



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ November 11, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD *Table Talks on Immigration*

When they said it to me, I was grieved. It was a conversation with a Spirit-filled brother who is an immigrant. When I asked what it was like to be an immigrant in our country, he said this, ***"I don't know if I will ever feel welcomed."***

"Lord, when did we see...you a stranger and invite you in..." The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.'" (Matthew 25:38-40)

On October 15th at 5:00 PM, Bruce Wilson and I began **Table Talks on Immigration** in the Parlor across from the sanctuary. How are we thinking about the events and issues of the world around us? Too often, we are more shaped and disciplined by the vehicles of the culture than we are by God's perspective. One of those areas is immigration. Let's ask the question, *"Are we shaped by culture or formed by Scripture?"*

The hope for this time is to resist the shaping of the predominant narratives driven by the news media, partisan divides, and social media-stoked fears and misrepresentations. This will not be a time for debate, partisan rhetoric, or binary, us vs. them thinking. Instead, we have a higher aim. A charitable discourse! This is an invitation to surrender our preconceived biases and opinions and open our minds and hearts to God, His word, and to one another.

On November 23rd, we will host Rev. Rachel Hafner, the New England District Director of Immigration Ministries. That Sunday, we will feature the ministry of Immigration Connection (more information to come!). In preparation for that gathering, we will come together to invite the Holy Spirit to shape and mold us with God's perspective. Using the discussion guide, **Together at the Table**, we will listen, learn, and pray to be formed by what the Bible says about immigrants and immigration.

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 11/11	Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 11/13	Friday 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16	Monday 11/17
	Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook Morning Women’s Group 10:00 AM in Room 306 Table Talks on Immigration 5:00 PM in Parlor 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	Thanksgiving Basket Assembly 6:30 PM in Parlor	SAGES Monthly Luncheon “Blessings Untold & Shoebox Packing” event 11:30 AM Fellowship Hall		Adult Journey Groups “James: a 12-week study” 9:00 AM in Room 305 “That the World may Know” 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Adult Group 5:30 PM in Room 304	OCC Collection Week Begins 3-5 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

We will be offering another grief session “Surviving the Holidays” that offers support & practical tips for facing holiday challenges after loss of a loved one on **December 1st at 1:00-2:30 PM in the Parlor**. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Mary if you have any additional questions.



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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CORNER

2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Advent devotionals, “Hope of all the Earth,” will be available outside the Parlor on November 16th. \$7 donation is suggested to defray the cost.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Mark your calendars and let us join together in **decorating** our church on **Sunday, November 23rd** following our time of worship. We will order pizza, share lunch and then decorate things for Christmas. **Please mark it on a connection card if you plan to attend to assist or contact the church office at office@community-chapel.org.**



On Thursday, November 20th at noon, we will need some strong people to bring up trees and wreaths from the basement and some people to “fluff” them ahead of Sunday decoration. We look forward to the time together!!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION



Looking ahead. The Christmas Giving Tree will be up in late November. We will be serving some of the area agencies we have been in contact with to meet some of their basic needs as we head into the colder months. Thank you in advance for being a part of this annual ministry to our community.

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 SERVICES - Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Services 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

COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2025

Thank you for the large collection of Thanksgiving basket items donated. This will bless families in our church community and local community. Basket Assembly will be on **Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 PM** in the parlor. Many hands make light work. Contact Kathleen DeFranca for more details.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025 It's all about JESUS!

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

Community Chapel has participated in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child for over 25 years, sharing the Gospel and God's love through packing and collecting shoeboxes, sharing the Hope we have in Jesus with children in all parts of the world.

Join us in this great ministry as we serve and show God's love by packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and/or by volunteering during the **National Collection Week November 17th- 24th**. Community Chapel is a central drop off for all of southern New Hampshire.

Opportunities to pack shoeboxes in a variety of ways include:

- **SAGES shoebox** packing and luncheon **Friday, November 14th**
- Pack shoeboxes at home and bring them to Community Chapel. Preprinted shoeboxes will be handed out at church each Sunday beginning October 19th or use a shoebox you have at home. By activating your adhesive label online, you can follow your shoebox to find out which country it went to. A donation of \$10.00 per shoebox covers costs to collect, process, transport the shoeboxes, provide gospel materials in their native language, and train local churches in their country. Include a personal note or letter. Reminder: no soap, liquids, creams, candy or cash.
- Build a shoebox online by choosing items for your shoebox which go to hard-to-reach areas.

Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

Select "Community Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Nashua NH" on this site.

- Drop off extra or misc. loose items to be used at our "packing parties" or sent to the processing centers to be used as filler items.
- Shoeboxes may be dropped off at Community Chapel on **Sunday, November 16th**.

Join our team of volunteers who are needed to greet and accept the hundreds of packed shoeboxes dropped off at Community Chapel by local individuals, groups and churches during the National Collection Week of November 17th -24th. Please help us greet, accept shoeboxes, load into cartons, load into the semi-trucks and pray over the shoeboxes. We have a great time of fellowship as we serve together!

Please contact Carol Fonden to sign up to help during one or more of the drop-off times during the week of November 17th-24th or if you have questions. (sunsetcif@aol.com or cell: 603-321-6707). Collection times will be **3:00-5:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:00-7:00 on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00-11:00 AM Saturday, noon to 2:00 PM on Sunday, and 8:00-10:00AM Monday (the 24th)**.

Prayer is a very important part of this ministry since prayer follows each box throughout its entire journey! Join our prayer team to pray for the children and families whose lives will be touched by receiving a shoebox expressing God's love in action.

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.

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION 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!!!

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 Giving	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance To Budget
\$11,500	11/9/25			
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving			
Tithes & Offerings	\$9,624	\$294,174	\$338,215	-\$44,041
World Missions	\$1,190	\$29,346	\$27,939	\$1,407
Building Fund	\$100	\$1,332	\$1,846	-\$514
Total Giving	\$10,914	\$324,852	\$368,000	-\$43,148
Fiscal Year April 1. 2025 - March 31.2026				

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.

Wednesday Rhythm

Wednesday Kidz Klub November Calendar:

November 12th - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

an amazing lesson about Jesus paying for our sins!

November 19th – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

an amazing lesson about Jesus resurrecting!

November 26th – NO GATHERING –

Happy Thanksgiving!

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



FRIENDSGIVING SLEEPOVER

Saturday, November 22nd, at 5:30 PM-Sunday, November 23rd.

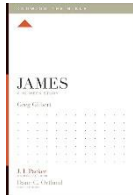
Teens in 6th grade and older join us for Friendsgiving and a church sleepover! We will meet at Community Chapel at 5:30 PM on Saturday and drive together to Lowell First Church of the Nazarene, where we will have a Friendsgiving dinner with a few of the youth groups in our area. Please bring a side dish to share! After Friendsgiving, our youth group will head back to Community Chapel for a movie night and Sleepover! We'll have breakfast together before church on Sunday and then worship together! Email Pastor Leo if you plan to come: pastorleo@communtiy-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 Fall series: God's Design for Relational Health. **Sunday, November 23rd**, our young adults' group will be having Friendsgiving during our normal meeting time. Please bring a side dish to share!

Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions: beccalkisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS



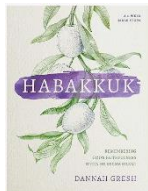
This group meets **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305**. In **James: A 12-Week Study**, pastor and author Greg Gilbert examines the message of James, exploring the book's difficult teachings on wealth, anointing with oil, prayer, healing, and the relationship between faith and works. Books can be purchased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



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

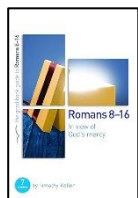
WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"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. In this seven-session study of Romans 8-16, 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

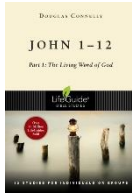
online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

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 **Psalm 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

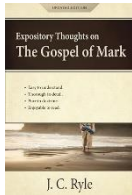
This group will **not** be meeting **tonight, November 11th**, but will resume on November 18th.

This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

You can get a copy of the study guide here at Christianbooks.com or at Amazon.

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.

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.rightnowmedia.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!*



This Friday, November 14th, 11:30 AM: "Blessings Untold & Shoebox Packing" event.

Following a delicious lunch, we'll share the blessings that God has provided. Plan to bring any remaining items you have been collecting to this event. Be ready to pack those shoeboxes for needy children around the world!

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, November 11, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13;

Complementary: Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1:1-13;

Wednesday, November 12, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29;

Complementary: Psalm 123; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29;

Thursday, November 13, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25;

Complementary: Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25;

Friday, November 14, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;

Complementary: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;

Saturday, November 15, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37;

Complementary: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37;

Sunday, November 16, 2025: Proper 28 (33) - Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98; 2

Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Monday, November 17, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

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>