

This Week

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

Monday
 Women's Ministry Committee Mtg 6:30 PM

Tuesday
 CR Men's Step Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday
 Faith Promise Planning Mtg. 6:00 PM
 MCN Student Ministries 6:30 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM

Thursday
 Women's Bible Study 9:15 AM
 Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM
 (Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Saturday
 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM
 CR Women's Step Study 10:00 AM
 Saturation Prayer 7:00 PM
 Chess and Game Night 7:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Oct 2 Baptism Sunday
 Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors
 Pre-teen (Grades 5-7) Activity
 Community Prayer Mtg—SA
 Oct 4 CCS Board Mtg
 Oct 5 Wednesdays with the Wise
 Oct 11 MCN Board Mtg
 Oct 14-15 ENC Homecoming Weekend
 Oct 15-16 Faith Promise Weekend

Financials		
	Tithes &	Missions
Received Last Week	8,564	803
Needed Weekly	9,000	675
Received Year to Date	211,162	13,085
Needed Year to Date	225,000	16,875
Surplus/Deficit	(13,838)	(3,790)

Announcements

Love Offering—Carol Beck
 Carol Beck was an active member of MCN who taught at Cornerstone for 18 years. A few months ago, she moved back to Pennsylvania, where she is currently fighting a battle with cancer. The Church and School Boards are supporting her by covering medical insurance costs throughout this school year. We would like to help with other financial burdens by taking a love offering for Carol this morning. Please make checks out to Carol Beck. Anonymous gifts may be made in cash and placed in an envelope with Carol's name on the front. Thanks for your support of Carol.

Certification Renewal for Children's Workers
 Many thanks to those who are willing to serve in our Children's Ministries programs! It is our policy to certify and recertify our children's workers in Ministry Safe every 3 years. If you are due for a renewal, expect to receive an email link in the near future to renew your certification so that we can keep our workers and our children safe.

Request for Donations of Children's Books
 If you have books for young children (3 and 4 years old) that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to the MCN preschool room for use during Sunday school and the worship hour. A wide variety of books, particularly picture books with great story lines, are greatly needed. Please see Tonya Snyder if you have books to donate.

Fall Volunteers Needed for Nursery/Preschool Ministry
 This fall, we resume our offer to provide nursery care for children not yet in Kindergarten during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) and during the worship service. This level of care requires us to have a total of 8 volunteers each Sunday. Please consider serving the MCN body in this way so that our families can participate fully in the Sunday school program and in the worship service. Additionally, we are looking for a volunteer to serve as the coordinator of this important ministry. Please see Tonya Snyder if you would like to learn more!

Faith Promise Planning Meeting
 Calling all interested in missions—Faith Promise Weekend is coming up soon and we need to finish our planning. All are welcome—the more people, the more ideas. Please join us this upcoming Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 PM. A light dinner will be provided. Again, come help us plan Faith Promise this Wednesday evening at 6:00!

Alabaster Offering
 We are moving Alabaster to November. So keep collecting all that loose change, etc.! Look forward to that offering of celebration and thanksgiving.

New Mission Materials Available Now!
 A new mission year has begun! Look for new books and CDs in the lobby.

Waddell Elementary School Partnership
 We will be continuing our relationship with Waddell Elementary School this 2016-17 school year by looking for ways to bless the children and their families. One way you can help right away is to bring in donations for their "snacks pantry." There are **3 specific items needed: individually wrapped granola bars, boxes of raisins, and individually wrapped packages of pretzels.** You can bring these items with you on Sunday morning and place them in the church office. These items will be delivered to Waddell during the week. If you have questions, or would like to get more involved with serving our friends at Waddell, please see Pastor Garry.



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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, September 25, 2016

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

Investigating God's Word: Luke 16:19-31

Response and Blessing



Weekly Classes and Meetings

MY Faith—Nazarene Catechism for Grades 5 through 8—STARTS TODAY!

Goal: Become acquainted with Christian beliefs and the Church of the Nazarene doctrine

When: 12 weeks beginning today during the worship service; 10:45 AM—NOON

How: Questions and answers, interactive videos, games, and fun activities

Leader: Bob Cornell

Each student will receive a *My Faith* handbook. It is a journal with important need-to-knows of the faith such as the Apostles' Creed, questions and answers about Christian beliefs, and interactive journal pages. It tells what we believe and shows where our beliefs came from – God's Word, the Bible.

Discipleship Class—Segment One: Understanding the Bible and Growing in Christ

In this class, we will learn about the composition and origin of the Bible, including the differences between the kinds of books that are included in it. We will discuss what it means when we say the Bible is inspired, and we will begin the process of studying it. We will also talk about the methods that Christians have commonly used to remain present to God so that they can mature and grow closer to God throughout their lives.

This class will be taught on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and will meet in the CCS library. It will begin today and end on November 20 (8 weeks – no class on October 16). Pastor Light will be the teacher.

Women's Bible Study—Thursdays at 9:15 AM

Ladies, you are invited to join us every Thursday from 9:15—11:15 AM now—November 17, 2016.

This session we will be using materials from Beth Moore—**Here and Now . . . There and Then: A Lecture Series on Revelation**. "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He doesn't reveal. Come experience information turned into Revelation! Filled with hope, joy and thrilling beyond imagination! Childcare is provided for nursery through pre-school. Please contact Sandy Snellenberger to sign up at 860-432-0241 or email her at dalesnel@att.net, or text leaving your name and number.

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Our mid-week bible study meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. We will continue our study of 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.

Celebrate Recovery Teaching Meeting Thursday Night

Please join with us in celebrating hope and healing through our Higher Power, Jesus Christ! Lower level of the McLain Building 6:30—9:00 PM (food included).

Step Studies—STILL OPEN—changing lives one step at a time!

Men's Step Study! *Over-the-top Overcoming!* Tuesdays at 7 PM

Women's Step Study! *Xtreme Discipleship!* Saturdays at 10 AM

Sign up: Online www.mcna.com/recovery/ or email profdave8@cox.net or call Dave 860-432-8251.

Information table in the lobby.

Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Saturation Prayer meets in the Sanctuary on Saturdays at 7 PM. Come join us!

Activity Highlights

Men's Prayer Breakfast—October 1, 8 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. We will get as much done as we can before we finish at 11 AM!

Baptism Sunday—October 2

If interested in baptism, please speak with Pastor Dan or Pastor Garry.

10 Days of Prayer—October 2—12

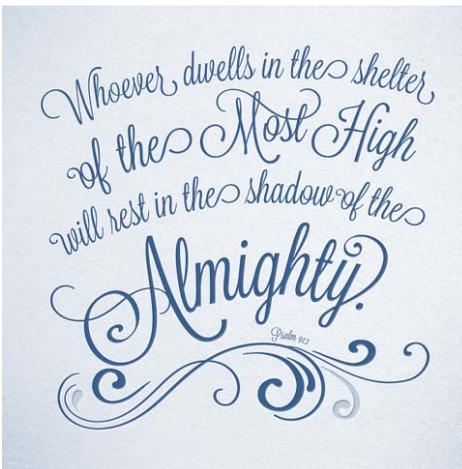
10 Days of Prayer is a national prayer Initiative being observed October 2-12. This year Church of the Living God will host a regional prayer and worship event right here in Manchester on Wednesday, October 5 at 7 PM. Pastor Dan will be participating. If you are interested in additional meeting places and times, please visit impactconnecticut.com/10-days-of-prayer/.

Community Prayer—October 2 at 6 PM

The next Community Prayer Night meets October 2 at 6 PM at The Salvation Army Citadel. Please join us to pray for our community, our state and our nation. This is part of a series of prayer meetings being held in area churches on the first Sunday night of each month.

Women Connecting After Five—October 13 at 6 PM

This month is guest night! Invite your favorite guy 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. **Now meeting at Nutmeg Restaurant in South Windsor.** Invitations with specific information are in the lobby. Please see Marlene Peterson or Evelyn Banning with any questions you may have.



Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors—October 2

We would like to invite all those who consider themselves "new" to MCN to join the pastoral staff for a casual lunch on Sunday, October 2 following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza, salad, and fruit will be served. We would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you better. Please feel free to contact the church office at (860)646-8599 if you have any questions or to RSVP.

Pre-teen (Grades 5-7) Activity—Sunday Afternoon, October 2

Hike up Talcott Mountain and see the largest tree in Connecticut. Pizza lunch and water will be provided. Parents, pick up your pre-teens at the church at 4:30 PM. Please contact Bob or Phyllis Cornell at (860) 878-8642 if you have questions.

Annual Women's Retreat—November 4-5

Please plan to join us for the 2-day "Lavender Springs Spa – Where Women Rest in God's Faithfulness." MCN Women's Ministries has an exciting and inspirational retreat planned for right here at MCN! We'll be escaping from our everyday lives as we rest in Him, fellowship with other women, and explore a variety of Psalms. The retreat will kick off on Friday at 6:30 PM with a dessert buffet and an exploration and celebration of Psalms of praise. The retreat will continue on Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost is just \$25 and includes a catered lunch. Hold the dates and watch for further news concerning registration!



DO YOU HAVE A HABIT?

If you have ever been hurt, you may have developed a habit to relieve or to escape your pain. Sometimes you can acquire a habit by bad example or almost by mistake.

A **habit** is an addiction to someone or something.

- food (compulsive eating or dieting, anorexia, bulimia etc.)
- relationships (people or romance addiction)
- sex (lust, pornography, unwanted sexual attractions, etc.)
- shopping
- gambling
- smoking
- alcohol
- drugs (prescription or non-prescription)

Have you tried to quit but can't? Does it take more and more of "x" to provide the comfort you crave? Does it cause more problems than it solves? Does it hinder your walk with God and significant others?

Maybe **CELEBRATE RECOVERY** is for you.

You don't have to struggle alone.

Thursdays 6:30 – 9:00 PM



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