



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ November 18, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD
Immigrant Connection Sunday!

*"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, Bruce Wilson and I began **Immigrant Connection Table Talks**, asking the question,

"Are we shaped by culture or formed by Scripture?"

This has not been a time for debate, partisan rhetoric, or binary, us vs. them thinking. We have sought to submit our preconceived biases and opinions to God, His word, and to one another. The conversations have been rich!

This Sunday, November 23rd, during our 10:30 AM service, we will host Rev. Rachel Hafler, the New England District Director of Immigrant Connection, for a conversation about the work of Immigrant Connection. She will also be providing resources to help us understand how we can be a part of extending the hospitality of God to the immigrants in our neighborhood and in our world.

Join me as we seek to understand what it means to see Jesus in the foreigners among 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 11/18	Wednesday 11/19	Thursday 11/20	Friday 11/21	Saturday 11/22	Sunday 11/23	Monday 11/24
OCC Collection 5-7 PM Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 302	Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM in Room 306 OCC Collection 3-5 PM 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	Preparation for Christmas Decorating on Sunday Noon OCC Collection 5-7 PM	OCC Collection 3-5 PM	Mom's Group 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Men's Journey Group 9:00 AM in Room 303 OCC Collection 9-11 AM	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 Christmas Decorating OCC Collection Noon -2 PM Young Adult Group 5:30 PM in Room 304	OCC Collection Week 8-10 AM

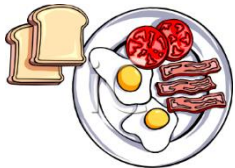
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

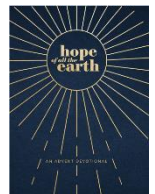


The next monthly Men of Legacy meal is breakfast on **Saturday, December 6th at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome who are (16) and above and desire to enjoy the fellowship with other men. The suggested cost is \$5 for the meal. Please contact Men's Ministry Lead Bob Whiffen at rwhiffen1@yahoo.com 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,"* are now available outside the Parlor. \$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

The Christmas Giving Tree is up in the foyer. 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.

Please return unwrapped gifts 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 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

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.

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 Wednesday and 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

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 \$11,500 FY25-Need: \$598,000	Week 11/16/25 Giving	Year To Date Giving	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance To Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,304	\$293,174	\$348,785	-\$55,611
World Missions	\$208	\$29,346	\$28,812	\$534
Building Fund	\$0	\$1,332	\$1,904	-\$572
Total Giving	\$6,512	\$323,852	\$379,500	-\$55,648
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!!!

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

Wednesday Kidz Klub November Calendar:

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.

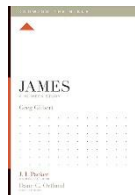
Teens in 6th grade and older join us for Friendsgiving and a church sleepover! We will meet at Community Chapel at 5:30 PM on Saturday and drive together to Lowell First Church of the Nazarene, where we will have a Friendsgiving dinner with a few of the youth groups in our area. Please bring a side dish 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



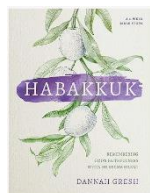
This group meets **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305**. In **James: A 12-Week Study**, pastor and author Greg Gilbert examines the message of James, exploring the book's difficult teachings on wealth, anointing with oil, prayer, healing, and the relationship between faith and works. Books can be purchased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



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

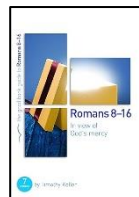
WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"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.

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

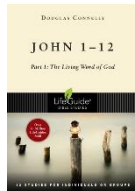
online at Christianbooks.com or Amazon.

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



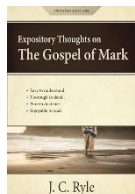
MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP

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!*

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, November 18, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;

Wednesday, November 19, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37-24:14;

Thursday, November 20, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28;

Complementary: Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28;

Friday, November 21, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Complementary: Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Saturday, November 22, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;

Complementary: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;

Sunday, November 23, 2025: Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) -Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Monday, November 24, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27;

Complementary: Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27;

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>