

# Chepachet Union Church

## Our Church Life

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **February 13, 2021**

The past couple of years we have offered a Free Soup Night to our community during the Candlelight Shopping. Because we were not able to offer that this year, we would like to offer it this new year as a gift of love to our community. **The planned date is Saturday, February 13, 2021.**

What better time to reach out to our community and be the hands and feet of Jesus than the day before Valentine's Day.

This is where you come in. We need your help. We are looking for 3 things.

First, we need everyone to pray for this outreach.

Second, we need lots of crock pots filled with any kind of Chicken Soup, except canned.

And Third, we will need lots of hands to help in the kitchen and delivering the soups to the door, unless the restrictions of social distancing are removed.

Please let Stephanie Kain or Liz Eklund know how you want to help.

Thank you and God bless you.



The Food Pantry has remained open throughout the pandemic, even though it has been very difficult to receive food from the RI Community Food Bank. But it has turned out to be a wonderful year end.

We were able to help 20 -30 families every 2 weeks and hand out 22 Thanksgiving Baskets. Many thanks to the Masons, Crossroads Realty, Wood Items & More, Cowboy Cruisers, Burrillville Girls Soccer Association, Mr. Z's by the Lake Restaurant, and most of all to our loyal church family donors. It would not have been possible without them. Thank you all again, and we wish you well in the new year.

Stephanie Kain,

Board of Deacons



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS



In this time of epidemic we are seeing a new emphasis on family. Mostly because many of the family gatherings are temporarily no longer possible because they spread the epidemic. As a result we are now placing a high value on family gatherings. At the end of Chapter 12 of Matthew Jesus defines a new family relationship for believers. However, it does not mean that our old one goes away. The new one supersedes our biological or natural one (see Matthew 12:47-50). This new relationship is actually not new. It is set forth in the Ten Commandments. In the Commandments we find the order of relationship priority for our lives. (Exodus 20:3-11, 12-17). The very first commandments relate to our relationship with God as the top priority above all relationships. The second section of the Ten Commandments start with our biological family relationships and moves to the family relationship Jesus describes. Later on in Matthew Jesus emphasizes that our family concern must be about the other person not ourselves (see Matthew 18:6). The Apostle Paul echoes this same principal in Corinthians (1 Corinthians 8:13). In this time of epidemic our wearing of masks, social distancing, proper hand washing, not congregating in groups, etc., is not just about protecting ourselves, but protecting others around us. Especially the weak and vulnerable family members.

The adult bible study is currently moving through Matthew 13, you are welcome to join the study at any time. If you are interested in looking into the Book of Matthew, we are publishing on the church website the class teaching notes for each chapter as the chapter study finished ([www.chepachetunionchurch.org/adult-class](http://www.chepachetunionchurch.org/adult-class)) for use in private study.

The class meets virtually on Zoom. The study class meets on Zoom from 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month. If you would like to participate in the Zoom class please let us have your email address so we can send you a personal zoom invite.

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brings glory to God in worship as we  
welcome, witness, and nurture each other.  
We share the joy of God's love as one  
family in Christ.*

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*Thank  
You*

Pastor Eklund, Rho Delta Club,  
Members and Friends of Chepachet  
Union Church,

Thank you so much for the  
many phone messages and cards  
celebrating my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. You  
added greatly to the enjoyment of  
the day, which was memorable.

God

bless you all

Sincerely  
Katherine E Adams



**Chepachet Union Church**  
**Annual Church Business Meeting,**  
**Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm**  
**More details to come.**  
**Be sure to check your email!**



### **VIRTUAL SUNDAY CLASSES**

Christian Education classes are now available  
virtually every first and third Sunday!

Children's Church and Youth Sunday School is at  
9:00. Adult Sunday School is at 10:30.

Check out our website [ChepachetUnionChurch.org]  
or our Facebook posts for Zoom information.

If questions, please reach out to Brenda René.  
[ [Brenda.rene@cox.net](mailto:Brenda.rene@cox.net) ]

Please keep our virtual program in prayer. Thank you!



The Ladies of Rho Delta decided for the safety of all to cancel the  
party, which was to be held Tues, Dec 8.

However, their Annual Mystery Outing theme will be a Christmas  
in June and will include the Christmas Yankee Swap. So if you  
already have your gift, hang on to it. Stay Safe