

This Week

Today

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| Sunday School | 9:30 AM |
| Coffee & Conversation | 10:30 AM |
| Morning Worship Service | 10:45 AM |

Community Prayer Service (MCN) 6:00 PM

Tuesday

MCN Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Refresh—Prayer 7:00 PM

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM
(Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Friday

MCN Student Ministries 5:00 PM

Saturday

Saturation Prayer 7:00 PM

Looking Ahead

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| Feb 21 | Installation Service—Wakefield, RI Sunday Night Prayer Service— The Salvation Army Citadel |
| Feb 28 | Alabaster Sunday Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors Sunday Night Prayer Service— Church of the Living God |
| Mar 1 | CCS Board Meeting |
| Mar 2 | Wednesdays with the Wise |
| Mar 5 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| Mar 6-9 | Spiritual Deepening Week |

| Financials | | |
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| | Tithes & Offerings | Missions |
| Received Last Week | 9,254 | 233 |
| Needed Weekly | 9,600 | 767 |
| Received Year to Date | 414,329 | 31,963 |
| Needed Year to Date | 432,000 | 34,515 |
| Surplus/Deficit | (17,671) | (2,552) |

Sermon Text: Hebrews 9:11-15; Christ, Our Priest, Our Sacrifice

Leviticus 16: The Sending of the Scapegoat

- What does the symbolism of banishing the goat teach us about sin in our lives? Hebrews 9:11
- Jesus functions as our perfect priest. What is perfect about his priesthood?
- He doesn't need to present any sacrifice for his own sin . . .
- Human priests needed to repeat the sacrifices daily. How is it different for Christ?
- Human sacrifices only removed external or ritual uncleanness. What does Christ's sacrifice accomplish?
- Human priests served as a mediator between God and man. Why is the contact between God and man more effective when mediated by Christ?
- Human priests couldn't change the way humanity approached God. The sacrifice of Christ opened a new way of connection. What is the new way like?

Announcements (Continued)

Thank You, Offering Service Participants!

It was a pleasure to witness the offerings that individuals brought before the Lord last Sunday afternoon. Music, Cash, Bread, Soup, Art, Testimonies of God's grace, all were offered, and we enjoyed the fellowship of the community of faith as we glorified God together. A special thanks to Rev. Becky Turcott for accompanying our hymn singing!

Ministry Safe

As you know, protecting the safety of our children is of highest concern to us. Our policies addressing the screening of individuals who work with children require additional training every two years, which means most of our workers are soon due to update their training. MINISTRY SAFE is the name of our training program. If you receive an email from MINISTRY SAFE, it is because MCN or CCS sent this to you because the time for your update has arrived. You have about 30 days to complete the training. Watch your email for the training link from MINISTRY SAFE!

Nursery and Toddler Room Assistance Needed

We still need a few volunteers to assist in the nursery or the toddler room. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis – or you can volunteer to be a back-up helper in the event of the illness of another volunteer. Please see Cindy Augustine to volunteer!



MANCHESTER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Welcome to Manchester Church of the Nazarene! We are delighted to have you with us today, as we seek to worship God, pray for one another and our world, and listen intently to whatever the Holy Spirit might say to us. Relax! Consider yourself among friends!

Sunday, February 14, 2016

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer

Announcements

Worship Through Giving
(Children are Dismissed to Children's Church)

Investigating God's Word: Hebrews 9:11-15

Response and Blessing

Baptism

Do you need to be baptized? We understand baptism to be the public witness to our entrance into the invisible Kingdom of God. All believers, all Christians, ought to be baptized, in obedience to the command of Christ in Matthew 28:19. We will plan to baptize any who respond on Easter Sunday morning. Please talk to a member of the pastoral staff to make preparation.

Activity Highlights

Lent is Preparation. Preparation Means Prayer.

From Friday's Prayer selection: (*Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit*)

The journey of Lent is a "listening and thinking" journey. I encourage you to find a phrase, each day, in the prayers we are reading, and make that your prayer for the day. This is the phrase I picked out for today (from Friday's reading):

"Awaken us . . . "

We don't walk this road toward Calvary alone. The Spirit aids us, comforting and convicting, as seems best to Him. We seek to hear all He has to say to us.

It is important to remember, however, that the work of the Spirit is His work in us and in His church. Consequently, we are joining with other brothers and sisters in order to prepare together, and to seek His face.

Sunday night prayer services at 6:00 PM will be hosted throughout Lent. Here is the schedule and locations:

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| Feb 14 | Here at MCN |
| Feb 21 | The Salvation Army—Manchester Citadel |
| Feb 28 | Church of the Living God |
| Mar 6 | New River Community Church |
| Mar 13 | South United Methodist Church |
| Mar 20 | Downtown Prayer Walk (Rain Location: MCN) |

These services will last about 1 hour each. In addition, the following additional times of prayer will be observed in our community:

Wednesday and Saturday nights at **MCN** at 7:00 PM
Monday through Saturday at **Church of the Living God**, 7AM and 7 PM
Daily (begins 2/17), at **The Salvation Army**, 6:45 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Feel free to step into any of these prayer meetings.

Spiritual Deepening Week

Set aside March 6 – 9 as a special time for Spiritual Deepening. Drs. Dan and Vicki Copp will be here to share with us each night. As always, meals will be provided before the service to make it easier for busy families to attend the services. Making renewal times a priority is an important way to model the significance of ongoing spiritual vitality to your children. Our kids need to learn that ongoing spiritual development is important to us, and there is no better way to model this than showing them how you take spiritual development seriously.

You will be inspired by the messages that the Copsps bring to us. They are gifted communicators and passionate about discipleship and Christian education. This will be one of those events that we will look back on and say, "Wow, what an excellent time we had!" Make sure you are part of the adventure!

Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors—February 28

If you consider yourself "new" to MCN, we invite you to join the Pastoral Staff for pizza and salad in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service on Sunday, February 28. It would be wonderful to have the opportunity to get to know you better!! If you are able to join us, kindly make a note in the communication pad or send an email office@mcnaz.com.

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Refresh—7 PM

We will be suspending our time of study until after Lent to allow for additional time of preparation and prayer. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM will be another time to join with others in our community to seek God together in prayer. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Moments for Moms—Thursdays at 9:30 AM

"MOMENTS FOR MOMS" Bible study invites ALL WOMEN to attend *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. Discover God's pursuit of relationship and the unfolding of His earthly plan: How through one nation—and ultimately one man—all people on earth will be blessed. A DVD driven Bible study by Beth Moore herself along with a group study participation. Come grow with us! Childcare from nursery to pre-school provided beginning at 9:15 AM. Contact Sandy Snellenberger at 860-432-0241 or dalesnel@att.net, or see her at church. This class is held in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Throughout the Lenten Season, we will have a strategic focus of praying for our community. We will be praying over each street in Manchester, believing that God has given us an open door of opportunity to see our town transformed. It's too big a job to do by ourselves but this is our chance to partner with five other community churches and see God move in powerful way. Just like in the book of Nehemiah, each family focused on their part of the wall to rebuild. MCN is one of those families and we are going to spiritually rebuild our portion of the wall. Don't miss out on the action! Don't let anything get in the way of you being part of this exciting move of God! Saturdays at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School Classes

BELONG Sunday School Class

Will you join us on this journey to discover what it means to follow Jesus and His example as we engage those around us--the people we encounter every day--with the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Many in our culture today long to be a part of something, to be a part of a community, a family, a group--they want to belong. In this study, we will explore how having a greater understanding of their desire to belong is part of their journey to believe. In other words, they want to belong BEFORE they believe. We will help others know they belong when we follow in Jesus' footsteps. This class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in Room 32 on the third floor.

The Battle Plan for Prayer Sunday School Class

The Sunday School class on Prayer will begin with the War Room Bible Study, and then we will continue with the Battle Plan for Prayer (both are written by Alex and Stephen Kendrick). This class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the CCS Library on the third floor.

Celebrate Recovery—Thursdays at 7 PM

Celebrate Recovery East of the River meets Thursday evenings in the lower level of the McLain Building. Don't go on struggling alone with hurts, habits and hang-ups! Join us!

THIS THURSDAY:

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| 6:30 PM | Food and Fellowship |
| 7:00 PM | Teaching Meeting—Moral |
| 7:45 PM | Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It |
| 8:00 PM | Open Share Groups— Men's and Women's |

More information is in the lobby.

Missions Moment

Alabaster Cow

A women designated that the milk from one of the family's cows would supply money for the family Alabaster box. The cow, named Alabaster, also provided an opportunity to explain what Alabaster does to neighbors. How can you creatively give to Alabaster to meet Nazarene building needs globally?

Alabaster Sunday is February 28.

Announcements

Children's Church Workers

Most Sundays, our children have a custom designed worship service prepared at their level. We could use some additional adults to help support the teachers. If you are interested in volunteering occasionally, contact Phyllis Cornell.

CCS Story Time

The Cornerstone Christian School is starting a Story Time for 2 and 3 year olds. This will take place once per month – the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11 AM. If you have children in this age group that would like to attend (with a parent or guardian), kindly call the school office to make a reservation. Flyers with additional information are available on the CCS table in the lobby.

Missions Planning Meeting

There will be a Missions planning meeting on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Help us plan to "put our arms around love."

Year-End Giving Statements

If you have not received your year-end giving statement, please contact the church office. Roger Carlson has been handing them out to individuals over the last several weeks.

Offering Update

To date, our offering for the Wakefield refrigerator stands at about \$700 (about \$300 short of our goal) and the water offering for Flint, MI totaled about \$450.