

This Week

Today

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

Community Prayer Service (The Salvation Army)	6:00 PM
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Wednesday

Wednesdays with the Wise	11:00 AM
Wednesday Night Refresh	7:00 PM

Thursday

National Day of Prayer (Center Memorial Park—near Mary Cheney Library)	6:30 PM
Celebrate Recovery (Please see Weekly Meetings for specific information.)	6:30 PM

Friday

MCN Student Ministries	5:00 PM
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Saturday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast	8:00 AM
Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM

Looking Ahead

May 10	MCN Board Meeting
May 22	Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors
May 28	Chess Night
May 31	CCS Board Meeting
June 1	Wednesdays with the Wise
June 4	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
June 8, 9	NMI Convention
June 9, 10	District Assembly
June 10	CCS Graduation

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	8,556	1,015
Needed Weekly	9,000	675
Received Year to Date	38,507	2,448
Needed Year to Date	36,000	2,700
Surplus/Deficit	2,507	(252)

Sermon Questions

Sermon Text: John 13:31-38

1. Who is the audience for these words of Jesus?
2. What has happened just before this passage in the Gospel of John?
3. Why does Jesus wash his disciple’s feet?
4. Have you ever done anything that you think fits into the same category as feet washing?
5. What is the new command that Jesus gives?
6. Why are the words, “Just as I have loved you” an important key to understanding the command?
7. Who are we supposed to love in this new way?
8. What will happen to those who are around us as a result of the way we express love to one another?
9. Why does Paul say the church that has lawsuits among its believers is completely defeated already?
10. What do you need, at the center of who you are, if you are going to love others sacrificially?



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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, May 1, 2016

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer

Communion

Announcements

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

Investigating God’s Word: John 13:31-38

Response and Blessing

Capital Improvements Funds Offering

From 2011 through 2014, we were blessed to have offering totals high enough to be able to pay for our capital improvement expenses from our saved funds and budget surpluses. We have watched God work in exceptional ways recently, allowing us to complete major renovation projects: Two new roofs, a new HVAC system and controlling system, new carpet on the first floor of 218 Main Street, new phone systems, new furnaces in the McLain building and the 44 Sterling Place parsonage, an expansion and new roof at 44 Sterling Place, to mention just a few of the larger project. These projects were necessary, and in some cases, a long time overdue.

Since 2014, our weekly giving has decreased and, given that we have spent our reserve funds on all these projects, we no longer have the funds to pay for capital expenses out of our operations budget. Consequently, we need to raise some revenue for the capital expenses we will need to address this year.

MCN owns two parsonages in which our pastoral families live. Possessing these two homes is a great financial boon to the church. Rather than paying the parsonage families a certain amount of money to acquire housing each year, the church provides a benefit in the form of homes that are already owned by the church. This saves the church between 25 and 30 thousand dollars each year.

While the savings that these homes provide is very significant, ownership also means that the church must protect its investment by maintaining and periodically upgrading the homes it owns. The parsonage at 232 was upgraded with new counter tops and painting when the Whitneys moved here in 2011. In addition, a fire in the kitchen of that home resulted in a kitchen upgrade in the 1980s. The parsonage of 44 Sterling Place has not had a similar upgrade (and thankfully, no fire!).

It is time for us to take on some important upgrades and repairs to these two homes. The attached list is provided to give focus to the needed repairs/upgrades. In addition, there are several other projects that are not parsonage related. We would encourage you to pray about this list in the weeks ahead. It may be that you would like to pay for one of the items on the list, or partially fund one of the options. It may be that you have the skills to provide the labor to install or upgrade the listed item, if someone else can provide the materials. It may be that you will simply contribute generally to these projects as a part of your ongoing support of the ministry of Manchester Nazarene.

Most of all, we’d like to ask you to take along one of the description sheets and take it before the Father in prayer. He is the one who has used us so many times in the past to accomplish the goals He has set before us. We are confident that, as we all do as He leads, that this need will be more than met.

We will receive this special offering next week, and every week until Pentecost Sunday. Please use the red envelopes for this offering, and be certain to write any instructions you may have on the envelope for the sake of recording.

Announcements

A Tribute and A Thank You

Mr. Donald Phillips sent a letter to the church office recently that thanked the church for all the wonderful years of association that he and his wife Alberta enjoyed here. He also wanted to thank those who participated in Alberta’s funeral service, Sandy Swain, Sue Donnelly, Pastor Dan, and those who attended. He closed his letter by saying, “I love each of you.” Don specifically asked me to share this with you.

Announcements (Continued)

Worship Ministry Needs

Please take a look at the needs listed below and speak with Tonia Light if you have an interest in serving or if you have any questions.

1. Sound Ministry Technician - training provided.
2. Media Slide Technician - training provided
3. Instrumentalists

Summer Camp Registration

Early registration for summer camp at Windsor Hills Camp and Retreat Center has begun. Registration information and sign-up links are listed on the website (whcamp.org).

Teen Camp	July 17-23
Children’s Camp	August 8-13

Activity Highlights

Prayer Meetings—First Sunday of the Month at 6 PM—Various Locations

We will continue our joint Sunday night prayer meetings into the new year. The first combined prayer meeting is set for May 1 at 6:00 PM at the Salvation Army. The second prayer meeting is Sunday night, June 5 at 6:00 PM at MCN. The first Sunday night of August, we will meet at New River Church. You are welcome to join us for these combined prayer meetings.

Discipleship Class—Segment 3—Nazarenes: What We Believe

In this class, we will learn about the history of the Church of the Nazarene. We will discuss the core values of the Nazarene Church and the 16 Articles of Faith. We will also talk about the importance of belonging to a faith community, and local church membership here at MCN.

This class is taught on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and meets in the CCS library. It will be an 8-week class, beginning today and ending on June 26 (Class will **not** be held on June 19). Pastor Garry Light will be the teacher.

Wednesdays with the Wise—May 4 at 11 AM

Our next Wednesday luncheon for those 60(ish) and over will be Wednesday, May 4 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to this time of singing, brief devotional, fellowship, and food. Feel free to bring a side dish to share if you are able. Please call the church office at (860) 646-8599 if you have any questions.

National Day of Prayer—Thursday, May 5

The National Day of Prayer is this Thursday, May 5. A united prayer gathering will be held in Center Memorial Park (near Mary Cheney Library) in Manchester at 6:30 PM. If you have questions, you may contact Sara Crissy at (860) 646-5649 or jc4ndp4usa@juno.com. To find additional locations, visit the website nationaldayofprayer.org.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast — May 7 at 8:00 AM

Join us for a breakfast, devotional time and time of prayer together. After the breakfast, we will take a couple of hours to complete some work around the church. This month we would like to mount some new TVs in some of the CCS classrooms. We will get as much done as we can before we finish at 11 AM!

Women Connecting After Five—May 12 at 6 PM

We are being encouraged to befriend those outside of our church. This is a fun way for the women to do exactly that. Invite your friend to come with you to the next Women Connecting After Five. (This is a non-denominational group.) Enjoy a delicious dinner, good fellowship, an interesting presentation, and an encouraging speaker. Invitations with specific information are in the lobby. Please see Marlene Peterson or Evelyn Banning with any questions you may have.

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Bible Study—7 PM

Our mid-week bible study is currently being led by Pastor Whitney. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. We will study the sermon text used by Pastor Fred Craddock, and then listen to the sermons he preached from that text. We will also spend time praying for the needs of the community.

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.

Celebrate Recovery—

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

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

THIS THURSDAY:

6:30 PM	Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM	Testimony Night— Special Guest
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.

Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Saturation Prayer is held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this time of seeking the face of God for our church, community, nation and world. Help us bear one another’s burdens, as we have been instructed in the Word of God.