



# Chepachet Union Church Our Church Life

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The Thrift Shop had a big month with a lot of new additions.

First of all we'd like to thank Linda (Steger) and Jim Olbrys for the donation of a new washer and dryer. They are all hitched up and ready to wash anything that comes in and needs freshening up.

Also, a big thank you to the donor who paid to have our parking lot paved. What a big difference without the mud being tracked in.

We also purchased a new outdoor sign with a donation from Roberta Godin in honor of Bob.

The Rho Delta ladies are totally grateful for all of the generous donations we receive and for the donations of clothing and yard sale items that are brought to us every week.



In Matthew chapter 14 Jesus deals with the Pharisees about the difference between traditions (the way we always do it) and what God wants (Matthew 14:1-20). He tells the Pharisees that tradition is NOT more important than what God has given in His word. You see they were making their tradition more binding than God's Word. Even today we have not fully learned this lesson. Many church members hold that regular church attendance, participating in church clubs and organizations, being a member of a particular church, or just being a "good" person (most Americans hold this belief) is what God wants. These things are all good and noble pursuits but Jesus emphatically says "NO!" that is not what God wants. God has told us exactly what He wants for every Christian believer. Reliance on these man made things shows a profound misunderstanding of God's grace. It is the motivation of the heart which is desired (Matthew 14:8-9, 18-19; Micah 6:6-8; Amos 5:21-24). What matters to God is not so much how we

*We're Back!*

Join us for Worship  
on

Sunday mornings at  
9 am.

The Church is open and  
**YOUR PEW is still here!**



**Vacation Bible School Aug 9- 13.**

We will need many, many volunteers so if you would like to help please see Julie DeMello, Nora Barrows or anyone on the Board of Christian Education.

Look for more info soon!

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

act, but why we act; not so much what we actually do, but what we wish in our heart of hearts to do. You see man sees the deeds, but God sees the intention. A person can only call themselves good when their heart is pure (and none of us have one). You cannot call yourself good by merely obeying rules and regulations (I'm a good person) or following man made traditions (we've always done it that way). God is looking for that person who in his heart loves God and their motivation is to do justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

Adult class meeting every Sunday morning 10:15 am to 11:00 am in the adult class room and live by Zoom. Everyone is invited and welcome. If you want to attend by live Zoom class just send us your email address and we will include you in the class invite or just use the zoom link the church emails out.

## Rho Delta News



Rho Delta had their meeting on May 11th and there were 9 ladies present. Devotions were read by Brenda Rene called Spring Forward in Faith. We are planning our **98th May Breakfast on September 11th** and there will be more info to come. Our **Mystery Outing is June 8th** and we will meet at the church for 6:00. If you would like to attend please see Stephanie Kain so that you can pick your meal choice and the cost of the meal is \$20. We will also be having a Yankee Swap after dinner and the cost is \$15-\$20 if you would like to participate.

We will be buying spring flowers for the church and the Thrift Shop. We are also purchasing a large bin to put at the Thrift Shop door for people to leave their donations in if they come after hours.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Phillis Steger's daughter, Linda Olbrys for purchasing a new washer and dryer for our Thrift Shop... this is going to be such a big help in getting our clothes out and ready for sale.

The evening was hosted by Lisa Giorgianni and Kim Belleavoine... we had a garden theme with snacks and punch during the meeting and rhubarb coffee cake for dessert. We played a test your IQ garden game and Cindy Chace was the winner and her prize was pretty flowers to plant in her garden. We all got to pick an herb plant to take home... thanks Lisa and Kim for a fun night.

## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



In an effort to keep our members and friends up to date on the work of the Church Council we will be summarizing that work here in our newsletter monthly or bi-monthly. At the May Council meeting the Council addressed the following:

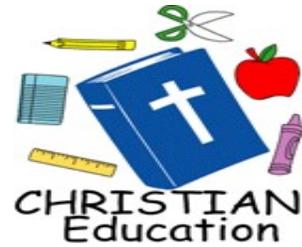
- 1 With the increased work load of the reopening of the Church for services and Children's Church the Council approved an additional work day for our Sexton and church Secretary. This brings their work day total to three days. The total cost of these additional days is about \$110 per week. The Council also made the decision to look to see if we can increase staff work days and pay levels based on work load and available operating fund income (weekly offering) at its June meeting. It would like to return all our paid staff to full time and pay.
- 2 The Council moved to hold the church vote on By-Laws changes at the September Quarterly meeting. The proposed updated By-Laws can be read and downloaded off the church website. Just go to the church website Home: Up Coming Events: By Laws. On this site is also a copy of the By-Laws Presentation which explains each change proposed in the updated By-Laws. Those downloading the presentation need to know that the explanation of the changes is extensive and the PowerPoint may take some time to download.
- 3 JC Painting has been approved as the painting company to paint the church using the Champlin Grant of \$30,000.00. Their bid of \$33,300.00 to do the job was the best offer and they came highly recommended by Pastor Speroni of Pascoag Community Baptist Church and other people in town. They have the church on their schedule to start in August. We will have to need to pay the additional \$3,300 because the grant does not cover this extra cost.
- 4 Children's Church and the Adult Bible Study classes have started in person from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. The Adult class is also zooming the class live at the request of some members.
- 5 The Board of Christian Education is planning to hold Vacation Bible School in August, as long as it can be done COVID safely. We will be using the curriculum that was purchased for last year that was unable because of the COVID shutdown. Volunteers will be needed to help with this education endeavor for our kids.
- 6 Missions Board reports that the first quarter missionary payments will be going out this month. Total payment to the eight missionary groups is \$2688.00 and there is enough to cover them at present.
- 7 Nancy Boucher was appointed as the sixth member of the Pulpit Committee. This appointment makes the committee complete.



## Trustees

Spring is here and the Trustees would like everyone to know that since the church is opened up and people are around more, there are some opportunities for our members to pitch in and help keep the property beautiful. We are grateful that the church lawn is being mowed by volunteers George Kain and Joe Huguenin and trimmed by Aidan Steere.

We also need people who will pick up sticks and trash when they see it and pull out weeds instead of hopping over them. Please look around to see what you can do to make our church property attractive.



Christian Ed had their meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed the re-opening of church and Children's Church. Children's Church will be held right after the 9:00 am church service and run til 11 am. The children will be using their own bag of supplies and following Covid-19 guidelines.

Gene Pepper will be holding his Adult Bible Study class and will try to do a Zoom class at the same time for those that are not comfortable coming to church yet.

VBS will be held Aug 9- 13. In order for this to work we will need many volunteers so if you would like to help please see Julie DeMello, Nora Barrows or anyone on the Board of Christian Education.

We had one birthday to celebrate in April!  
Happy, Happy Birthday BEN REES



### *In Memory of*

Loved Ones

Drew B

Jiggs & Hazel Chase

Jennie Chase  
Cora Kent

Loved Ones

Dad & Mom

Loved Ones

Donald & Ruth Arndt  
Wesley & Beverly Steere

Mr & Mrs Arnold Langley  
Mr Robert Godin

Jennie & Leon Chase  
Byron C. Steger

Loved Ones

Bill & Mildred Thomas

### *Given By*

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Grandma

Joe, Kathy & Merrie

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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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Thank you to everyone who has faithfully supported our church with your tithes and offerings. We remind you again to **please continue to send in your weekly offering even through the summer.**

We are counting on you to help keep our church ministry alive.



**JUNE 20, 2021**

# Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

(Genesis 3:6)  
**Adam and Eve**    6 18 21 9 20

(Genesis 25:28)  
**Isaac**    23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5

(Genesis 25:34)  
**Esau**    19 20 5 23

(Numbers 11:5)  
**Israelites in Egypt**    3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19

(Ruth 2:1-4)  
**Ruth**    7 18 1 9 14

(1 Samuel 14:2)  
**Saul**    16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19

(1 Samuel 14:29)  
**Jonathan**    8 15 14 5 25

(Daniel 1:12-16)  
**Daniel and friends**    22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19

(Matthew 3:4)  
**John the Baptist**    12 15 3 21 19 20 19

(Matthew 14:17)  
**The 5,000 people**    2 18 5 1 4    &    6 9 19 8

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish