



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ December 2, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

The Hope of All the Earth!

It is upon us! Advent! It started last Sunday, November 30th! I know the retail spaces start early, wanting us to believe that the latest wares they are peddling somehow offer us *"the most wonderful time of the year!"*, as the jolly jingle refers to Christmas. But it is the season that leads up to Christmas, Advent, that truly is the most wonderful truth all year!!

Some traditions refuse to decorate the house, place a wreath on the door, or decorate a tree until Christmas Eve, purposely leaving the weeks leading up to Christmas stark. But this is not because there is no rejoicing in Christmas, but rather it is the anticipation of hope! Not just hope for a "good day" where things are "merry and bright". Most days, that can be elusive. But hope? Hope for each day and hope for all the earth. And the everlasting hope that God will someday make all things right, which is true at Christmas and on July 27th!!!

Over this season, we will allow the writings of the prophet Isaiah to "saturate us with hope". And boy do we need hope! And the people said, "Amen!" And it's worth noting, they were written to people who looked around and saw no hope. But Isaiah pointed them to the hope in God and, prophetically, to the hope of Jesus, for whom Christmas points as the **"Hope of All the Earth."** Coupled with the Gospel texts from the devotional, **"Hope of all the Earth"**, let's embrace the four themes of Advent freshly.

Hope Peace Joy Love

What do they look like for us now? Not just for us, but for everyone on the whole earth? They are as big as God's heart! And will lead us to wake up each day and welcome as a true Christmas day...the day of "Immanuel". God with us!!!

Come, let us Advent together and run into the hope God has for us!

Peace,

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary

Or join us online at <https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH>

"A WORD AND PRAYER"

CONNECT TO "A WORD AND PRAYER" – with Pastor Geoff on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH>

Join our Monthly 24 Hours Prayer Friday and Saturday, December 5th & 6th. Let's pray for our church, our community, and the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this time.



CORE VALUE #1 – WE ARE TO DEPEND ON GOD THROUGH PRAYER

SUNDAY PRESERVICE PRAYER! 10:00 AM IN THE PARLOR!

Contact Bob Lemay for more information! boblemay@gmail.com

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12)

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER Contact the church office at 603-883-8345 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM with prayer requests or you can send **prayer requests** to the office and sign up for the electronic *"Weekly Prayer List"* at office@community-chapel.org. If you have a prayer request for **"Pastors Only"** please email Pastor Mary at pastormary@community-chapel.org.



THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday 12/2	Wednesday 12/3	Thursday 12/4	Friday 12/5	Saturday 12/6	Sunday 12/7	Monday 12/8
All afternoon and evening activities are cancelled due to the weather.	Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM in Room 306 Kidz Klub 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM Evening Women's Group 6:30 PM in Room 302 Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 303		Monthly 24 Hours Prayer starts 6:00 AM	Monthly 24 Hours Prayer ends 6:00 AM Men's Legacy Breakfast 8:00 AM Fellowship Hall	GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND SUNDAY <u>Adult Journey Groups</u> "James: a 12-week study" 9:00 AM in Room 305 "Tha the World may Know" 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Adult Group 5:30 PM Room 304	

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Thank you for the many hands that helped during the National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child. A total of **253 shoeboxes** were packed by Community Chapel, including 41 packed at our Children's Mission Event with NCLC families and staff, 45 by SAGES, and another 167 shoeboxes were packed by individuals or families of our congregation and NCLC. Our teens group helped with pre-folding boxes and with loading over 115 cartons filled with packed shoeboxes onto the trailers.

Our drop off center collected a total of 2,907 shoeboxes from about 25 of local area churches, schools and groups. As a central drop off, we loaded 8,364 shoeboxes this year from the other six church drop offs in our southern New England region, necessitating us to stack the cartons five high to fit into the two trailers. 18 large boxes of filler items were also donated and loaded on the trailers. These shoeboxes represent great generosity from our area that will provide Gospel opportunities for children in far areas of the world to learn of God's love which they can share with their families and community.

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER:

Hello church! As we continue preparing to bring **5 of our teens** to Nazarene Youth Conference next summer, we've launched a T-shirt Fundraiser! Our design is centered around the mission of our church: to **BE THE HOPE** wherever we find ourselves. We have adult T-shirts, adult crewnecks, and youth T-shirts in various colors. Shirts get shipped directly to you, and all profits go directly towards our trip. Help us get to NYC by clicking [HERE](#) to purchase a shirt, or share our fundraiser post on Facebook to help us spread the word! Thank you all for your continued love and support for our teens!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY MEAL

The next monthly Men of Legacy meal is breakfast on **Saturday, December 6th** at 8:00 AM in **the Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome who are (16) and above and desire to enjoy the fellowship with other men. The suggested cost is \$5 for the meal.

Please contact Men's Ministry Lead Bob Whiffen at rwhiffen1@yahoo.com or text him at 978-729-8523 by Tuesday, December 2nd if you are able to attend.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, December 15th 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken dinner will be provided.
Please bring a dessert or salad, depending on your last name: **A-L:** Dessert and **M-Z:** Salad
We're doing a Yankee swap for scarf: winter scarves, dress scarves, silk scarves.
A scarf that you would wear yourselves and that you would love to see on
one of your dear sisters in Christ wearing.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CORNER POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you would like to donate in honor or memory of a loved one, please let the office know by
emailing to office@community-chapel.org with names and quantity of poinsettias.
Donation of any amount is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION

The Christmas Giving Tree is up in the foyer.
Thank you to all who took tags off of our Giving Tree.
We are excited to serve these area agencies.
Please return all gifts unwrapped by **Wednesday, December 10th.**



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Wednesday, December 10th 6:30 PM – Sanctuary

A Blue Christmas service **recognizes the loss and loneliness that can be felt during the holidays due to death or other life losses.** It is a quiet and contemplative worship service that specifically enables individuals to experience their grief, so they can find a sense of calm and hope. All are welcome to attend.



CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 21st - 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the parlor

Bring a plate of Christmas treats to share and plan to join us for this
of fellowship before the holiday.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:00 PM!
We look forward to worshipping with you as we prepare for the coming of our Lord!



MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM THIS WINTER

United Way of Greater Nashua is seeking volunteers to support the City of Nashua's Overnight Winter Warming Station at the former Elm Street Middle School. Volunteers cover **2-hour shifts** between **7:00 PM and 7:00 AM, December 1st – April 15th,** helping provide a safe, warm place for individuals experiencing homelessness during the cold winter nights. Sign up to volunteer or learn more at:

https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=1139180



UNITED WAY: POP-UP PANTRIES MOVE INDOORS FOR THE WINTER

Beginning the week of **November 3rd**, United Way of Greater Nashua's Pop-Up Pantries will operate at indoor locations, bringing free groceries, including fresh produce and meats, directly into neighborhoods for residents in need. All Pop-Ups run **11:00 AM–12:00 PM** at the following locations:

- **Mondays:** Harbor Care – 45 High Street
- **Tuesdays:** Girls Inc. – 27 Burke Street
- **Wednesdays:** Arlington Street Community Center – 36 Arlington Street
- **Thursdays:** Nashua Community Music School – 2 Lock Street
- **Fridays:** Crossway Christian Church – 33 Pine Street

Food is sourced from the local nonprofit Regenerative Roots and United Way food drives at local supermarkets. For more information, contact United Way of Greater Nashua at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 882-4011.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE					
Weekly Need	Week		Year To Date		YTD
\$11,500	11/30/25		Date		Performance
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving		Giving	Year To Date Budget	To Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,929		\$307,894	\$369,923	-\$62,029
World Missions	\$1,440		\$32,000	\$30,558	\$1,442
Building Fund	\$10		\$1,400	\$2,019	-\$619
Total Giving	\$13,379		\$341,294	\$402,500	-\$61,206
Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026					

COMMUNITY CHAPEL GIVING PAGE!!

We encourage you to use our online giving option!

Just click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the right and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shirley at pastorshirley@community-chapel.org. As always, thank you for your faithful giving.



MID-YEAR FINANCE REPORT AVAILABLE! Our church's fiscal year runs from April 1st - March 31st! Thanks to our Finance Team, the mid-year report is now available [HERE](#). **Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.** As you read, prayerfully ask God to pour out his favor financially on Community Chapel as we seek to **share God's hope wherever we find ourselves**, and what your part will be in that!!!

GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND

WHY GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND? All offerings to the Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund are strategic in bringing God's hope to people in crisis by meeting very basic and emergency needs. Offerings can be received at any time, but we do dedicate the first Sunday of each month as our Good Samaritan Sunday. As you are able to donate, please mark your offering for Good Sam (Either on an envelope, check memo line, or in our Online Giving Portal). These funds will make a difference in someone's crisis as we bless others out of God's goodness to us. Our next offering is on **Sunday, December 7th.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP AND GROW!

CHILDREN MINISTRY:



Sunday Rhythm

Infants up through age 3 will be lovingly cared for in the nursery.

Children, 4 years of age and older, are part of our corporate worship community.

Worship bags located in the entrance foyer are available for use during the service

★ Toddlers (1-2 years old) ★ preschool (3-5 years old) ★ elementary aged (K and up)

Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be dismissed after prayer for Children's Church.

Mark your calendar, Sunday, December 28th – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wednesday Rhythm

Join us for **KIDZ KLUB Gathering on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM** for fun fellowship & games, fantastic snack and meaningful faith formation.

Questions? Contact Mary Hardwick at

maryh@community-chapel.org.

Your family is invited to an unforgettable family experience this Christmas as we learn about Jesus' miraculous birth and life!



You, your children, and/or grandchildren can step back in time to Bible-times Bethlehem and explore Jesus' miraculous love in an interactive setting—complete with experiences you'll remember and keepsake crafts you'll treasure. This experience is an adventure for the whole family and will help you discover more about Jesus in a way you'll never forget!



Please let us know you and your family plan to join us on **Thursday, December 18th** From 5:00 – 6:30 pm for this drop-in format event.

YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays in the Youth Center from 6:30-8:00 PM!** This gathering is for 7th-12th grade students to build community together and grow in their relationship with God.

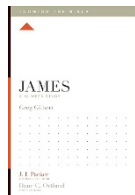
Contact Pastor Leo with any questions: pastorleo@community-chapel.org



YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

Young Adult group meets **Sundays from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Room 304** with our new Advent series. Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions: beccakisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS



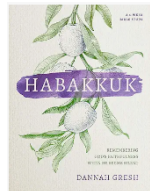
This group meets **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305**. In **James: A 12-Week Study**, pastor and author Greg Gilbert examines the message of James, exploring the book's difficult teachings on wealth, anointing with oil, prayer, healing, and the relationship between faith and works. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or Amazon.

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW. with Ray Vander Laan

This group meets on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 302**. **"That the World May Know"** is a video series, where Ray Vander Laan is the fun and engaging tour guide. He will take you on a trip to ancient times, places, and customs. No book is necessary for this group.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"Why does God seem silent when I need Him most?" That is the question we will consider as we study the book of Habakkuk. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in Room 306**. The book includes daily interactive Bible lessons (about 20-40 minutes each).

This book can be purchased online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group meets **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 302** and is studying Romans 8-16: In view of God's mercy. Timothy Keller shows groups how to live life in response to God's mercy, by the power of his Spirit. He says that Romans 8 contains the secret to real life change. Keller's trademark gifts of making the complex clear and the difficult joyful will mean Christians will love studying the Bible alongside this resource, and be inspired to apply it to their hearts and lives. This book can be purchased online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

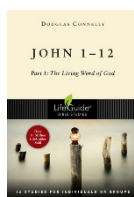
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM in room 302**. We are going through **Psalms 23 with Matt Chandler**. All NCLC and CC moms are welcome to attend; no commitment is required! Childcare will be provided for those who need it!

MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP

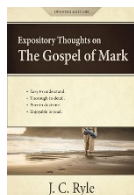


Due to the bad weather, this group **will not meet tonight** and will resume on next Tuesday, December 9th at **6:30 PM in Room 302**.

You can get a copy of the study guide here at Christianbooks.com or at [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

Contact Pastor Geoff at pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



The group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and is studying the gospel of Mark. Please come join us when you are able and bring your bible.

You will not need to purchase the book to attend. If you would like to purchase the book, you can purchased online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group meets on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 303**. This group is going through "Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life" by Kyle Idleman:

<https://app.righnowmedia.org/en/content/details/920259>

Here is the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5huZthBOjA>

SAGES (Senior Adults Growing, Encouraging & Serving) *All ages 50+ are welcomed!*

Friday, December 12th, 11:30 AM: SAGES Annual "Yankee Swap" & Christmas Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The NCLC children will entertain us with a song. Bring new gift valued at \$8-\$10 for the swap. Make sure it's something you'd be happy to get. Wrap your gift and get ready for an exciting time. The rules include stealing and trading! Mark your calendars and ask a friend to join you for this fun event. Cost is just \$8 per person for a delicious meal and yummy dessert!



To be added to SAGES Mail List: Contact Peggy Kierstead at pak.rek@comcast.net

GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

Bob Fonden
Vickie Mello
Sally Raposa

Joan Kerr
Kerry Mertins
Bob Whiffen

Rebecca Kisakye
James Pittman
Bruce Wilson

2025-26 NCLC BOARD

Angela DeRusha
Jody Mear

Pastor Mary DiLoreto
Molly Shetler

Alyssa Gentry
Colleen Walker

Carol Lemay
Margaret Wandrey

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours which are 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Monday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. Call 603-883-8345 or send an e-mail to office@community-chapel.org with any non-urgent requests. Our emergency phone line is operational 24/7 so if you have a pastoral care emergency, please call the church phone number & follow the prompts leaving a message and a pastor will call you back as soon as possible.

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

Stay connected by joining Simple Church Directory Group!

Please email the church at office@community-chapel.org to get connected.

DAILY READING PLAN

Tuesday, December 02, 2025: [Psalm 124](#); [Genesis 9:1-17](#); [Hebrews 11:32-40](#);

Wednesday, December 03, 2025: [Psalm 124](#); [Isaiah 54:1-10](#); [Matthew 24:23-35](#);

Thursday, December 04, 2025: [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#); [Isaiah 4:2-6](#); [Acts 1:12-17, 21-26](#);

Friday, December 05, 2025: [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#); [Isaiah 30:19-26](#); [Acts 13:16-25](#);

Saturday, December 06, 2025: [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#); [Isaiah 40:1-11](#); [John 1:19-28](#);

Sunday, December 07, 2025: [Second Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Monday, December 08, 2025: [Psalm 21](#); [Isaiah 24:1-16a](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:1-12](#);

If you are interested in adding the daily reading plan to your calendar, please click on this link <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/calendar.php>