer semester on June 30.

Children's Church is looking for **Summer volunteers especially substitute teachers** for when our regulars take vacation or need a break. We need helpers in each of the age groups. Please speak with Brenda Rene.

Christian Ed will be having a **Vacation School Bible Fundraiser Spaghetti Supper on June 29.** Help us raise money for our Summer Vacation Bible School materials.

Volunteers needed! We need kitchen help, servers, and pie bakers. Volunteer today!

Christian Ed held their meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 members present. We received a \$100 donation to be put toward the purchase of Bibles, a \$400 donation to be put toward camperships and a \$27.05 to be used toward VBS expenses.

The Youth Group Easter Breakfast proceeds will be used for summer camp and other youth activities. **There will be a VBS fundraiser supper of spaghetti and meatballs on June 29<sup>th</sup> with more information to follow.**

The children are practicing for the June program

## May Breakfast

A big thank you to the wonderful people who volunteered at the May Breakfast.

This year's workers really had to hustle and do double duty to make up for the lack of help in the kitchen and serving the food. They did a fantastic job of keeping up with the increase in customers.

Every area of our event suffered a shortage of workers, from making May baskets and fudge to running the dishwasher and busing tables. A total profit of \$1306.00 was earned on the breakfast and \$392.00 on the May baskets.

Next year's 98th Annual May Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 2nd. Please mark your calendars and plan to give the Rho Delta ladies some help.

## Strawberry Supper



Rho Delta will be having their **Strawberry Supper on June 22 at 5:30 pm.** Volunteers Needed for All Jobs! Strawberry pickers, Strawberry hullers, waitresses, kitchen help, coffee pourers – There are plenty of jobs available – Volunteer Today!

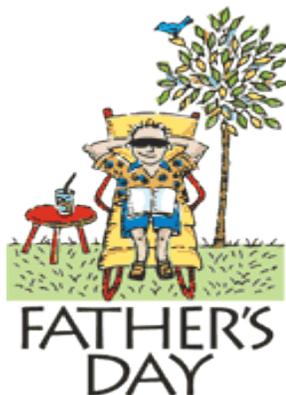


The Missions board will be sponsoring a bake sale during the Ancients & Horribles parade on July 4th.

The fundraiser is to benefit the family in Haiti who lost their home and belongings due to a fire.

We are looking for donations of baked goods that will hold up in the heat and can be packed in smaller servings (like cookies, brownies, etc.)

We will also accept cash donations in lieu of baked items. Thank you in advance for your generous support.



**FATHER'S DAY**



## Rho Delta News

Rho Delta had their monthly meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> and there were 10 ladies present. Devotions were read by Brenda Rene from Proverbs 31 Ministries called "Spring Every Day."

The profit from the May Breakfast was \$1,698.09 and the profit from the May Baskets was \$391.75. We served 374 people and 42 helpers.

The Strawberry Supper is June 22 at 5:30 pm. It will be \$13 for adults and \$7 from children. We will have more information on when we will be picking strawberries.

Firemen's Sunday is June 9 with a collation. We will need bakers, so if you have a minute to make something up it would be greatly appreciated. [Firemen's Sunday is a parade, service and collation

The ladies of Rho Delta are thinking of putting together a new cookbook, it had been awhile since one has been done.

Stephanie will get quotes for new window shades for the sanctuary.

THE MYSTERY OUTING DINNER IS JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>. WE MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 6 PM, AND THE COST IS 425 PER LADY. WE WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF 6 ENTREES WHEN WE GET TO OUR DESTINATION!

The evening was hosted by Brenda Rene at her beautiful home. We had popcorn and lemonade, with iced tea during the meeting, and brownie sundaes with coffee for dessert. Thank you Brenda for a great meeting. Our next meeting is the Mystery Outing and we hope to see you there...



## Looking Way Ahead

July 4th Missions Bake Sale

July 20 Cowboy Cruisers Car Show

VBS Aug 12-16

Volunteers are needed for all events!

## From The Trustees

Has anyone noticed that the church building and grounds have been looking neater and cleaner? The trustees have requested that certain areas of the property be "Spring Cleaned" by the different boards and committees to get rid of the clutter and junk that tends to accumulate during the year. We are thrilled at the positive response and cooperation that our church workers have shown. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep our church beautiful.

Also, the trustees would like to thank everyone for their patience regarding the closed restrooms at the Greenhalgh Hall end. Due to some unknown reason, the toilets have been overflowing when flushed and will remain closed until we locate and fix the problem.



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 We share the joy of God's love as one  
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**24 Hr Prayer Chain**

And now for something completely new to CUC!!

The Pastor and the Deacons are working on an exciting, new event here at CUC, THAT IS A 24-HOUR PRAYER CHAIN!

More details are forthcoming. We'll be setting aside **June 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 p.m. to June 29<sup>th</sup>, ending at 6 p.m.**, for prayer! We will all be asked to **set aside one of the hours** to come into our Sanctuary to prayer.

Starting next week, Pastor John will be detailing this event, so we can be well prepared for this solemn assembly.

We will be putting into practice 2 Chronicles 7:14—*"If my people...will pray!"*



## Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

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Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)