

Chepachet Union Church

Our Church Life

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Greetings to all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! In these unprecedented times we're living in, it is sometimes hard to know what to say! I've tried hard to have the Sunday messages full of hope, faith, and encouragement. God's Word is full of such truths, and I pray that each of us is spending time in His Word and prayer.

"I miss church; I miss the fellowship!" That's the number one comment I hear from our church family. We miss spending time together; encouraging one another and building one another up, as best we can. Several people have asked me, "When do you think we'll be able to gather together in Church?" No one has an answer to that question! RI is allowing gatherings of 5 or less, but it looks like it will be a while before we'll be able to "gather" in significant amounts of people. This is how it needs to be now. We're not willing to put folks at risk at our church. As always, we're praying and asking the Lord for wisdom as we make decisions regarding our church.

One encouraging note is that our "virtual" worship services are going very well! We have an average of 75-95 views on Facebook and 90+ on our website every Sunday! We can't really know how many are actually viewing the service because I know that often several people in one household are watching their device at the same time. This is very encouraging and we have every intention to continue, in some context, the online broadcasting of our service. We are reaching many people who do not normally attend our weekly worship services!

Please let me know if there are any prayer requests that you have. We want to be able to serve our congregation by praying for any concerns and requests that might be on your heart.

God bless.

Pastor John Eklund



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



Father's Day June 21, 2020

Take a few minutes to call your dad or those men who mean something special in your life. During this time a simple "Hi, how you doing? I was thinking of you" can change someone's day.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Carolyn (Levesque) Farnum. Carolyn passed April 30.

She is survived by her husband Bill and children, Holly, Bill Jr, Sandy, Wayne and Jeff. Carolyn was a life-long member of the Chepachet Union Church, sang in our choir and was member of Rho Delta.

Please keep this family in your prayers.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The current time is out of our control and as a result is very frustrating for all of us. We like to think that we are in control of our lives. The old bumper sticker from years ago which says "God is my co-pilot" pretty much sums up this attitude of ours. We want to be in control and resent it when something, even a parasitic virus, shows us that we are not. We think that if we have any faults we can fix them or self-reform ourselves. We do not need others to help with that. After all we are a good person (this is something we take great pride in).

Jesus has a lot to say about this attitude in Matthew 12:43-45 (see also Luke 11:24-26). He likens this attitude of self-reformation to an unclean spirit. From God's perspective an unclean spirit is the result of sin. Sin in the form of selfishness, pride and arrogance among others. Jesus' illustration is that a man finds a fault and cleans his "house" to remove it. Order is restored and he is good again (maybe even better). But his cure (like

not wearing his face mask because he is now immune to the disease) is not good. In fact, Jesus says, his situation gets seven times worse. His way of self-reformation did not work. An old Jewish proverb says "physician heal thy self" a hypocritical statement meaning that it cannot be done.

You see the problem is that we like control, but are imperfect. Our bumper sticker should instead read "God is my pilot." If you want to reform yourself. To make yourself a better person. To get somewhere near that "good person" you want to be. You need to lean on God's understanding (Proverbs 3:1-6). This is the meaning of what Jesus said in Mathew (and Luke).

To lean on God's understanding we need to study His Word. God has graciously laid out understanding and wisdom in His book the Bible. We need to study it. It is a worthless pursuit to try to self-reform without leaning on God's understanding. If we do our frustration levels will be a lot lower.

Trustees News

The Trustees hope everyone is fine and healthy.

Unfortunately, our church yard clean-up day with the Boy Scouts had to be cancelled due to the virus non-gathering directive from the Governor. Even though we are in a health crisis, our church property still has to be maintained and kept presentable.

A big thank you to all the people who recently volunteered to pick up sticks and debris from the front yard so George Kain could mow the grass. We can always use more help and if any family with kids or a couple of able-bodied guys or girls could pitch in and help once in a while that would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to stop by and pick up sticks or pull out weeds around the building. Please call Cindy Chace if you have any questions or suggestions.



We are happy to announce that we begin again our **"PRAYER TIME"** on Sunday mornings, virtually, of course.

So if you want to join, ZOOM account has been set up. Simply let us know, via a call, text, or email and we'll add you to a list.

We'll send you an email or text on Sunday morning at about 8:45 a.m. Simply click on the link and you're in!

If you have any questions, just call Pastor John at (860) 617-3923.

God bless you all! We look forward to Sunday's "virtual" gathering!

Online with CUC

Have you joined us Sunday morning for worship? 10 am every Sunday

OR You can watch our services any time you like. They are all available online both our website: ChepachetUnionChurch.org & Chepachet Union Church Facebook page.

CUC is all available for you whether our building is open or not. **Email us** at [chepunion@yahoo.com]. **Leave a message** on the Facebook page.

Feel free to **call the office** and leave a message. We are in and out during different times each week, checking mail and messages. And Pastor John is just a phone call away for you. (860)- 617-3923

Thank you to everyone who has faithfully support our church with your tithes and offerings. We remind you again to **please continue to send in your weekly offering**. We are counting on you to help keep our church ministry We have cut back wherever we can, but we do have a few obligations to keep up with. SO.....

- Mail It!** to Chepachet Union Church,
PO Box E
Chepachet RI 02814
- Online It!** on ChepachetUnionChurch.org click on "Online Giving,"
- Drop It!** A metal drop box outside the church office entrance. It is checked daily.



Ladies, in this season of limitations, please remember to pray for your secret Prayer Partner.

A "secret" note to encourage would be a blessing."



If you have a graduate in your house or in your family please let us know. Or if you know of a graduate drop us a note. We would like to celebrate their accomplishment. Email, or leave a message at the church. Include their name, school or college, and in case of college – what degree they completed.

Thank you



CUC SELFIES

If you have been watching our services, you know that at the end we run pictures of our church family. We hope you will add your picture or family picture. It's not too late to send us your selfie!

Be creative, and include family members if they want to! It'll be great. Send the selfie to villisvansson48@gmail.com to be included.

OUR WEBPAGE:

ChepachetUnionChurch.org

Take a few minutes to visit this site! There is some great stuff there! All our online services are available, there is stuff for the kids, our activities, a wonderful video, "I miss my church" (highly recommend you watch this one!) and even a way to send in your offering. Take a look



FOOD DRIVE

We will begin accepting donations for the pantry every 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. You can drop your donation at the rear door of the church building any time between 9 am—1 pm

Items Appreciated:

Salad dressings	cereal
stuffing mix	spaghetti sauce
crackers	any snacks
tuna	mayo
pasta, rice & rice sides	

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*Our Vision: Chepachet Union Church
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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 are NOT
accepting any
items for the
Thrift Shop at
this time.**



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,
'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'"

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, "You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior." Psalm 89:26, NIV