



# Chepachet Union Church Our Church Life



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## Chepachet Union Church To Celebrate The 100th Annual May Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 6th.

More Details To Come!

Please see Cindy Chace to volunteer for this milestone event.



The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone for their help with cleaning up after the flood from the burst pipe. All is dried up and fixed thanks to a quick response from our members and plumber Tony Hawkes. The same frigid storm caused the main fire alarm panel to malfunction and it had to be replaced.

Other projects that the Trustees are working on are the elevator, the handicap entrance to Greenhalgh Hall, and refurbishing the sink area in the ladies' restroom.



### "May Breakfast Memory"

The year Phyllis and Cindy forgot to order the orange juice. It was a scramble to collect enough juice from **every store** in town.

### *Easter Dates to Remember*

- April 2      **Palm Sunday**
- April 6      **Maundy Thursday**
- April 7      **Good Friday**
- April 9      **Easter**



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

Plants will be available for pick up the week of April 10 from 9—12





**Did you know**, the Missions Board has set a goal this year to raise \$10,500 to fund their mission ministry.

We have had some very successful events thanks to our wonderful congregation. Recently our Valentine Bake Sale, which included baked goods, chocolates and flowers, was a big hit. We will be announcing our Easter event in March.

Along with these special events, we have an ongoing fundraiser for you. Prescription Bottle Fun fundraiser, we encourage you to take the labels off a prescription bottle and mark it "Missions." Then fill it with quarters, bring it in and start your next one! Just drop them in the offertory plate or give them to one of the board members. If you have no prescription bottles, (lucky you!) let Missions know and we will give you some!



Thank you all for supporting our mission work and our missionaries.



## Rho Delta News

The Thrift Shop is blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers and I would like everyone to know who they are. Our workers are the best thing about the thrift shop!

Lisa Giorgianni	Nancy Boucher
Stephanie Kain	Gail Creque
Brenda Rene	Ruth Goode
Pat Svansson	Diane Pichie
Jan Steere	Susan Coupe
Alyce Pedder	Lorraine Fortes
Edna Duffy	Jen Donahue
Kim Belleavoine	Maureen Brown
Chris Dilozeno	Lynne Giglio
Norma Davies	Cindy Chace

If anyone would like to join our team of sorters, organizers, helpers and desk workers, please see Cindy Chace.



## Living in God's Presence

*Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need.*  
- Ephesians 6:18

How do I live in God's presence? How do I detect His unseen hand on my shoulder, and his inaudible voice in my ear? How can you and I grow familiar with the voice of God? Here are a few ideas:

**Give God your waking thoughts.** Before you face the day, face the Father. Before you step out of bed, step into His presence.

**Give God your waiting thoughts.** Spend time with Him in silence.

**Give God your whispering thoughts.** Imagine considering every moment as a potential time to communicate with God.

**Give God your waning thoughts.** At the end of the day, let your mind settle on Him. Conclude the day as you began it: talking to God.

Rev Bisset



Christian Ed going well Our next meeting is March 23rd.

The youth group has been discussing field trips such as bowling and movie night.

We have a new baby being dedicated, Jaxton Xander Ramirez, the son of Allison (Pepper) Ramirez and grandson of Eugene and Marjorie Pepper. Jaxton was born in December 2022.

The older Sunday School kids made Valentines based on scripture and will pass them out to the congregation.

Palm Sunday is April 2, 2023 and the young kids will march and sing. The older kids may usher or lay read... more information to come.

The teachers are considering memory work for Children's Sunday on June 11, 2023.



## More from Christian Ed...

Our Sunday school students have been busy learning and creating! We are looking forward to singing Hosanna on Palm Sunday!

There will be an Easter egg hunt following the 9AM services on Easter Sunday!

We are currently looking for a new director of Vacation Bible School. It is a big job but very rewarding! Please see Julie DeMello or another member of the board of Christian Education if you feel you could fulfill this role.



## Adult Bible Study



Most folks who state that they are Christians feel that they are knowledgeable about the Bible. They occasionally or seldom read it because there is a feeling that they know what it says. Sometimes even strong bible reading Christians fall into that trap as well. Only to find that we are not as knowledgeable as we thought. So let's just for fun see if you really know as much as you think you do about the contents of the Bible. Blow the dust off that Bible and look up something simple, and given that we are approaching the events of Easter answer a simple question. How many Mary's are found in the Gospels? Stop reading right here and don't look ahead in this article until you answer the question.

Did you get five? There is Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, Mary the mother of James, and Mary the wife of Clopas. Ok, smarty pants then try one more. Who is Mary of Bethany and why did Jesus say about her "... *wherever this gospel is preach in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her*"? If you attended our Church Adult Bible Study Class you should know the answer to that question.

Mary of Bethany was the sister of Lazarus and Martha who Jesus loved a great deal (John 11:1-44). Did you know that all those Mary's except Mary of

Bethany were at Jesus's crucifixion or at His tomb? This is especially odd given that Mary of Bethany, like the other Mary's loved and followed the Lord. A careful study of your Bible will provide you with the answer to that question. From such a study we learn that she was the one who anointed Jesus in preparation for His burial (John 12:1-7). While she sat at Jesus's feet (the ultimate in Bible study) she learned that He would die and rise again (Luke 10:38-42). She believed Him! As a result she was the only one during those last days that understood when Jesus told his disciples and His followers that He was about to die and rise again. Everyone else missed that point. Mary did not need to go and watch Him die (she knew it wasn't permanent) and did not need to go to the tomb to prep His body for burial (she had already done it). She was looking forward to seeing Him again alive and well. There was no need to mourn. That my friends is faith, rock solid biblical faith that takes God at His Word.

Are you realizing you may not know as much as you think you did? Why not explore the mysteries of God's Word with the group of us who have realized the same thing. The Bible Study Class meets every Sunday at 10:30 am in the adult class room.

## Important Notice from Christian Ed:

We are looking for someone or a couple people who are willing to take over the lead role(s) for our Vacation Bible School.

As you may know, Julie DeMello stepped down in 2022 after many years as Lead person for VBS. Thank you Julie.

Now we are searching. So we ask that you think about stepping forward. If you have questions you may reach out to Julie or any other Christian Ed Board member.

