

Activity Highlights

Christmas Decorating—November 26 at 6 PM

Come join us on Sunday, November 26 at 6 PM to decorate our church for Christmas. This is a fun, casual, opportunity for the whole family as we begin celebrating this wonderful Christmas season. Please feel free to bring some of your favorite treats to share after we decorate.

Advent Banquet—December 2 at 5:30 PM

On December 2, at 5:30 PM, we will celebrate the beginning of Advent with our **Annual Advent Banquet!**

Dinner is catered and usually includes a chicken entrée a fish entrée, a starch and a veggie, along with bread. We supplement the meal by bringing desserts.

The Advent Banquet is a family time, so figure on a few games, some music, carol singing and whatever entertainment we manage to pull together by then! Kids are welcome. The cost of the dinner is supplemented by the church family so that everyone is able to come. The price is \$6/adult, \$3/kids with a \$15 family maximum price. (If you are able, the actual cost is \$12/person, so we would appreciate any who can bear the actual cost.) If even the reduced cost is too great, please let Pastors Dan or Garry know and they will make a reservation for you without cost. Reservations are important, since this is a catered event, so please be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

We hope you will join us for this event.

Community Prayer Service—December 3 at 6 PM

Community Prayer Service will be hosted by MCN on December 3 at 6 PM. Please join us on the 1st Sunday night of Advent for prayer with other community churches.

Wednesdays with the Wise—December 6 at 11 AM

The next Wednesday luncheon will be Wednesday, December 6 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The main dish will be chicken and we will have ice cream sundaes for dessert. You are welcome to bring a side dish and other desserts as you are able. Please feel free to bring a friend as well. For further information, contact Tonia Light at 860-646-8599 or tonia.light@mcnaz.com.



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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 19, 2017

Welcome Song and Welcome

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

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

Investigating God's Word: The Apostles' Creed No. 7—Finale

Response and Blessing

This Week

Today

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

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM
 (Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Looking Ahead

Nov 26 Christmas Decorating
 Nov 28 CCS Board Mtg.
 Dec 2 Children’s Dress Rehearsal
 Advent Banquet
 Dec 3 Community Prayer (MCN)
 Dec 6 Wednesdays with the Wise
 Dec 9 Children’s Dress Rehearsal
 Dec 10 Children’s Musical
 Dec 12 MCN Board Dinner
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
 Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Party
 (Game Night)
 Jan 3 Wednesdays with the Wise

Mission Corner

The focus for this time of year in the missions arena for the Church of the Nazarene is Compassionate Ministries. Over the next weeks, we will zoom in on one aspect on Compassionate Ministries at a time. For now, our emphasis will be on child sponsorship. Child sponsorship costs \$30 per month with the money going entirely to help the child and family you are assigned. Most of these children are children of Nazarene pastors who struggle to meet the day to day needs of their families and their congregations. Your support means this child can go to school, get supplies and uniforms, extra food supplies, and the means to stay in school rather than find jobs to help support their families. You will receive regular letters from your child thanking you and telling you about their interests and daily life. You get to pray specifically for them and can initiate letter contact with them as you wish. You support the same child throughout their education until they are 18. Information about this program is on the missions table or as part of NMI website. You can also talk to Donna Corbeil about this. Be involved in the life of a child as God directs!

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Prayer—7 PM

There will be no Wednesday Night Prayer meeting due to Thanksgiving observances.

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).

7:00 PM Testimony Meeting!

7:45 PM Cross Talk Café—Coffee & With It

More information in the lobby.

| Financials | | |
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| | Tithes & Offerings | Missions |
| Received Last Week | \$4,029 | \$295 |
| Needed Weekly | \$9,000 | \$525 |
| Received Year to Date | \$242,405 | \$14,769 |
| Needed Year to Date | \$279,000 | \$16,275 |
| Surplus/Deficit | (\$36,595) | (\$1,506) |

The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 the Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hades.
 The third day he arose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Church universal,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Announcements

Why a New Church App?

Not only can the new church app help us communicate better, it can even help us devotionally. Use the Prayer Wall as a part of your daily prayer list. Use the Bible text to navigate the scriptures when you are away from home and don’t have a printed version of the Bible handy. Check out the calendar to see what events are coming up, and pray for God’s blessings on our activities.

Today, Amy and Aaron will help us learn how to use the Giving Section of the app to make contributions when we are unable to be at worship services. It is super easy and very quick, and it even lets you keep a record of your contributions for your end of the year giving statements. We hope you will find this new tool helpful!

To Parents of Kids in the Children’s Musical!

The Children’s Musical is just around the corner . . . you won’t want to miss it! This will be a special Sunday, and a great time to invite friends and relatives. A little word to parents of kids who are involved in the musical – Pay close attention to the announcements that your child is bringing home. Many of the children have special lines and musical solos, and it is important that they be present at rehearsals and performances. Other children rely on your child saying their part at the right time . . . so even if the part your child has isn’t particularly large, they are an important part of the whole, and the entire group is counting on them to be present on time and ready to go! Please help your kids understand that the group is relying on them to do their best at every rehearsal! Thanks! Be sure to reserve the two Saturday mornings before the performance for rehearsals.