



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ October 13, 2020 ~

Father, in these days we pray that you would fill us with fresh passion for You and a hunger for holiness, that we would truly become those who seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Reveal to us, we pray, the things that keep us from truly drawing near to You. Fill us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Pour out Your Spirit on us. Revive us, change us! Conform us to the image of Jesus. ~ Amen

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Wednesday Midweek Word and Prayer at 9AM will resume on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM on [www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH](https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH)

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We are continuing to seek to find ways to be the church in our community and to one another in these challenging and unpredictable days.

### Some upcoming events/dates



#### Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 11am-12pm at Community Chapel

Get dressed up. Stay in your car. Drive Thru to pick up your Family Harvest Gift Pack with goodies and fun activities! For a fun family activity, see the *"Pumpkin Carving Prayer"* at the bottom of this document.

#### Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be filling 25-30 baskets this year. Given our current circumstances, we will be doing it a bit differently. We will have a small team of people do all of the shopping and a few will fill and deliver the baskets to some in our church and some in the community.

The cost of a basket is approximately \$60 which includes a small gift card to purchase a turkey so all donations are welcome---\$5, \$10, or \$20...all will assist in reaching our goal of 25-30 baskets.

If you'd like to contribute, please make a donation to Good Sam and mark it Thanksgiving Baskets.

Funds will be collected from now through November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry** – October 18<sup>th</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup> (see details below)

**Advent 2020** begins November 29<sup>th</sup>. As a church, we will be reading through a devotional  
*Let Earth Receive Her King.*

We will have a limited number of copies available at the church, but they also can be ordered at  
Foundrypublishing.com or Amazon.com

We suggest ordering early as shipping is especially delayed at this time.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO "BE" THE CHURCH!!!**

Why do we do all these things? We do them out of our love for Jesus and all He has done for us and to demonstrate His love to the world around us--to those both in and outside of the walls of our church.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020**

Spreading the Gospel and sharing God's hope to children around the world is as important as ever during this challenging year so we hope you'll join us in the ministry of OCC 2020.

Packing shoeboxes can be done in a variety of ways:

- A shoebox can be built online where you "pack" by choosing from a selection of gifts and include a personalized letter and/or photo. Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
- Traditional OCC shoeboxes will be available and handed out outside church after each Sunday morning service beginning this coming Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The box's journey can be followed by using new adhesive labels which you activate online.
- Regular shoeboxes that you may have at home can also be used, which you decorate, pack, and drop off.
- Outdoors, curbside drop-off will happen at Community Chapel the week of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.
- If you are able to assist during the drop-off times or have questions, please contact Carol Fonden ([sunsetcjf@aol.com](mailto:sunsetcjf@aol.com) or cell: 603-321-6707). Carol will be able to provide you with details. PPE will be used, following all CC's COVID 19 protocol.

Prayer is a very important part of this ministry since prayer follows each box throughout its journey! We ask for your prayers for the children and families whose lives will be touched by seeing God's love in action, as well as prayers for the safety of all involved in the journey of delivering these shoeboxes.

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### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during October**

**11:30-3:30PM**

People are needed at various locations throughout NH

- Help unload product
- Stage product
- Collect data from people
- Manage traffic flow



- Load 20-30lb boxes of food into trunks
- Bring your own mask and gloves

This is a drive through service. Recipients will remain in their vehicles.  
(Distribution begins at 1PM)

To sign up or for more information, contact

**Ashley Moulton**

[amoulton@nhfoodback.org](mailto:amoulton@nhfoodback.org)

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**Volunteer tutors are needed** to work with Nashua school children in grades 1 to 11 in Math or Literacy for all grades, or Science (just for grades 9 through 11). This program has been created to help Nashua students who are experiencing an increased lack of success due to our current Covid-19 remote education model.

You don't have to be a trained teacher but volunteers should have some experience with teaching or helping educate others in another way.

Interested volunteers should contact Sara Ceaser at [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org)  
or (603)438-2173 or register at

[http://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=540849](http://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=540849) .

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### **WHY REGISTERING FOR CHURCH IS IMPORTANT!**

**Please review the information below.** It is a complete guide to how we are seeking to safely gather physically while learning how to adjust to the “new ordinary” of church life. Remember, our focus is to **love our neighbor as ourselves** by safeguarding the well-being of others.

What to expect...

- **Registration is required to attend on site.** Registration will open Mondays at **10AM and close Thursday at Midnight (or when we reach capacity)**. Please go to our website to register at [www.community-chapel.org](http://www.community-chapel.org). This **allows volunteers** to facilitate reduced seating, minimize the need to turn anyone away and allow for sanctuary set-up for social distancing. If you have any difficulties registering please call the church office between 9:00 and noon for assistance. You should receive a confirmation e-mail after you register.
- We will continue our current gathering rhythm and have **one service at 9AM** in the sanctuary allowing us to appropriately prepare and sanitize the space and to learn in real time our process. The doors will open at 8:40 AM on Sundays.
- We understand **things will look and feel very different** but know that we are doing everything to promote your well-being, as well as the well-being of others as we seek the highest and best good for all who attend.

- In our physical gathering, you can expect shorter gathering times, **specific and essential preventative measures** (wearing face coverings, basic medical screening upon entry, practicing 6' social distancing, etc.).
- Our **coffee service will be suspended** until further notice and we ask that you **do not bring any beverages into the facility**. And our main restrooms will be closed.
- We recommended you leave purses, back-packs, etc. in the car. **Bring in only what is essential**.
- Using the most current data regarding the dynamics of a worship service and transmission of the COVID-19 virus, **our worship practices will be altered**. For example, we will initially suspend congregational singing, seeking other ways to enter into worship together. What new ways we will discover (rediscover?) the heart of worship!
- In the sanctuary, people will be seated a minimum 6' apart. **Same households will be required to sit together**. Your household will be assigned a seat ahead of time and an usher will direct you.
- Moving forward, **we will continue with our online presence**, allowing those who choose to not gather physically to remain gathered virtually. This includes our Zoom groups for all ages.
- There will be **no Nursery, Children or Youth Ministry on site** until further notice. Please check out the opportunities listed in this newsletter.

Also, [CLICK HERE](#) to check out this video we produced

We also ask that those who are **experiencing the following symptoms or conditions join us online** for our Facebook Live Gathering rather than attend.

- *Fever (feeling feverish or a documented temperature of 100.4 F or higher.)*
- *Symptoms: runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat or shortness of breath; headache, vomiting, diarrhea.*
- *Muscle aches, chills and severe fatigue.*
- *Changes in sense of taste or smell.*
- *If in the last 14 days you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have traveled internationally or by cruise ship.*

Lastly, if you are **vulnerable or immunocompromised please consider joining us online** for our Facebook Live Gathering.

**THE RESTART TEAM**

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP AND GROW!**

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Our elementary kids continue to Zoom together! On **Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 PM** we gather to connect with games or a scavenger hunt, a funny video and a story that helps us apply & discuss the Biblical truth introduced in our video. Please reach out to Mary Hardwick to receive a meeting link. ([maryhardwick1331@gmail.com](mailto:maryhardwick1331@gmail.com))

**NEW on Fridays at 12:00 noon is our preschool Zoom** gathering! Miss Katlyn and Miss Mary are gathering with our preschoolers to play interactive games, share a Bible story and have an age-appropriate follow-up activity. Please reach out to Katlyn Scott to receive a meeting link. ([katlynmscott@gmail.com](mailto:katlynmscott@gmail.com))

Be sure to check out the children's ministry Facebook page for additional resources including links to curriculum to disciple your k-6 graders and a toddler/preschool story with follow-up activity posted each Wednesday. <https://www.facebook.com/ccchildrens>

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Just a reminder that every Wednesday evening we gather on Instagram for our weekly Youth Group Devotional at 7pm.** You do not need the app on your phone or device to join us. You can join us from any computer and use this link: <https://www.instagram.com/ccnazyg/>

**After our devotional - we head to Zoom for conversation, fellowship, and prayer! This happens around 7:30pm...**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/98833648307?pwd=dUkrU0l1aWQrTFdaWGdvTFdjeHE4QT09>**

**Meeting ID: 988 3364 8307**

**Passcode: 728131**

If you know of a student who is missing out, please contact Pastor Serena at [pastorserena@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorserena@community-chapel.org).

### ADULT JOURNEY GROUPS:



#### **ADULT FALL JOURNEY GROUP**

All are welcome. Pastor Shirley, Barb Calhoun, Fred Beckwith and Stephen Hollenberg will be facilitating this study over the months ahead. We're grateful for their enthusiasm and willingness. We'll continue in a Zoom format at 11 AM each Sunday. We would encourage you to purchase yourself a copy of **A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls** and to read along. We will begin Chapter 3 this coming Sunday...

*Gentle Answer is our secret weapon in an age of 'us against them' Scott Sauls writes. He says "...in a defensive and divided era, how can followers of Jesus reveal a better way of living? How can they be the kind of people who, as Proverbs puts it, 'turn away wrath?' This book helps Christians grow in their affection for Christ, nurture a renewed, softened heart in light of Christ's gentleness towards us and forsake us-against them mentalities, putting down our swords and permeating a hostile world with gentleness."*

Here is the link for this fall journey group:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85149217122?pwd=M1lHYWNtY1diUjcySy9jWE1Zcjhrdz09>**

**Meeting ID: 851 4921 7122**

**Passcode: 340150**

Here is last week's recording if you missed it:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gJ7qhROrnnI5J85dV4fY1us0FH7YcgyFD5EYw43nw8Ks8w4xk5kCJ7c wdEeBgua.XTFFhoalsnYrS3F5>

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### **MONDAY PM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

Kathleen DeFranca is facilitating a women's Bible Study (via Zoom) every Monday evening at 7:00 PM. If you'd like to be a part of the group or have any questions, please contact Kathleen at [taussied@gmail.com](mailto:taussied@gmail.com)

Currently they are studying 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. These pastoral letters are called that, because they have more to do with the practicalities of church life than the other letters of Paul. They are letters to individuals, rather than to a congregation (although they may have been read publicly), and all three deal with similar problems.

### **WEDNESDAY PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Kristine Farhat will continue to facilitate the women's Bible Study (via Zoom) every Wednesday at 6:30 PM beginning this Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kristine at [krisfarhat@charter.net](mailto:krisfarhat@charter.net) with any questions or to get the Zoom link.

This session, they will be studying *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All women are welcome. (The book can be purchased on Amazon or Christian Books.)

### **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER!**

You can reach us at the church office at 603-883-8345 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon daily with prayer requests or you can send **prayer requests** to Pam Ogden to [pamo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pamo@community-chapel.org). Our **staff prayer meeting** is still occurring every Monday at 9:30AM. If you have a prayer request for "Pastors Only" please email Pastor Mary at [pastormary@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastormary@community-chapel.org).

Our Weekly Prayer List is being sent out electronically each Friday with updated prayer requests and specific ways we can be praying during this season we are in. If you do not receive a copy and would like to, please e-mail Pam Ogden at [pamo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pamo@community-chapel.org)

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Remember our friends at **End 68 Hours of Hunger Nashua**. Connect to them at <https://www.facebook.com/End68Nashua>

Their shed is at 17 Airport Rd (at the back of the building) and is open 24/7 for drop offs.

This week they could use:

**RITZ CRACKERS, PREMIUM CRACKERS, GRAPE JELLY, FRUIT SNACKS, QUAKER CHEWY GRANOLA BARS**

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Information for **FOOD RESOURCES** in **NASHUA** is at the bottom of this message. Please pass this information along if you are aware of anyone who might need these services.

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### **Benediction:**

Father, as we prayed earlier, may we be found to be people who *seek first Your Kingdom* and follow hard after You.

Use the words of this song to meditate on God's call to all of us to be seeking Him first always.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsBpM9IcBts>

***Faithfully His and Yours,  
The CC Leadership Team***

**Stay connected by joining Simple Church Directory Group!  
Please email Pam Ogden at [pamo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pamo@community-chapel.org) and she will assist in getting it set up.**

***As we continue to assess the nature and direction of the developments in our community, we are doing the same for the life of our church. Let us be examples of loving our neighbors by practicing social distancing, following the directives and counsel of our civic and government leaders. We will continue to gather online until the restrictions on physically gathering are expanded or lifted and our Leadership Team deems it wise and safe for us to do so.***

# PUMPKIN CARVING PRAYER

Dear God,  
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.  
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.  
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible-we did rectangles)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near  
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.  
(Place a candle inside and light it)







# Fall Food Resources in Nashua During Covid-19



## School Meals Fall

M-F 7-9am or 11am-1pm Breakfast and Lunch is being served FREE to anyone under age 18 at:

- Ledge Street Elementary\*
- Pennichuck Middle School
- Amherst Street Elementary
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary
- Dr. Crisp Elementary School\*
- Elm Street Middle School
- Fairgrounds Elementary\*

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

\*These locations have fresh produce

Fridays from 11am-1pm

## Mobile Produce Pantries:

M-Fr 2-3pm Fresh Produce distributed at:

Mon: Bronstein Apartments and St. Louis Church Hall

Tue: Major Drive and Nashua Farmers' Exchange

Wed: PAL and River Pines

Thur: Sullivan Terrace North and South

Fri: Foster Square and Coptic Orthodox Church

## End 68 Hours of Hunger

[nashua@end68hoursofhunger.org](mailto:nashua@end68hoursofhunger.org) Distributing food on Mondays at their normal school locations.

## Nashua Pal:

Call or email for pantry appointment

603-594-3733 or [youthsafehaven@nashuapal.com](mailto:youthsafehaven@nashuapal.com)

Southern NH Services- WIC, Senior Meals, Assistance

<https://www.snhs.org/2-pages/914-covid-19-updates>

## Other Meals/Food Services:

Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter:

MWF 12-3pm: Pantry

M-F 8:30-9:30am Bagged Breakfast at 2 Quincy St.

M-Sa 4-6pm and Su 12-1:30pm Bagged Dinners

SNH Rescue Mission 603-889-3421

40 Chestnut St.

MWF 12pm Packaged Meals to Go

Sa-Su 5pm Packaged Meals to Go

M, W, Th, F 12:45pm Fresh Food Distribution

Tue Groceries to families by appointment

Corpus Christi Food Pantry- M+W 10am-1pm by appt

Food, Produce, Eggs, Milk, Frozen Meat

603-882-6372 \* Other assistance call 603-598-1641

Tolles Street Mission-Food Pantry M+Thu from 12-

2PM 52 Whitney Street Nashua, NH. 603-880-4984

Salvation Army Food Bags delivery or pick up at

1 Montgomery Ave M-Th 9a-12pm 603-889-5151

Meals on Wheels- providing food bags at community dining sites and delivering additional meals to clients.

Call for days/times or for home delivery 603-424-9967 <https://www.mealsonwheelsnh.org/referral-form>

Caregivers Caring Cupboard-Free groceries delivered to clients. Call 603-622-4948 or

<https://www.caregiversnh.org/clients/index.html>



Call 211 or go to 211nh.org to connect to community resources in your area.

For all Nashua Pantry Locations Check:



Greater Nashua Food Council App on Google Play and Apple App Store

## United Way COVID-19 Resources and Volunteering

Grocery Shopping and Delivery

[www.tinyurl.com/shopunited2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/shopunited2020)

[www.volunteergreaternashua.org](http://www.volunteergreaternashua.org)

603-882-4011 or

[info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org)

To support the COVID-19 Relief Fund

[www.tinyurl.com/uwgcovid19](http://www.tinyurl.com/uwgcovid19)

