

## Announcements (Continued)

### Free Smoke Alarm Program

Did you know that the Manchester Fire Department - 8<sup>th</sup> District, has a **free** smoke alarm program? Smoke alarms are mandatory in single and two family homes. Have you tested yours lately? If not, please do so today. Also, please check the manufacturers date on the back of the unit. If it is 10 years or older, or does not have a date, it must be replaced. The Fire Department will provide free smoke alarms and installation. Whether you need a smoke alarm because you do not have one or need to replace one, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at (860) 643-6209 ext. 826. We want you to be safe.

## Do you know?

The Cornerstone Christian School (CCS) is a ministry hosted by Manchester Church of the Nazarene that offers Christian Education to children from ages three years to Grade 12. Founded in 1981, the faculty and staff are committed to providing a well-rounded education from a distinctly Christian world view. For over 35 years, we have partnered with families from many different church backgrounds to help students discover the richness of the community of faith and the joy that comes with discovering the magnificence of God's creation.

CCS students enjoy low teacher to student ratios, a range of extra-curricular activities, and caring teachers who pray for and tenderly guide their students. This year, we will mark with sadness the retirement of Mrs. Donna Corbeil, who has served at CCS for 34 years! At the same time we welcome Mrs. Lisa Randall back to CCS, where she will attempt to fill the shoes Donna leaves behind. We wish her every success and pledge to her our prayerful and constant support.

If you think that CCS might be a good fit for your child, we encourage you to call the school office ((860) 643-0792). We'd love to tell you about the program and pray with you concerning the placement of your child or children at CCS. Financial aid is available to qualifying families, and placement testing is offered to prospective students free of charge.

## 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.

We will not meet on Wednesday, June 7 (District NMI Convention).

### Celebrate Recovery Thursday Night

Stop struggling alone! Come find a safe place. Experience the healing love of Jesus! Lower Level, McLain Building (Sterling Place entrance).

6:30 PM Food and Fellowship

7:00 PM **Teaching Night—Ready for His miracle?**

7:45 PM Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It  
8:00 PM Open Share Groups:  
Women's Habits and Addictions  
Women's Open  
Men's Open

More information in the lobby.

### Saturday Small Group at 7 PM

We would like to introduce a new transformational gathering for praise & worship, interactive Scripture reading and discussion, and an extended time of prayer for personal needs and community intercession. We expect God to be present and active! Meeting will be held in the McLain cafeteria at 7 PM on Saturdays, led by Tim and Jane Loftus.



## 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, May 28, 2017**

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Announcements

Worship Through Giving  
(Children K-4 are dismissed to Children's Church.)

Investigating God's Word: Genesis 24:1-14

Response and Blessing

## This Week

### Today

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

### Tuesday

CCS Board Meeting	6:30 PM
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### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Celebrate Recovery (Please see <b>Weekly Meetings</b> for specific information.)	6:30 PM
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### Saturday

Feast of the Holy Spirit	4:00 PM
Saturday Small Group	7:00 PM

## Looking Ahead

June 4	Pentecost Community Prayer
June 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
June 11	Pizza (and salad) with the Pastors
June 13	MCN Board Meeting
June 16	CCS Class of 2017 Graduation
June 24	Chess Night
July 1	Men's Prayer Breakfast
July 2	Community Prayer
July 5	Wednesdays with the Wise
July 22	Block Party
July 31—Aug 4	VBS
Aug 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast

## Activity Highlights

### Pentecost Celebrations!

**Pentecost** is just around the corner! Sunday, June 4, is the day we celebrate the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (Check Acts 2) There will be several parts to this celebration:

1. We encourage you to wear red, the color of Pentecost. This is linked to fire, which is a symbol of the day.
2. We will have treats for the kids, red treats.
3. We will meet around our Centennial Altar after the morning service to recount the work of the Spirit among us and to offers prayers.

On Saturday night, the night before Pentecost, we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit! Come to church at 4:00 PM. We will share bread (Pentecost, as a Jewish feast, was a harvest festival) and tell stories of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Here is a prayer you can use as you prepare for Pentecost, the third of the big three annual Christian celebrations!

*"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Please see next page for additional highlights.

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	6,349	348
Needed Weekly	9,000	525
Received Year to Date	65,361	4,862
Needed Year to Date	72,000	4,200
Surplus/Deficit	(6,639)	662

## Activity Highlights

### Community Prayer Night—June 4 at 6:00 PM

The next Community Prayer Night will be hosted by Trinity Covenant Church (302 Hackmatack Street, Manchester) on Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 PM. 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.

### Wednesdays with the Wise—June 7 at 11:00 AM

The next Senior Adult Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 7 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join us for this great time of food and fellowship. The main dish will be Lemon Chicken Ring. Feel free to invite a friend and bring a side dish to share if you are able. For further information, please contact Tonia Light at (860) 646-8599.

## Discipleship Class: 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 will be taught on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and will meet in the CCS library. It will be a 6-week class, beginning May 14 and ending on June 18. Pastor Garry Light will be the teacher.

Topics to be considered:

1. How and where the Church of the Nazarene began.
2. The organization of the Church of the Nazarene.
3. What Nazarenes believe – 16 Articles of Faith.
4. Participation in the Faith Community.
5. Local church membership here at MCN.

## Announcements

### Sunday School Recognitions

The spring session of Children's Sunday School ends today, and we will recognize our Sunday school children in worship service this morning! There are no children's classes meeting during the summer session, but we will return again on September 3 with classes for every age group. We want to say thank you to our dedicated teachers for their investments in our children, and we plan to recognize our teachers in the morning worship service on June 4. We hope you will all be there to say thanks to this special group of people.

### Save the Dates!

We are already planning summer 2017 events! Plan on another great **Block Party on Saturday, July 22**, here on the MCN grounds. This will be a great opportunity for us to also invite our neighbors to attend our **VBS program the week of July 31-August 4**. Be on the lookout for ways you can get involved in both events!

Please see back page for additional announcements.