



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ November 25, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

The Hope of All the Earth!

It is upon us! Advent! It starts this 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 11/25	Wednesday 11/26	Thursday 11/27	Friday 11/28	Saturday 11/29	Sunday 11/30	Monday 12/1
Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 302	Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook				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	 1:00 PM Parlor

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you!
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Thank you for your generous donations during this Thanksgiving season that supported us in preparing our Thanksgiving baskets with food gift cards. This year recipients included families of Amherst Street Elementary students; Pennichuck Middle School students; patients at St. Joe's Hospital and Southern New Hampshire Medical Center; Saver's; and several NCLC and Community Chapel families.

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

GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

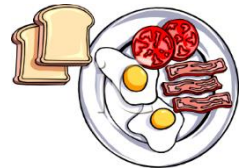


We will be offering another grief session "**Surviving the Holidays**" that offers support & practical tips for facing holiday challenges after loss of a loved one on **December 1st at 1:00-2:30 PM in the Parlor**. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Mary if you have any additional questions.

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.



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.

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 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

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		Year To		Year To Date	YTD
	11/23/25		Date		Budget	Performance
	Giving		Giving			To Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,034		\$299,208		\$359,354	-\$60,146
World Missions	\$315		\$30,559		\$29,685	\$874
Building Fund	\$58		\$1,390		\$1,961	-\$571
Total Giving	\$6,407		\$331,157		\$391,000	-\$59,843
	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 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)

There is **no youth group this Wednesday** as we take a break for Thanksgiving; we will resume next week, December 3rd! Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family.

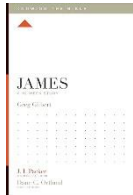
Contact Pastor Leo with any questions: pastorleo@community-chapel.org



YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

No young adults group this Sunday as we celebrate Thanksgiving weekend; we'll resume meeting on December 7th! Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions: beccakisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS



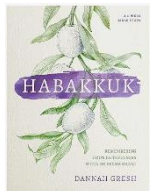
This group meets **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305**. In **James: A 12-Week Study**, pastor and author Greg Gilbert examines the message of James, exploring the book's difficult teachings on wealth, anointing with oil, prayer, healing, and the relationship between faith and works. Books can be purchased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

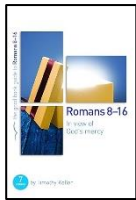
WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group will be taking a break **tomorrow, November 26th** for Thanksgiving and will resume on December 3rd from 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 306. "Why does God seem silent when I need Him most?" That is the question we will consider as we study the book of Habakkuk. 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



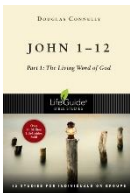
This group will be taking a break **tomorrow, November 26th** for Thanksgiving and will resume on December 3rd from 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 302. This group is studying Romans 8-16: In view of God's mercy. In this seven-session study of Romans 8-16, Timothy Keller shows groups how to live life in response 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 **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

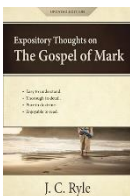


MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP

This group 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



This group will be taking a break **tomorrow, November 26th** for Thanksgiving and will resume on December 3rd in Room 303 at 6:30 PM. This group 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 Addults 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 25, 2025:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21;](#)

Wednesday, November 26, 2025:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4;](#)

Thursday, November 27, 2025: [Thanksgiving Day - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35](#)

Thursday, November 27, 2025: [Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;](#)

Friday, November 28, 2025: [Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;](#)

Saturday, November 29, 2025: [Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;](#)

Sunday, November 30, 2025: [First Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Monday, December 01, 2025: [Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11;](#)

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>