

## This Week

### Today

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

### Wednesday

Wednesday Night Refresh	7:00 PM
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### Thursday

Men's Celebrate Recovery	7:00 PM
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### Friday

MCN Student Ministries	5:00 PM
The Delightful Hour with God	7:00 PM

### Saturday

Family Prayer Breakfast	9:00 AM
Living the Mission Chili Dinner	6:00 PM
Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM

## Looking Ahead

Nov 17	MCN Board Meeting
Nov 26	Community Thanksgiving Dinner (The Salvation Army)
Nov 29	Advent Begins
Nov 29	Hanging of the Greens
Dec 1	CCS Board Meeting
Dec 2	Wednesdays with the Wise
Dec 5	Advent Banquet
Dec 13	Children's Program
Dec 15	MCN Board Dinner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night
Jan 2	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Jan 6	Wednesdays with the Wise
Jan 22	Soup and Substance

## Sermon Text: James 4:13-17

### Sermon Questions

1. Is it an error to make plans? Explain.
2. What kinds of plans have the potential to create trouble for us?
3. What three things might we do to remind ourselves that we are mortal, and to keep us from arrogance?
4. Why must we create space in our lives into which the Spirit can speak?
5. What does it mean to say, "If God wills . . ." whenever we make our plans?

### Additional Scriptures

**Luke 12:13-21 and 22-34**

God addresses our physical needs as well as our tendency to hoard. What do you feel when you read these verses?

### Small Group Discussion

1. Are you superstitious? Explain how.
2. Is there anything wrong with making plans? When is it good to make plans?
3. How does tithing help us rely on God? Do you have any tithing stories you would like to tell?
4. How do you deal with the fact that you will not live forever? Do you have a will prepared?
5. Are you distractible, or is deviating from your daily agenda too difficult to consider?
6. When was the last time God got your attention and altered your plans? Explain.
7. Is there a current need that exists around you in the lives of others to which you are especially sensitive? Do you suspect God may be trying to say something to you about this?

### Going Deeper

Is there an area of your life where you have heard God speaking to you to do a certain good thing, but where you are reluctant to obey, or are dragging your feet? Can you figure out why?



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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, November 8, 2015

Welcome Song and Welcome  
(Children are Dismissed to Children's Church)

Praise and Worship

Prayer

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

Testimony

Investigating God's Word: James 4:13-17

Response to God's Word

## Children Go Early to Children's Church!

The Christmas Program is only five weeks away! Starting today, all those children participating in the program will leave worship after the opening song to prepare for the program. Pray for the children and for Nancy Whitney as they prepare to minister to us the great story of Christmas!

## Activity Highlights

### Advent Banquet—December 5—Sign up Begins Today

The Advent Banquet will be on Saturday December 5. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 PM and dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. The suggested donation this year is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child, not to exceed \$20 per family. We want everyone to come! Cost is low and subsidized so that you can be a part. Don't let finances keep you from attending. If you can't afford the evening, come anyway!!! This will be a fun, family night, with music, activities, and good food!

Each family is invited to bring a dessert that is easy to serve, e.g., cookies, bars, sliced cake, etc. A sign up sheet is in the Lobby today.

### Women Connecting After Five—November 12 at 6 PM

Women Connecting After Five is a non-denominational outreach ministry of stonecroft.org and is a time to invite other women to a place where they can hear the Gospel in a comfortable, non-threatening atmosphere. After an interesting activity and a delicious dinner, the speaker will tell her story of what her life was like before she learned about Jesus and how her life has been changed by Him. Invitations with specific information are on the welcome tables in the Lobby.

### Men's Celebrate Recovery—November 12 at 7 PM

Men's Celebrate Recovery will begin meeting here on Thursday night, November 12 in the McLain Building. The full program, for those women who are interested, is available on Friday nights at Mill Pond Church, 2175 Berlin Turnpike, Newington. Car pool will be available.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-Step, support program for those with hurts, habits and hang-ups that hinder our relationships with God and with others. There will be an information table in the Lobby.

### Living the Mission Weekend!—November 13-15

Special Speaker: **Dr. Carla Sunberg, Nazarene Theological Seminary**

The weekend of November 13-15 will be an exciting time at MCN! There are four events that are available for your enrichment, and we encourage you to enjoy as many as you can.

Friday night, 7 PM Living the Mission in Your Own Skin: Prayer! This discussion of prayer, entitled, "The Delightful Hour with God" will enrich your prayer life.

Saturday morning, 9 AM, join us for a family prayer breakfast, entitled "Living the Mission in Your Own Family." Bring along a rake, as we will take an hour or so after the breakfast to help neighborhood families rake the leaves in their yards!

Saturday evening, 6 PM, we will share a chili supper and talk about "Living the Mission in Your Community."

Sunday morning, 10:45 AM, Dr. Sunberg will be preaching in the morning service, as we focus on mission work around the world.

For many of you, faith promise is a familiar concept, and we will be explaining and renewing our faith promises this weekend. Dr. Sunberg is an outstanding preacher, and you will enjoy the time you are able to spend with her!

## Announcements

### Tutoring Needed

We have been asked to provide specific tutoring for a 3rd grade child at Waddell. If you are cleared through our Children's Ministry Screening process, and are able to give 30-45 minutes a week, on either Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, please contact the church office or Garry Light immediately.

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Salvation Army will hold its annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26 at NOON. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. If you are interested in helping, please contact The Salvation Army office at (860) 649-7787.

### Thanksgiving Baskets for Local Families

Thanksgiving baskets for local families: The board in the lobby indicates the food items we still need to provide 8 Thanksgiving baskets to families in our neighborhood. Grab a few post-it notes and bring in the items you select. And in all you do, give thanks to the Lord for His blessings!

### 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!

### Help Needed

Marilyn Taylor is looking for some help with storage for her furniture. She is anticipating that she will need to relocate to a new (as of yet unidentified) apartment, and would like to have a plan for about two bedrooms of furniture for the transition. Please contact Marilyn if you can be of help to her.

### Assistive Listening Devices

Assistive Listening Devices are now available for those who are having difficulty clearly hearing the Sunday morning services. If you are interested in receiving an assistive listening device each Sunday morning, feel free to contact the church office (860-646-8599 or office@mcnaz.com), or you may speak with Tonia Light.

### Nursery and Toddler Room Assistance

The nursery and preschool rooms are in need of additional helpers. Specific times when help is needed is as follows:

#### Nursery Room:

1st Sunday of the Month  
Sunday School and Worship Service

5th Sunday of the Month  
Sunday School and Worship Service

#### Preschool Room:

3rd Sunday of the Month  
Sunday School

4th Sunday of the Month  
Worship Service

If you are committing to a specific day each month is not feasible, but you would still like to help with this ministry, substitute helpers are always welcome. Please see Cindy to volunteer.

## Weekly Meetings

### Wednesday Night Refresh—7 PM

For this session of Wednesday Night Refresh we will be changing our format to a round table reading of Ezra. Come and be a part of what is sure to be a rich time in prayer, in the Word, and in discussion. We will purposefully take time to examine how we can apply the Word in our daily lives. Come be refreshed!

### Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Have you ever suddenly realized that your prayer life is non-existent? Are you uncomfortable praying out loud? Saturday night *Saturation Prayer* is the place where that can change; and let me tell you, it will change your life. As you pray silently along with others, you will learn and be encouraged how to pray.

We pray as it says in Ephesians 6, that we may grow to discern the schemes of the enemy, that we learn to pray against the spiritual forces of darkness dressed in the armor of God. Come and praise our God because He is our strength and our deliverance, and not only will your life change, but our homes, church, schools and communities can be changed too!

Join us on Saturday nights at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	9,602	461
Needed Weekly	9,600	767
Received Year to Date	290,264	19,169
Needed Year to Date	297,600	23,777
Surplus/Deficit	(7,336)	(4,608)