

This Week

Today

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

Celebration Luncheon	12:30 PM
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Tuesday

CCS Board Meeting	6:30 PM
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Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	6:30 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer	7:00 PM

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:30 PM
(Please see Weekly Meetings for specific information.)	

Looking Ahead

- Oct 1 Faith Promise—Rev. Ellen Decker
Last day to return Crisis Care Kits and School Pal Packs
Community Prayer Night
(The Salvation Army)
- Oct 4 Wednesdays with the Wise
- Oct 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Oct 10 MCN Board Mtg.
- Oct 22 CCS Partners' Banquet
- Oct 23 CCS Board Mtg.—**MONDAY**
- Nov 1 Wednesdays with the Wise
- Nov 5 All Saints' Day
Community Prayer Night
(New River Community Church)

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	9,991	705
Needed Weekly	9,000	525
Received Year to Date	202,205	11,809
Needed Year to Date	225,000	13,125
Surplus/Deficit	(22,795)	(1,316)

Sunday School Schedule

Our regular Sunday schedule includes:

- 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids in various rooms, divided by ages. (Children in Grades K-4 meet in the Cafeteria prior to going to their designated classrooms.)
- 10:30 AM Toddlers stay in the nursery area.
- 10:45 AM Children Age 5 through Grade 4 attend morning worship with parents, but will be dismissed from service to attend Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Parents are encouraged to pick up children from the Fellowship Hall as soon as the morning worship service has ended. Tonya Snyder (tsnyder@contactccs.org) is happy to answer any questions you may have.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES		
CHILDREN		
Age	Class Location	
Nursery and Preschool	Care provided in Nursery and Preschool Rooms – Main Level – Early Childhood Wing	
Age	Teacher(s)	Class Location
Kindergarten-Grade 1	Patrick and Jen Cane	Lower Level – Room 14
Grade 2-4	Danielle Marois and Mark Davis	Upper Level – Room 32
YOUTH		
Age	Teacher(s)	Class Location
Grade 5-6	Bob and Phyllis Cornell	Upper Level – Room 34
Grade 7-12	Tim Sehi	Upper Level – MCN Library
ADULTS		
Age	Class Name / Teacher(s)	Class Location
Adults	Bethany Fellowship Donna Corbeil	Main Level – Fellowship Hall
Adults	Soul Feast Pastor Dan Whitney	Upper Level – CCS Library

New Sunday School Class

Next Sunday, October 1, 2017, Pastor Dan will begin the teaching of a new Sunday School Class entitled, "Soul Feast." We will use the book by Marjorie Thompson, entitled, *SOUL FEAST* (Westminster John Knox Press) as our textbook. If you want to be a part of the class, show up that Sunday. You may want to order the book online. I AM NOT USING THE NEWEST/REVISED COPY OF THE BOOK! I am using the 1995 version because it is a lot cheaper and you can find it online for a few bucks. I will have five copies of the book at the first session. If you want one of these five copies, reserve them with me on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall. If you want me to order for you, sign the list and get me \$6 (shipping is \$4), and I will order it for you.

The book has nine chapters, but I expect that this study will take us close to the beginning of Lent. There is some reading to do to prepare for each week's lesson, but the chapters are not long. We will practice some of the disciplines outlined in the book, so this will be a hands-on approach to the topic.



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!

Homecoming Sunday, September 24, 2017

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-16

Communion

Quartet: *Near the Cross*

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

(Children in Grades K-4 are dismissed to Children's Church.)

Sparrow

Liturgical Dance

Investigating God's Word: Rev. Ken Stanford

Response and Blessing

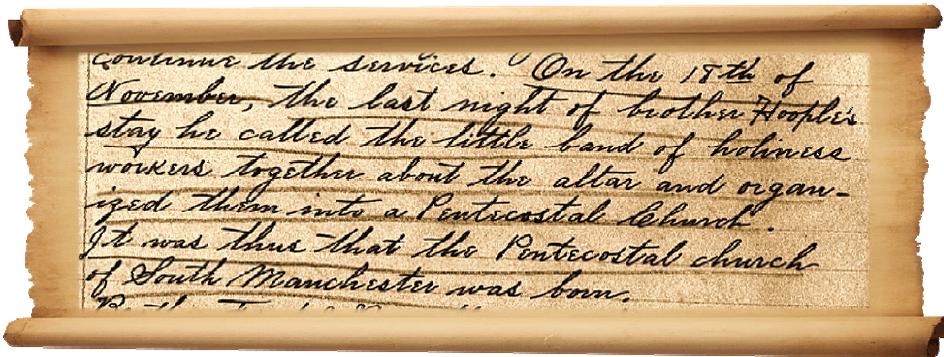
Activity Highlights

Homecoming Sunday!

This fall marks the 120th Anniversary of the founding of the Manchester, Connecticut Church of the Nazarene! On the 18th of November, 1897, this local congregation was born, and we are excited about all that God has done!

We are pleased to have District Superintendent Ken Stanford with us today to celebrate the anniversary and to preach our Homecoming message! Rev. Stanford served as pastor of this congregation from 2001 to 2005, and many who are here today will remember his excellent leadership.

At the conclusion of the service, we will invite our guests to begin the serving lines through the buffet in the lobby, as we join together in a celebratory meal. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch this afternoon, even if you were not able to prepare something to share. During the meal, we will load the Time Capsule with items we are sealing away for the 150th Anniversary party. (Front of the Sanctuary) Parents of children—we ask that you keep them with you during the meal.



New England District Church of the Nazarene: Assessment Weekend

We are pleased to be hosting the Assessment Weekend for the NED Church of the Nazarene this weekend. Today we have ministers from the across the region joining us, as well as candidates for their first District License in the Church of the Nazarene. These candidates will be participating in the worship service with us this morning. Who knows, one of these candidates may one day be the pastor of this local church! We welcome them and their family members to worship today.

Missions Sunday—October 1

Rev. Ellen Decker will join us for Mission Sunday and our Faith Promise Emphasis next Sunday. Ellen was raised on the mission field (daughter of Chuck and Doris Gailey) and has written many of the missionary books we have read across the years. Ellen told me that she is the only missionary she knows of who has been charged by an elephant five times!

Ellen will talk with our teens in Sunday school that morning, and will be speaking to all of us in the morning worship service.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

Community Prayer—October 1 at 6:00 PM

The next Community Prayer Night will be hosted by The Salvation Army (661 Main Street, Manchester) next Sunday, October 1 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.

CCS Banquet—October 22

The Annual Partners of CCS banquet will be held Sunday night, October 22. This is a special year for CCS as this banquet marks the culmination of the accreditation process for the school. We hope you will consider attending this special night to see all that CCS has become over the years. The school has expanded in some amazing ways, and we want you to give praise to God with us for all that he has done!

Announcements

Farewell, Friends!

George and Sandy Swain, longtime members of MCN, are moving to the southern shore of Connecticut to be closer to family. We wish them God's best as they relocate and pray that God will make them a blessing in their new neighborhood. This morning, there is a cake in the lobby in their honor. Please take a moment to congratulate (or commiserate?) with them after the service!

Crisis Care Kits

Remember we are still collecting Crisis Care Kits for those who are recovering from the recent disasters. Check the missions table for details.

One Position Still Open

We are still looking for a facility manager for the property. This is a 20 hour a week position and requires a person with handy-man and organizational skills. To be considered, contact the church office or any member of the staff for an application.

Baptism

We will be holding an additional baptism service this fall. If you are interested in being baptized, please see the pastoral staff for more information.



- SEP 20 - WELLSRING (Berlin)
- SEP 21 - CALVARY (Enfield)
- SEP 22 - KW/ENGAGING HEAVEN (New London)
- SEP 22 - MESSIAH'S HOUSE (Greenwich)
- SEP 23 - JOSEPH'S HOUSE (Torrington)
- SEP 24 - THRIVE CHURCH (Terryville)
- SEP 25 - STEPNEY BAPTIST (Monroe)
- SEP 25 - NEW RIVER (Manchester)
- SEP 26 - GLORY CHAPEL (Hartford)
- SEP 27 - LIFE CHURCH (Granby)
- SEP 28 - SOUTH CHURCH (Hartford)
- SEP 29 - RESTORE & REVIVE (Northfield, MA)
- SEP 30 - RESTORE & REVIVE (Northfield, MA)

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Prayer—7 PM

In place of a traditional Bible study, we will give Wednesday nights to prayer this fall. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for prayer at 7:00 PM each Wednesday.

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 Testimony Meeting

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 Pure Hearts
- Men's Open

More information in the lobby.

Mission Corner

Faith Promise Sunday is quickly approaching. We are looking forward to hearing Ellen Decker share with us and remind us of the world-wide mission we are part of. Our goal this year is to revive interest and develop a deeper missions awareness throughout our local body. (Look ahead to find "your pathway" to Faith Promise involvement.) There are many ways Faith Promise resources support the mission of Christ and His kingdom. One or several are sure to resonate with you and your family.

Over the next few weeks, we will be putting forth a faith challenge as well. Let God lead you to invite challenges!

