



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
~ October 27, 2020 ~

*God's Word is perfect in every way;
how it revives our souls!
His laws lead us to truth,
and his ways change the simple into wise.
His teachings make us joyful and radiate his light;
his precepts are so pure!
Keep cleansing me, God,
and keep me from my secret, selfish sins;
may they never rule over me!
For only then will I be free from fault
and remain innocent of rebellion.
So may the words of my mouth, my meditation-thoughts,
and every movement of my heart be always pure and pleasing,
acceptable before your eyes,
my only Redeemer, my Protector-God. ~ Psalm 19: 7-8;13-14 (The Passion Translation)*

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1st Daylight Savings Time Ends
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Join us on Wednesday for Midweek Word and Prayer at 9AM on October 28th at 9:00 AM on
www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH

*****WATCH AND PRAY!*****

“Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” (Mark 14:38)

I am not sure there is a more essential activity for the followers of Christ, over the course of the next week, then this. As we journey through the days leading up to the presidential election (and the days following) it is this call that seems most pressing. It is always pressing. But most notably, the call to **“watch and pray”** is the call to alertness and trust. In some ways, it reminds me that what before us is an opportunity to trust the Lord in the midst of these days.

As we said this past Sunday, the most essential vote we cast is the vote of our ultimate allegiance. Nothing is more important than that. And that allegiance for the Christ-follower is centered on one truth: *“Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:11)*

So, this **call to prayer** is an opportunity to actually trust Jesus as Lord.

To help us in this season of prayer, I want to suggest not “an election day prayer guide”. Though I would encourage us to be praying for our country, the candidates and our own hearts. But here is a **call to pray** for what is actually needed, beyond Republican or Democrat sympathies and platforms. We need a true and great awakening.

- Awaken us to our need of the Lordship of Jesus in our lives and world! (Philippians 2:11; Revelation 4:11))
- Awaken us to our own need for confession, repentance and forgiveness! (2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 7:3-5)
- Awaken us to bring humility to every conversation, email and opinion! (Micah 6:8, 1 Peter 5:5-6)
- Awaken us to God’s concerns for the sanctity of all of human life, racial injustice, care for the poor and marginalized! (Isaiah 58:6-7; Matthew 25:31-46)
- Awaken us to the need for unity and not division! (John 17:23; Ephesians 4:3)
- Awaken us to be evidence of the Christlike love of God to all people! (John 13:35; 1 John 3:14)

There is more we can add and I would encourage you to **pray as the Lord leads**. (*Here is one guide that will help direct our prayers this week: <https://www.worldvision.org/christian-faith-news-stories/6-ways-pray-country-during-election>*)

But, when we began the current series of sermons, we asked three questions that I believe are still pressing in upon us...

- ...What will remain of our unity?
- ...What will remain of our witness?
- ...What will remain of our faith?

It is a true and great awakening, born of the Spirit of God and not political leaders, that will help us be focused on making sure what remains is indeed what God desires. Let’s **join together by praying** “eyes wide open” for “His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)

We will share in the sacrament of communion this week, so be prepared with your elements for our service.

OPPORTUNITIES TO "BE" THE CHURCH!!!

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.

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

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES



THIS Saturday - October 31st 11 am-12 noon 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 8th.

OCC – October 18th – November 23rd (see details below)

Advent 2020 begins November 29th. 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.

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 18th.
- 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.
- A list of drop-off times for our boxes will be in next week's newsletter. All drop-offs will happen at the church (via curbside drop off) between November 16th and 23rd.
- If you are able to assist during the drop-off times or have questions, please contact Carol Fonden (sunsetcif@aol.com or cell: 603-321-6707). Carol will be able to provide you with details. PPE will be used and we will be 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.

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. 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

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)

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 a age-appropriate follow-up activity. Please reach out to Katlyn Scott to receive a meeting link. (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-6th graders and a toddler/preschool story with follow-up activity posted each Wednesday.

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

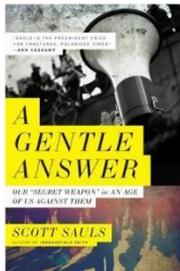
<https://zoom.us/j/98833648307?pwd=dUkrU0l1aWQrTFdaWGdvTFdjeHE4QT09>

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.

ADULT JOURNEY GROUPS:



FALL JOURNEY GROUP

This **NEW adult journey group has begun!** 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.

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:

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/lnZBqSaKnIE0is03Gbzbq3BdL950WoHz68Dr6RMFMfpwPKAjSaV3Eg6oAqGyPPb9.SsprdaN3bsjLnW9V>

Access Passcode: zq\$gPY7T

MON 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. A new study on the Book of Ruth will begin on Monday, November 2nd. In December, they will be reading through the Advent Devotional *Let Earth Receive Her King* and discussing some of the questions in each section.

WEDS 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 30th. Contact Kristine at 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. 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.

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

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:

BOXES OF CEREAL, MAC & CHEESE, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS, OATMEAL PACKETS

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.

Benediction:

As we meditate this week on the Scripture at the opening of this newsletter, hear the words of this song reinforcing the reality that it must be our prayer that God would help us to order our words and our thoughts in such a way that they are pleasing to Him. Christy Nockels does a great job as she sings the words to that Psalm in this song:

In this season may these words be our prayer:

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name, bless Your name Jesus
And the deeds of the day
And the truth in my ways
Speak of You, speak of You Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKfhlHoemPI&list=RDoKfhlHoemPI&start_radio=1&t=26

***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 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 Distributing food on Mondays at their normal school locations.

Nashua Pal:

Call or email for pantry appointment

603-594-3733 or 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

www.volunteergreaternashua.org

603-882-4011 or

info@unitedwaynashua.org

To support the COVID-19 Relief Fund

www.tinyurl.com/uwgcovid19

