



Chepachet Union Church Our Church Life



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Hello, everyone! As I write this article, I'm at home, continuing the work of Pastor as best I can under the circumstances. I am thankful to be among the privileged who are not on the frontline of "war" during the current pandemic we are fighting! I first want to express my deepest appreciation to all those who are on the frontlines of this battle. Your selfless energy and commitment are appreciated so much. As we wait out this time, it's important that we, as a church community, stay in touch with each other as much as possible. The Deacons and I are doing just that. It is good to hear your voices; and it's great to know that we are not alone. The Lord has given us each other to help and to encourage one another. We have a number of people who are alone. It would be great if more would reach out to them as an expression of care and kindness.

We really have no idea how long this "stay home" edict will be imposed. In the meantime, we'll continue

to provide a 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship experience for everyone. I'm very thankful for all those who participate in this endeavor. We have asked our choir and praise team vocalists to join us in leading the musical part of our worship. The responses to our services on Facebook and our church website have been great! We are reaching many from outside our church family, community, and in several other countries! We are looking for ways that we can continue promoting the Gospel through social media, as well as our website.

Please keep in touch. If you have any needs, or know of someone who does, please feel free to call the church office at (401) 568-2518; or you can call my cell at (860) 617-3923.

God bless you all,
Pastor John and Liz



ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Episodes of pestilence have swept through history regularly. Some of the most famous ones are outbreaks of bubonic plague, also known as the Black Death. The disease is spread through rats which have been bitten by a flea carrying the disease. The book of 1 Samuel records an instance of bubonic plague which struck the Philistines (read it for yourself in 1 Samuel 5:5-6:18) which forced them in a panic to return the ark to God's people. In 1721 the second time the Black Death swept Europe, Daniel Defoe a London saddler chronicled the previous event occurring in 1665 in his Journal of the Plague Year. He specifically wrote it to alert an indifferent self-centered population of that day about the horror which was about to consume them. The populace fled if they could to the country side taking the disease with them. In both cases good sanitation was the order of the day. No one listened. God told Israel that certain animals were unclean. These are sanitary regulations to prevent the spread of disease (Deuteronomy 14:3-19). Among those listed is the bat the source of the current pandemic we suffer. No one listened. Jesus told us that there would be times of pestilence (Matthew 24:7) because no one listens to God's common sense. The more one studies the bible the more you find that God has very practical wisdom for daily living. His design is to keep us safe

and healthy. If you study the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy closely you will find that God even gives you the proper sanitary response to disease: wash, treat all objects as unclean (especially common touch objects), social distance, isolation, and quarantine. Does this sound familiar? Listening to God for his wisdom can only be found through the study of God's Word.

Our study through the Book of Matthew will pick up again once this current time of pestilence is over in chapters 12 and 13. We will be looking at such questions as:

- What does God say about the attitude of indifference about the things of God?
- What is all this stuff about our destiny in the words we use?
- Why is it a worthless pursuit to try to self-reform?
- What are the consequences of the Jewish nation's rejection of Christ at the cross?

There is still a lot of Matthew to cover, you can join the study at any time. Those who attend the class are just ordinary folks trying their best to listen to what God has told for us for our own protection.

When we re-open our Adult class meets Sunday morning 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Adult class room. Everyone is invited and welcome.



We want to say a **BIG Thank You to our new Virtual Team!** Villi Svansson has been working diligently to get our Sunday Worship on to our webpage and FB page each week. Thank you also to those adding their music talents to our worship each week.

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*Our Vision: Chepachet Union Church
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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REMINDER:

Ladies, in this season of social distancing and hug-less encounters, if you even have any encounters, please remember to pray for your secret prayer partner. She needs your prayers. If you choose to mail a card, keep it secret. Shhhhhh. If you never received someone's name, please contact Liz. Be encouraged - God is faithful! You are loved.



**We are NOT
accepting any
items for the
Thrift Shop at
this time.**



We pray you are all well and all those in your families are well. We hope you are staying home, whenever possible, and following all the guidelines and safety rules set up to keep us all safe.

Our Sunday Worship is online for you. You can watch 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

We are asking you to remember the Church, **please send in your weekly offering.** We are counting on you all to keep up your tithes and giving to the church. We have cut back wherever we can, but we do have a few obligations to keep up with. SO.....

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Online It! on ChepachetUnionChurch.org click on
“Online Giving,”

Drop It! A metal drop box outside the church office
entrance. It is checked daily.

Children's Lessons



We have a great new addition to our webpage. Go to ChepachetUnionChurch.org and select Children's Lessons. It has some lessons, come coloring pages and puzzles. **CHECK IT OUT!**