

## Announcements (Continued)

### Alabaster Offering

Several times a year, we collect a loose change offering to assist the construction of missions focused buildings around the world. The offering receives its name from the story of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet in anticipation of His sacrifice for us. This morning, we will receive this annual offering once again.

### To Parents of Children in Kindergarten through Grade 4:

You may have noticed that your children are not practicing a musical for Christmas this year. We have decided to try something new and do our musical in the spring. We will start practicing for that in January 2017, so be on the lookout! Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a musical offering from our children, though, so next Sunday, November 20, I will continue practicing with the children in Kindergarten through Grade 4. They will be dismissed right after Pastor Dan's welcome and opening prayer. I will practice with them for the first half of the service, and then their Children's Church teacher will take over at the usual time. You may pick your children up right after church is dismissed. We will follow this pattern until December 11. **(This morning, the children will be involved in the beginning part of the service so practice is postponed, and they will be dismissed for Children's Church following the offering.)** Our performance will be Sunday, December 18. Please have your children here by 10:15 AM so we can practice in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Whitney. Many Thanks!

### For Your Information

There is a new business in town, Silk City Coffee, which is owned by Glenn and Tammy Gerhardt. Tammy is the Cornerstone guidance counselor. The shop is being run by Tim and Jane Loftus' daughter and son-in-law. You might want to check it out—Main Street, Manchester, east side of the street.

### Hurricane Matthew Response Fund

The needs growing out of recent hurricanes are indeed catastrophic. You may feel compelled to help in some way, but may not know how. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is one avenue in the Church of the Nazarene.

Hurricane Matthew Response Fund—donations will be used for immediate needs, as well as long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. To contribute directly: Make checks payable to the General Treasurer and put ACM1198/F135 in the memo area. These may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to NCM, et al.

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Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	8,328	555
Needed Weekly	9,000	675
Received Year to Date	258,758	15,743
Needed Year to Date	279,000	20,925
Surplus/Deficit	(20,242)	(5,182)

### To my MCN Family!

Words can't express the love I felt upon opening the card sent by Pastor Whitney! My heart is overwhelmed at your generosity!

As the journey continues, new treatments are popping up and I am in the middle of using one of them as I write this letter.

Thanks can't be enough—but, I know God will richly bless all of you as you have so richly blessed me! Know you are loved, missed, and prayed for.

Carol Beck



## 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, November 13, 2016

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Announcements

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

Investigating God's Word

Response and Blessing

## This Week

### Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	10:45 AM
Ministry Safe Training	12:00 PM

### Tuesday

MCN Board Mtg	6:30 PM
CR Men's Step Study	7:00 PM

### Wednesday

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

### Saturday

CR Women's Step Study	9:30 AM
Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM

## Looking Ahead

Nov 23	CCS Thanksgiving Chapel
Nov 26	Chess and Game Night
Nov 27	Hanging of the Greens
Nov 29	CCS Board Mtg
Dec 3	Advent Banquet at 5:30 PM
Dec 4	Community Prayer Mtg (New River Community Church)
Dec 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
Dec 13	MCN Board Dinner
Dec 21	CCS Christmas Chapel
Dec 27	CCS Board Mtg
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Game Night
Jan 4	Wednesdays with the Wise
Jan 7	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Jan 10	MCN Board Mtg

## Weekly Classes and Meetings

### MY Faith: Nazarene Catechism for

#### 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Sundays at 10:45 AM

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

**When:** 12 weeks 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, 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.

### Women's Bible Study

November 17 is the last time we will get together this year. We will resume meeting on January 12, 2017, and begin a new study from Priscilla Shirer, *The Armor of God*.

Watch for more details to come soon.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

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—Thursday Nights!

Celebrating recovery together from our hurts, habits and hang-ups! Starting the week with Step 1! Please join us in the lower level of the McLain Building.

6:30 PM	Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM	Teaching Meeting— "Denial is not just a river in Egypt"
7:45 PM	Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It
8:00 PM	Open Share Meetings—Men's Open and Women's Open (all hurts, habits and hang-ups)

### Saturation Prayer—Saturdays at 7 PM

Is the Church bowing down to the status quo? Get subversive! Prayer: "a subversive activity [that] involves a more or less open act of defiance against any claim by the current regime."  
—Eugene Peterson

## Activity Highlights

### Cornerstone Annual Partners' Banquet – This Saturday, November 19 at 5:30 PM

If you are interested in the ministry of The Cornerstone Christian School, this banquet is for you! Updates on all areas of school development will be offered, along with a sumptuous meal and great entertainment! RSVP is a must; call the school office before Monday at NOON to reserve a spot (860-643-0792). We will launch the "1981 Club" at this banquet; come and get the details!

### Celebrate Recovery Leadership Training—November 19

Celebrate Recovery Leadership Training with State Representative Katharine El Hayek will be held on Saturday, November 19, 9 AM – 12 PM. Anyone in recovery or interested in CR is welcome to attend.

Module 3 – Forming Your T.E.A.M.

Module 4 – Training New Leaders

### Hanging of the Greens—November 27 at 6:00 PM

On Sunday night, November 27 at 6:00 we will decorate the church for Advent/Christmas. We'd love to have you help! We'll have a brief time of devotions to explain the decorations, and then we will put up the trees, the wreaths, the candles, the lights and all the rest. Feel free to bring cookies or other snacks to share, if you are able. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tonia Light at (860) 646-8599 or [tonia.light@mcnaz.com](mailto:tonia.light@mcnaz.com).

### You're Invited! Annual Advent Banquet—Saturday, December 3

Kick off the holiday season with your church family this year. The banquet begins at 5:30 PM with appetizers, the meal will be served at 6:00 PM. There will be good food, special entertainment, holiday table games and more. This banquet is subsidized by the church because we believe it is important for us to spend time together in order to grow in our support for one another.

The cost of the banquet is \$6/adult; \$3/kids 3-11. There is a family maximum of \$15. (Actual cost of the catered meal is \$12/person.) We ask each family to bring along a finger dessert to share. Please sign up in advance in the lobby; RSVPs are needed by the caterer. Break out those Christmas sweaters and join us!

## Announcements

### Updating Approved Children's Ministries Workers

Letters were sent to volunteers who need their paperwork and certifications updated according to the church's policies for approving Children's Ministries workers. Your willingness to update your training and files is critical to our ability to provide safe and effective care for our children. It is necessary that all workers' information be updated by today, so far as it is possible. In order to assist with taking the Ministry Safe training, this 90-minute training video will be provided in Fellowship Hall immediately following today's service. All other materials can be obtained from Tonya Snyder in the lobby before and after church today. Thank you for your ministry to our children and their parents! .

### Thanksgiving Baskets for Local Families

The board in the lobby indicates the food items we need to provide nine Thanksgiving baskets to families in our neighborhood. Grab a few post-it notes and bring in the items you select. Please bring in those items before Thursday, November 17. And, in all you do, give thanks to the Lord for His blessings!

### Snow Removal Help Needed

The Facilities Team is looking for help removing snow. If you helped last year and are able to help out again this year, or if you are interested in joining this year's team, please see Scott Paterson or send an email to [mcnfacility@mcnaz.com](mailto:mcnfacility@mcnaz.com).