

Chepachet Union Church

Our Church Life



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Rally Day is September 8th!

Children's Church Fall Session

at 10:30 am

In celebration of Labor Day Weekend, there will be **NO Children's Church on Sept 1**

Children's Church



We offer 3 levels of Christian Education on Sunday mornings:

- Children's Church is for kids 3 years old through 6th Grade.
- Youth Sunday School is for teens 7th Grade through 12th.
- Adult Sunday School is for adults young and older.

Please join us to kick off the 2019-2020 season!



The Giving Box

September Giving Box is
RISPCA

(RI Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals)

The mission statement of RISPCA is to prevent cruelty to all animals throughout the state of Rhode Island; To advocate to strengthen and enforce the animal cruelty laws of the state of Rhode Island; To shelter and care for unwanted animals while working diligently to find them new homes; and To promote humane treatment and appreciation of all animals through education and community outreach.

Items of need:

- Canned dog and cat food**
- Durable Dog Toys**
- Catnip.**



Just a reminder that although Operation Christmas Child collection week isn't until November... now is a great time to start thinking about shopping for and filling your OCC shoeboxes.

The boxes will be available in September.

Please see Nicole with questions or if you are interested in helping. There are many ways to volunteer!

Yard Sale

Sat, September 14



Items are still being accepted. Even if you don't have time to totally declutter, hit the major areas: kitchen cabinets, clothing, bookshelves, garage, basement. Do you have extra furniture hanging out? Toys that are outgrown? Now's the time to let them go.

ADULT CLASS

It is late summer. A time to start thinking about ending vacations, going back to work or school, picking that last zucchini (finally! I am really tired of zucchini bread.), and getting back into the old routine. It is also a time of applying ourselves not just to old things, but new ones with the renewed energy that rest and relaxation gives us. This is one of our inherent weaknesses, that we humans need R&R (and a little less zucchini bread). It is fortunate for us that God does not take a vacation or time off especially when running the universe. The resulting chaos would make the confusion surrounding a black hole look organized. God tells us that He did not create the creation in chaos (Isaiah 45:18, the word vain as it used there means a state of chaos). Everything God does is orderly and for a purpose, there are no unknowns, chance actions, or randomness. It is man who creates chaos, chance and random actions, as well as unknowns. This is why at a time of restarting our personal lives after vacation and time off, we most often seek order in our lives. The only true order that makes our lives better is the order that the Creator of order provides. We can find it by gaining an understanding of who and what this Creator is. The only place to find that is in the bible. To do that we need to apply our renewed energy (or at least some of it) to the study of God's Word.

The Adult Class has been studying the instructions Jesus gave us for living un-chaotic lives, and showing us the character and nature of God in The Book of Matthew. Our September class will be picking up its move through chapter 8 of that book.



Thank You From The Trustees

A couple years ago it was decided to cancel our lawn care company and rely on volunteers from the church. George Kain graciously stepped up to the task and had been doing a wonderful job on the front yard with Joe Huguenin filling in when needed. Joe also has charge of the back and garden area. We are extremely grateful for these two guys who quietly go about their way to create a beautiful area for the town of Chepachet.

Also, a shout out to teenager Matt Rene and his friend for doing some weeding around the building. Anyone is welcome to help with weeding.



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? Are they just attention getters or is there a real purpose in them?
- Heal the mother-in-law! Really? She only had a little head ache.
- The boat is sinking! Why are you sleeping?
- Why kill the pigs? You put the farmer out of business!
- Bad people have bad things happen to them, so why heal this cripple guy? After all he is only getting what he deserves.

There is still a lot of Matthew to cover. You do not have to be a biblical scholar to participate in the Adult Class. In fact that might be a hindrance. 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 to establish some personal order 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.

Rho Delta News



Rho Delta's next meeting is Tues, Sept 10 at 7 pm in the All Purpose Room. We would love to see some new ladies attend.

Our Yard Sale will be Sat, Sept 14, so if you haven't already cleaned your closets, there is still time!

We are looking for volunteers to help setup for the Yard Sale, starting 9 am Sept 13. Please see Stephanie Kain if you can help—OR just come on down during the day, we'll be here.

Items are still being accepted. Even if you don't have time to totally declutter, hit the major areas: kitchen cabinets, clothing, bookshelves, garage, basement. Do you have extra furniture hanging out? Toys that are outgrown? Now's the time to let them go.



It's hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the Fall Season. We barely got used to summer, right?

This summer season, I have been preaching a series on "Spiritual Gifts." In some ways, I think I should have waited until the Fall in order that the larger Church body would be able to hear and interact with this critical truth of our Christian Faith. (Truth is, Summer is vacation time, right?!)

We are looking at several passages of Scripture that relate to Spiritual Gifts. There are many valuable principles, regarding this topic that we can't afford to miss or ignore. I'll look at two of these principles:

#1: 1 Peter 4:10, which is our memory verse, says: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." First, every follower of Christ has at least one gift. Every one. Imagine what our Church would look like if we ALL knew and used our Spiritual Gift! To begin with, there would be no financial needs and every ministry would be fully supported...with no exception!

#2: Ephesians 4:11-12a—"Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service..."

Once again, the main idea is that of serving others. There is a symbiotic relationship between our spiritual leaders and the body of Christ. That being, one of leading, and the other of following!

My prayer for our Church is that our heavenly Father would give us the courage and conviction of living out His Word in our local fellowship; that He would stir each in our hearts to find and use our spiritual gifts for His glory.

This series begs the question: **"Have you found, and are you using your spiritual gift?"** I pray we all are. Until next month, I am,

In His Grip.



Christian Education

VBS Thank You

Thank you to all teachers and aides for a wonderful week with the children during our Vacation Bible School. The church was full of children, singing, playing and learning great Bible stories.

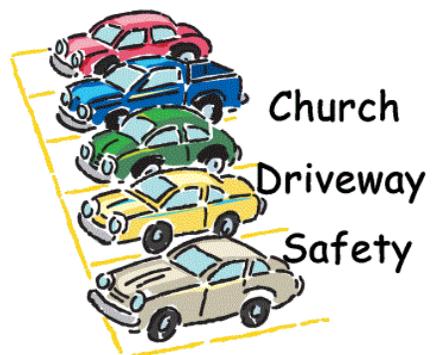
Thank you to everyone who participated.

Also, THANK YOU to all the people who donated for our VBS Snack time.



Quick News Updates from Christian Ed

- ◆ There is NO Children's Church on Sept 1st
- ◆ Rally Day is September 8th at 10:30 am
- ◆ Looking Way Ahead : Christmas Program will be December 22nd.
- ◆ Children's Church always needs volunteers to help with in the classes.



DRIVE SAFE DRIVE SLOWER

As we begin our Fall season, activities at church pick up. Please take extra care when driving through the parking lot. More children and adults, more cars moving in and out of parking spaces, and general traffic through the lot, please be more cautious.

ALSO, we try to keep everyone safer by using the driveway as a ONE WAY driveway – In near the Fellowship Hall and out by the church. Please follow this traffic pattern, especially on Sundays. It is for everyone's safety!

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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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We offer to the men of our
community two men's groups:

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets the 1st
Saturday of each month. We meet this
coming **Sat, Sept 7 at 7 am**. This is a
time for the men to gather and share
time of prayer and fellowship, and the
work of God. Join us.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets the 4th Saturday
of each month. We meet again **Sept 24
at 7 am**. This is a time for the men to
gather and share time of food,
fellowship, and the work of God. Join
us.



We return to
2 Sunday Services
on September 8.

Join us at
9:00 & 10:30 am



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.
*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word.
Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of
your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV