



# Chepachet Union Church

## Our Church Life



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Our Annual Kickoff for another great year of Children's Church will be Sunday September 12 at 10 am.

We'll be outside with games, a photo booth and ice cream, too. Come join the fun.

As you may have noticed, work has started on the project to paint the outside of the church. The Trustees are still trying to raise the money needed to supplement the Champlin Grant. Unfortunately, a few structure issues had to be addressed by a carpenter, which has added more to the amount we need.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the paint fund. A huge thank you to Rho Delta for their donation of \$2,000.00.

Donations may be sent to the church or by Paypal (put "paint fund" in the message line) and credit card. There is also a donation can in the Thrift Shop.

### Trustees



Thanks to many donations and a small army of hard-working ladies, the Thrift Shop is doing such great business that the Rho Delta Club was able to donate \$2,000.00 to the fund for painting the church.

Now we are asking for a little help from men with muscles and trucks. The parsonage basement contains some junk, left there from former pastors, and because of the dampness is rank with mildew and it stinks. We need help in clearing everything out and taking it to the transfer station.

Please save the date of Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 a.m. if you are able to help. Rho Delta will provide coffee and doughnuts. See Cindy Chace if you have any questions.



### May Breakfast

The 98th Annual May Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please save this date on your calendars and plan to help or come eat. If you would like to volunteer, please see Cindy Chace.

### Church Constitution & Bylaws



### By-Laws Changes

Reminder: The Council has 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



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 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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## Adult Bible Study Class

It has stood at the intersection of two stone walls for over 300 years on our property. The stone walls were built after it was fully established. That is longer than the Town of Glocester has existed as an independent town (1731), longer than the United States has existed (1776) or the Bristol Parade (1785). It was among the oldest White Oaks and during that time it was judged to be a good tree providing shade, acorns, fresh air, and a home for all kinds of wildlife. It was a good tree by all standards, but it had a problem. The problem was in its roots right at ground level. You see rot had eaten its way out from the inside leaving only a shell of support. While it looked good it was in fact becoming more and more dangerous as time went by. Sin is like that in our lives and it is found at our very roots. Yes, even in good people. The Bible tells us that one of the best, and excuse the word, “goodest” people, Job (Job 1:1) had this same problem. But unlike our tree, Job had a chance to heal. (God has provided a chance for all of us to heal through and by his son Jesus Christ.) In fact God turned Job over to the evil one to perform the healing he needed (with some conditions). You see Job was righteous and he knew it. It was a point of pride with him. So much so that he thought his goodness (righteousness in the story) required God to recognize him because no rottenness was in him. Thus God was somehow obligated to Job. But God loved Job despite his sin and that is why God limited what the evil one could do (a.k.a. the conditions). Our tree and Job stand in contrast. Job through his trial was healed by God of his pride, but our tree had to be cut down and turned into firewood. Which one would you prefer to be? Job or the tree? The Bible is full of real life examples like Job to show us how far the Creator’s love for us will go to heal us. God our creator wants to give us life to prevent us from becoming firewood.

The Adult Bible Study class will starting again on September 12th Rally Day for our Children’s Church. Everyone is invited and welcome. The class has no theological scholars there just ordinary people looking to God. If you already study your bible bring it to class or if you have a dusty bible, dust it off (or not) and bring it to class. You just may find a new and better way of life.

**PUZZLE**

**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, sparrow, sparrow