



Chepachet Union Church

Our Church Life



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Please be sure to check out our website: ChepachetUnionChurch.org,
our Facebook page: [Chepachet Union Church](https://www.facebook.com/ChepachetUnionChurch)
And Your Email for messages from us.

We are trying to keep everyone informed of our activities. If you would like to be added to our email list—send us an email at chepunion@yahoo.com

Check out Pastor John's Sunday messages on the website.



Dear CUC Church family and friends,

It is difficult to know what to say at such a time as this. We are in the throes of a pandemic where our government leaders are sending out mandates and edicts that were unimaginable just a few weeks ago. And yet, here we are.

The Church has always thrived, especially in the most difficult of times. During the Roman persecutions, the Church was alive and well! When times were hardest, the Church grew and united us as never before. I spoke with a deacon yesterday and he commented, "I pray that God will help our church to grow and become more united as we go through this difficult times and even more so when we get through it." That's my prayer, too.

In the Bible, when God's people went through the hardest of times, they "...humbled themselves and prayed and sought God's face." Our gracious God in heaven heard and answered their prayer.

I urge each one of us to "humble ourselves and pray." I ask that we all set aside disagreements and differences to come together in prayer for and support for our church and our current ministry, as limited as it is right now.

The Bible has some clear direction for us in Philippians 4.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Please, let us know of any prayer needs you might have. We care and are called to uphold one another in prayer. Also, if you were unable to access the message this past Sunday, go to our website at: ChepachetUnionChurch.org and the message is now a video, not a link to Facebook.

Our intention is to have the same setup for this Sunday, March 29th.

If you need to speak to me, you may reach me at 860-617-3923.

Please pray about this coming Holy Week and how best to celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor John



Rho Delta News

Rho Delta had their meeting on March 10th and there were 6 ladies present.

Devotions were read by Cindy Chace... a poem called Eve's Talk with God, and 25 Lessons Life Taught.

We voted to give Soujourner House a \$100 donation.

Our 98th May Breakfast is on May 2nd... if you would like to help please see Cindy Chace.

We would like to thank the person or persons who generously donated 100 dozen eggs from Dino's for our breakfast. Your kindness is GREATLY appreciated and the ladies from Rho Delta thank you. We will be having flowers to sell at the May Breakfast. [and May Baskets!]

The Turkey Supper is March 14 at 5:30 pm
[Editor's note: The decision was made to cancel the supper]

We will be having Yard Clean UP on April 11th at 9 am and Rho Delta will provide break sandwiches, donuts and coffee.

We are also purchasing new red, white and blue buntings for the front of the church. The cost is approximately \$200. The buntings we have now are faded. We will be putting them up for Memorial Day.

The evening was hosted by Kim Belleavoine. We had Chex Mix and sparkling grape juice during the meeting, with ice sundaes for dessert.



Kim brought in some of her clippings from her shrubs. We chose what we wanted and decorated a glass jar to put them in. Thank you Kim for the fun evening and for sharing you garden with us.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 7 pm in the All-Purpose Room. Ladies please join us.

Turkey Supper

A big thank you to the person who donated the gravy and cranberry sauce for Rho Delta's turkey supper. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the supper at the last minute due to the coronavirus restrictions.

We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation during this unfortunate health issue.

Rho Delta would especially like to thank the management at Dino's Park-N-Shop for refusing to make us take and pay for all the food we ordered!

We're fortunate that we are able to shop local from people who care about the community.

Trustees News

The Trustees would like to take a moment to explain what the Building Fund is. There is a section in your offering envelopes that is labeled "Building Fund".

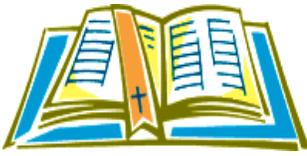
When you donate money to this, it is listed in a separate account and used for major improvements to the property such as new windows, new flooring, painting the building, etc. It may also be used for replacement of the large mechanics of the building such as the heat, air conditioning, and water system.

This should not be confused with minor repairs such as changing a doorknob, fixing a leaky faucet or replacing a toilet, which would be paid for from the "Building Maintenance" line item in the operating budget. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the physical health and beauty of our church by giving to the Building Fund!

Yard Clean-Up

The Trustees invite everyone to join the effort to spruce up the churchyard on Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m. Please help - the more workers we have, the sooner we can rid the lawn of sticks, leaves and debris so it will look nice for Easter. Refreshments will be provided by Rho Delta.





ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Well here it is the month of April (or if you get this newsletter in late March it soon will be). It is one of the most anticipated times of the year. New life and growth are starting, the birds are returning, the frogs and peep toads start their earnest singing, Easter is approaching, and fishing season opens! Jesus told his disciples that he would make them fishers of men and he gave them license to do so. It is a better license than the one the government issues as it has no expiration and an unlimited catch size. God has always been a long time fisherman. The Old Testament records how He went fishing with Jonah. Although Jonah got confused as to his role in the fishing – was he the fisherman or the bait? In the end he was both and caught fish, both a literal fish and a city of men. Matthew tells us that despite his short fallings Jesus used him as an illustration of the events of Easter (see Matthew 12:39-41). Just when all appears to be lost God, who made the fish and the men, provides a way and an answer.

Our study through the Book of Matthew continues through chapters 12 and 13. This next month 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 understand what God has in store for us. Adult class meets Sunday morning 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Adult class room. Everyone is invited and welcome.

If you would like to have Memorial Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please fill in the information on the form below and return it to the church.

Plants this year will cost \$15.00.



Remember that the Flower Committee and the Decoration Committee are volunteering their time. If you wish your plant to go to a specific special person, please take the time to personally deliver your plant.

Flower Order Form:

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

I will pick up my plant YES NO circle one please

Name: (if different from Given By) _____

Please print all information clearly. Thank you



EASTER

April 12

Editor’s note: We have already placed an order with our regular greenhouse for Easter flowers. We will honor that order whether the church is open or not. In the case of no service on Easter, our plan for the flowers is to make them available for those who wish to pick them up, to deliver extras to our elderly and shut-ins where we can, and then beautify our property with any remaining plants. We will include the list of memorials at the first Sunday bulletin we have.

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We share the joy of God's love as one
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May Breakfast

Remember last year when everyone was reminded that the next May Breakfast would be held on Saturday, May 2nd and to mark your calendars?

Well, that date is coming up and we are planning on having our **98th Annual May Breakfast** even if we can only sit two at a table to satisfy social distancing requirements. No, only kidding, hopefully the coronavirus will be finished in time for our breakfast and everyone will be happy to get out again.

We need plenty of volunteer workers! Please see Cindy Chace (568-4277) if you can help.



We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and “staying safe, staying home.”

We encourage you spend time in prayer each day. In prayer, let us be thoughtful of those who may be ill, be grateful for those who must work for our safety, be mindful of those who may be in need, and be thankful for the blessings we each have been given.

We ask that you please continue to support our church. Like yours, our bills do not stop during this outbreak. Please try keep up your pledges and contributions coming in.

You may mail in your offering to:
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Or drop it in the mailbox found outside on the wall near the church office entryway. This is lockbox but for safety please leave checks not cash. We do check it every day.