

This Week

Today

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

Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	6:30 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study	7:00 PM

Thursday

Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
Celebrate Recovery	6:30 PM

(Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Saturday

Saturation Prayer	7:00 PM
Chess Night	7:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Feb 26	Alabaster Offering Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors
Feb 28	CCS School Board Mtg.
Mar 1	Wednesdays with the Wise A Sacred Assembly at 7 PM
Mar 4	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Mar 14	MCN Board Mtg.
Mar 19-22	Spiritual Deepening Week
Mar 25	Rehearsal—Children's Musical
Mar 28	CCS Board Mtg.
Apr 1	Dress Rehearsal—Children's Musical
Apr 2	Children's Spring Musical
Apr 21-23	2017 Annual Women's Retreat at Windsor Hills Camp, NH

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	8,778	445
Needed Weekly	9,000	675
Received Year to Date	391,666	25,687
Needed Year to Date	405,000	30,375
Surplus/Deficit	(13,334)	(4,688)

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Bible/Sermon Study meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship hall. Anyone/everyone is welcome.

Ladies' Bible Study—Thursdays at 9:30 AM

All Ladies' Bible Study meets on Thursdays from 9:30—11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Childcare is provided through Kindergarten.

All day, everyday, an invisible war rages around you—unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life: your heart, mind, marriage, children, relationships, resilience, dreams, and your destiny. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. Don't be caught with your guard down, purposely plan to secure a victorious life in Christ.

Learn how to dress in [The Armor of God](#) in this study presented by Priscilla Shirer along with discussion groups following each lesson. There is a fee of \$14.00 for the workbook. Please contact Sandy Snellenberger at 860-432-0241 or dalesnel@att.net to register for this class.

Celebrate Recovery This Thursday Night!

Stop struggling alone! Come celebrate the healing power of Jesus with us! Lower Level, McLain Building (Sterling Place entrance).

6:30 PM	Food and Fellowship
7:00 PM	Teaching Meeting (Sponsor)
7:45 PM	Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It
8:00 PM	Open Share Groups— Men's Open and Women's Open (all hurts, habits and hang-ups)

More information in the lobby.

Saturation Prayer

Saturation Prayer is suspended for now. Look for more information coming in March.

Michael & Sue Donnelly wish to thank the many kind folks at MCN who supported them with prayer, visits, calls, cards, and meals during their recovery from their recent car accident.

Activity Highlights

Chess Night—Saturday, February 25 at 7 PM

We will meet in the MCN Fellowship Hall this Saturday, February 25 at 7 PM. We will be discussing some principles of chess, and how they can also be applied to our life in Christ. Bring your chessboard and let's have fun.

Alabaster Offering—February 26

Twice a year, we collect a loose change offering to assist in 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. On February 26, we will receive this annual offering once again.

Pizza (and Salad) with the Pastors—RESCHEDULED—February 26

Due to the weather, the Pizza (and salad) with the Pastors luncheon has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 26 following the morning worship service. We invite all those who consider themselves "new" to MCN within the past year to join us for a casual lunch and an opportunity to get to know one another better. For further information or to RSVP, please contact the church office at (860)646-8599 or email tonia.light@mcnaz.com.

Wednesdays with the Wise—March 1 at 11 AM

Our next Senior Adult luncheon will take place on Wednesday, March 1 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us for a wonderful time of singing, sharing, food, and fellowship. You are welcome to bring a friend and a side dish to share. Please feel free to contact the church office at (860) 646-8599 if you have any questions.

Sacred Assembly—March 1 at 7 PM

Wednesday night, March 1, is an evening Holy to the Lord! I am persuaded that the Spirit is calling us to a Sacred Assembly, and I don't want any Manchester Nazarenes to miss that gathering. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which has been a time of repentance throughout the history of the Christian Church. Let me explain our Ash Wednesday procedure:

On the first Wednesday night of Lent, we will bring our prayers before the Father as a community. In addition to the prayers we offer together, there will be a time during the service for you to read prayers you have prepared in advance, perhaps with family members. We will all be doing this at the same time, so you don't have to worry about others listening specifically to your prayers, and you don't have to worry about reading in public, if that is something that frightens you. You are not required to read your prayers aloud before the altar, but you will have the opportunity to do that.

I would encourage you to gather your family ahead of time and prepare the prayers you will bring that night. It may be that you know someone who would like to come but can't get out in the evenings. Please take the initiative to visit them, pray with them, gather their prayers and bring them to the assembly on their behalf. Let's be diligent to include every person we can!

At the end of the service, we will collect the prayers and seal them in a large envelope and securely affix them to the underside of the Altar table. (Again, you don't have to surrender your prayer sheet.) The prayers will stay under the altar until Pentecost Sunday, when we will burn them outdoors on the stone altar, as we have done in previous years.

Please see back page for additional highlights.

If the weather last week caused you to miss the final sermon in Pastor Dan's message series, check it out online.

Don't forget—

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TO THE CHURCH!**