

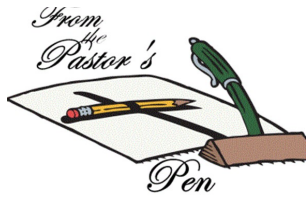


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As the Fall season approaches, we begin the new Church year!

This year, unlike any other, will bring some changes that no one would of expected! **We will be transitioning to an indoor service, on October 4th**, after having worshiped outside during the Summer.

This is going to be challenging, for sure, due to the size of our Sanctuary combined with social distancing requirements. The key word is “patience.” I Corinthians 13 says, “Love is patient, love is kind.” A restaurant near us wrote “be patient, be kind” on the side of the building to remind their patrons that during these trying times, to give everyone some “slack.” Well, we need that reminder, too.

As we work out this transition to move indoors, let’s be patient with one another. We’ve never needed to do this before! The challenges are many, but be assured we are doing the best we can. When we have more information, we will let everyone know how we’ll proceed.

Come to think of it, patience is also one of the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience...”. That means, the more we are patient with one another, the more we reflect the Spirit of God in us. Let’s pray for one another, especially at this most difficult time, that we will all draw closer to the Lord in faith and trust...and patience.

In His grip,

Pastor John



The Holidays are fast approaching!

Due to the pandemic, the RI Community Food Bank has limited food for distribution, and donations have been low.

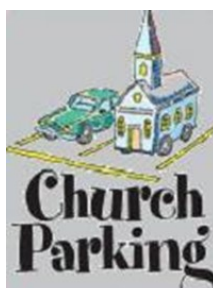
Our food pantry has been helping families in need regularly throughout the last 6 months.

Our supplies are down but the need is not. Please consider dropping a donation off at the church to help now and with the upcoming holiday baskets.

Board of Deacons

The Trustees would like to remind everyone that the entrance to the parking lot near Greenhalgh Hall is one way going in. The correct way to leave the property is to drive around and exit on the parsonage end which is one way going out.

This is a safety issue that should be heeded at all times. Also, please refrain from parking on the grass.



Rho Delta News



Rho Delta had their first meeting, since Covid 19 started, on September 9th. There were 5 ladies present.

We are so sad to say that due to Covid, our Turkey Supper scheduled in March... The May Breakfast... The Strawberry Supper...The Yard Sale, were all cancelled. Hopefully next year will be a better year, and we can continue to make our delicious meals and have our fun events. Depending on several decisions from the town... IF they have Trick or Treat on Main Street...IF they have Candlelight Shopping, we will participate. We will be selling our cookies for Trick or Treat, and will have our beautiful wreaths outside on the sidewalk for Candlelight Shopping. It all depends on IF the town holds these events.

We voted to fill 10 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and we sent our donation of \$480 to Childcare Worldwide. We will also be sending our donations to the Cancer Society.

The exciting news is the Thrift Shop is moving to the Parsonage. The construction will be done by Columbus Day and we will be moving in after that. There is not a definite opening date yet. We are so excited to be doing this and we will need helpers to run the shop so if you would like to help please see Cindy Chace.

Rho Delta is making slow but sure progress toward moving the thrift shop into the parsonage. All approvals have been granted and a contractor has been hired to build the deck and ramp for the back door and to modify the front steps. What we thought would be a "flip the switch" to turn the water on, turned out to be a major setback. The building had not been winterized properly and many pipes and fixtures had burst, requiring us to call in a team of plumber. Now that the water is flowing again, we can give the place a good scrubbing and start moving our merchandise in. Our goal is to be in and ready for customers by the end of October. Stay tuned for information about when donations of clothing and "attic treasures" will be accepted. Thank you for your patience!



Children's Church will begin on September 20th, classes will be outside on the lawn behind the parsonage and the yard near the garden. We will be following all the social distancing protocol. We ask that the children bring their own chair or blanket, and their Bible. Children will be dismissed after the first song, and teachers will return the children to their parents after the service.

There is no Rally Day due to Covid 19.

Please be patient with us as we figure out the best and safest way to teach the children God's Word.

Grades & Teachers

3 years, 4 years and Kindergarten will stay with their parents and receive lesson packets.

1st through 4th grades will be taught by Liz Eklund and Jessica Karpinski

5th through 8th will be taught by Jean Carlson

9th through 12th will be taught by Matt Rees

Adult Sunday School will be taught by Gene Pepper Classes will start October 11

After a brief delay the Adult Class will be starting October 11, 2020.

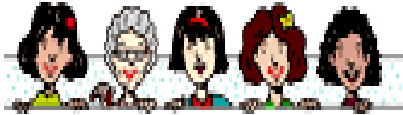
The class will pick up where it left off in the Book of Matthew this past March. It will be meeting in the Adult Class room from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Sunday after the church service.

Social distancing requirements of the COVID situation require the class size has to be limited to 6 people. Masks will be required and attendance taken for contact tracing.

All church COVID protocols will be followed while in the building. Should interest in the class exceeds the number of people for the classroom space we will assign people to a particular class on alternating Sundays.

The same lesson will be given to each class so no one will miss out. Due to the class size limit imposed by the COVID protocol's you will need to reserve a place in a class. Anyone interested in attending the class please let Gene know by Tuesday October 6, 2020.

Please call Gene at 568-3224.



Rho Delta Fundraiser

Rho Delta Direct Fundraiser Appeal

Rho Delta is a club that was founded more than ninety years ago with ten members of a Girls Sunday School class. Their purpose was to get together for fun and fellowship and do one good thing for the church every month. Rho Delta raises funds by running the Thrift Shop, the Strawberry Supper, the May Breakfast, Funeral Collations, the Yard Sale, etc. The money that Rho Delta makes is spent in a variety of ways.

The following is a list of our donations last year.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes	200.00
Ronald McDonald House	100.00
American Cancer Society	100.00
Childcare Worldwide (Sponsored Child)	480.00
Christmas Gifts to Family in Need	600.00
J. Eklund Plane Fare Donation	150.00
Chepachet Union Church Pledge Donation	2000.00
Chepachet Union Church Office Folding Machine	1216.00
Chepachet Union Church Sanctuary Window Shades	1098.00
Chepachet Union Church VBS Donation	500.00
Chepachet Union Church Turkey Supper Donation	80.00
Chepachet Union Church Yard Clean-Up Refreshments	100.00
Chepachet Union Church Thrift Shop Heater Repair	200.00
Chepachet Union Church Kitchen Supplies	733.00
Chepachet Union Church Decorations	210.00
Sunshine Gifts	524.00

Total Donations Given \$8,291.00

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the Rho Delta Club has had to cancel all of its prime fundraising activities (Turkey Supper, May Breakfast, Strawberry Supper, Yard Sale, Funeral Collations, and Thrift Shop) this year.

We are currently conducting a direct appeal fundraiser (you won't have to work at anything or attend any events!) and asking for donations.

Please consider giving – any amount will be appreciated.

Rho Delta is a vital part of the Chepachet Union Church providing support and assistance wherever needed. We need you to help us continue our service to the church!

Sincere Thanks, Cindy Chace, Rho Delta Treasurer



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Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again! Time to start packing shoeboxes!!

You can either shop for and pack them yourself or you can go to

<https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

We do have shoeboxes available at church.

Drop Week will be November 16—23.
 More details to come.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, soil, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil