



# Chepachet Union Church

## Our Church Life



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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

February is the time of the year when those who farm or plant gardens start to think about starting the seeds for plants in the spring. Seeds are incredible things packed with energy and that precious spark of life. Jesus taught a lot about seeds in the Gospels. The parable of the sower in Matthew 13 is the parable which contains the keys to understanding the symbols used in all the parables.

The seed in the sower parable represent the God's Word. It is the best kind of seed. It is infinitely superior to the philosophies and theories of man. Like all seed, the Word of God has life in it. Because seed is imprinted with a genetic code, a supply of seed can turn into a field of corn or a granary of wheat. Once the seed is sown, that imprinted law of life goes to work. The Word of God is the same. It carries within it the genetic code of life (both eternal and physical) and when it is planted in the right kind of soil, it germinates and produces life abundantly.

The soil represents the heart of the individual receiving the Word of God (the seed). There are four different kinds of soil in the parable. Just as there are different hearts in people. It is interesting to note that the seed is not the problem in the parable. Just like your garden or farm soil the soil is the problem. The seed is the seed it does not change, just like God's Word, however, soil does. Most times the condition of a soil can be changed by the addition of what are called soil amendments. These amendments "open" the soil so that it can grow plants. Likewise the heart of man can change. Sadly, not all soils can change for the better just like some hearts. However, when good soil is found the Word of God can sprout and produce good fruit. All it requires is an open heart for the Word of God to make a person fruitful.

The question Jesus poses in the parable is what is the condition of your heart? Is it open to God's Word? Or is it a hard packed, stony, weed infested place which has no room for the things of God? Take a look at the parable in Matthew 13 and answer these questions yourself. Maybe it is time for some soil amendments. They too can be found in God's Word.

The adult bible study is currently moving though Matthew 13. 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 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.



Christian Ed had their meeting on Jan 28, 2021. The Cradle Roll board has been updated and we added a new baby: Colette Grace Hart Eklund, born June 29, 2020.

The Sunday School classes have been continuing virtually, but with low attendance. Our year end report was submitted. Matt Rees has been looking at the different curriculums which have been very successful, and the kids are enjoying them. We will be calling a special meeting in February to elect our officers. We did have two birthdays in January: Timmy Carlson and Gunnar Baumann. Happy Birthday boys!

Our next meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Rho Delta had their meeting on Jan 12, 2021. There were 8 ladies present. Devotions were read by Jan Steere, called "Let Me Prepare You."

We received a wonderful donation from Marjorie Casbarro and that will be put to good use, it is greatly appreciated. Rho Delta did not have their Christmas party this year due to Covid 19. We are planning a "Christmas in June" celebration as part of our mystery outing, so if you bought a Yankee Swap gift, hold on to it until June. We are still working on the new sign for the Thrift Shop and the permit.

The Thrift Shop is doing great!! Thank you so much to all the volunteers that help us out.

We voted in our new officers: Stephanie Kain is president, Barbara Cady is vice president, Cindy Chace is treasurer and Jan Steere is secretary.

The evening was hosted by Jan Steere. We had popcorn and punch during the meeting and Chocolate Cream Pie for dessert.

Our next meeting is Feb 9, we hope to see you there!

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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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### 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](http://ChepachetUnionChurch.org)] or our Facebook posts for Zoom information.






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## BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*

-  VDEO \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 8:8)
-  LWO \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 102:6)
-  GEELA \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:31)
-  TOKRS \_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 8:7)
-  APROSWRS \_\_\_\_\_

“Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows