



PRESS RELEASE

Eat Good, Do Good at New Manchester Eatery

MANCHESTER, CT | October 8, 2017. New restaurant Bistro on Main is slated to open in early November and promises to be a place where you can do good by eating well. Inspired by classic casual French bistro fare, Bistro on Main is a social enterprise restaurant owned and operated by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, Inc. (MACC Charities).

A social enterprise is a business that recognizes that the bottom line is not always the bottom line, explained General Manager and Executive Chef Ben Dubow. "Our mission is really twofold: to provide an exceptional restaurant experience in terms of both food and service, while also providing opportunities for transitional employment and job readiness training for those in our community facing significant barriers to employment and a sustainable career path," Dubow said.

For the past two years, MACC Charities has been pioneering a culinary jobs training program call MACCchefs, a 24-week program focused on giving participants both the hard and soft skills needed to succeed in the hospitality and culinary industry. The new restaurant will provide paid employment opportunities for those students who successfully complete the program.

But Bisto on Main is not just a place to "do good," it is also a place to "eat good" as well. "We know that to be successful, we need to create a great stand-alone restaurant that people want to eat in again and again, and I am confident we have put the right team together to deliver just that," MACC Executive Director/CEO Beth Stafford said.

The restaurant is located in the former Landmark Café, and has approximately 60 seats. We want to be an upscale casual place where people can stop in for a great burger, or enjoy a full three of four course seasonal dinner featuring ingredients from local farmers, Dubow explained.

The menu includes both French bistro classics like steak frites and coq au vin, as well as dishes with a modern and global twist such as pork shank tagine featuring North African spices.

"Our food will be fresh, locally sourced and sustainable," Dubow said. "We are partnering with local farms, dairies, and fishmongers to bring farm-to-table produce, meats and dairy as well as dock-to-chef seafood to our guests," he added.

Why French Bistro? "We want to be teaching classic skills, transferable skills," Stafford said. "We also want to bring something different and unique to Main Street, without competing with concepts that are already there," she added.

One unique aspect of Bistro on Main is that the restaurant will be a non-tipping operation, with hospitality already included in the prices.

Bistro on Main will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11:30 AM to 9:00 PM and also available for private events on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. The restaurant will also work with MACC's Community Catering by MACCchefs to continue to provide full-service catering services.

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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, December 24, 2017

Call to Worship

Advent Wreath

O Come All Ye Faithful

Elizabeth Considers

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Morning Prayer

A Shepherd Remembers

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Worship Through Giving

Herod Stews

Once in Royal David's City

Mary Meditates

Emmanuel

Pastor Dan Summarizes

Matthew 2:14, 15

Hark the Herald Angels Sing



This Week

Today
 Coffee & Conversation 10:30 AM
 Morning Worship 10:45 AM
 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM

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

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Prayer
 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. Wednesday night prayer will be suspended on December 27 and January 3.

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 Meeting—Sanity!**
 7:45 PM Cross Talk Café—Coffee & Snacks
 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.



Looking Ahead

Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Party (Game Night)
 Jan 3 Wednesdays with the Wise
 Jan 6 Work & Witness Informational Breakfast at 8:00 AM
 Jan 12-13 MCN/CCS Board Retreat
 Jan 16 CR Step Studies Begin
 Jan 19-21 Mission/Evangelism Weekend

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	\$8,386	\$489
Needed Weekly	\$9,000	\$525
Received Year to Date	\$293,600	\$19,476
Needed Year to Date	\$333,000	\$19,425
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$39,400)	\$51

Schedule Changes

December Preschool & Nursery Care
 Please note the following dates and times when staffing for the nursery and preschool children will not be provided in December. Parents may, however, elect to utilize the nursery/preschool classrooms to supervise their own children at the times listed below.

December 24 - No care during the Sunday school hour (care available only during the worship service)

December 31 - No care during the Sunday school hour or the worship service

December Sunday School Schedule
 There will be no children’s Sunday school on December 24 and 31.

Activity Highlights

New Year’s Eve Party—December 31 at 7:00 PM
 The Seventh Annual New Year’s Eve Party will begin at 7:00 PM here at the church. Bring board games, snacks to share, and your old putter. There will be a few activities planned for the kids from 8:00–8:45 PM. Bring the littles in their PJs, if you like.

We aren’t planning an ending time, though we don’t expect to last too long past midnight. This is an informal time, and child care is not provided, but it is a family time, so we hope you will join us for some fun.

Announcing Celebrate Recovery Step Studies (Men’s and Women’s)
 Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness? To be free from the chains of a painful past, dysfunctional hang-ups, habits, guilt or shame? Stuff that clouds your relationship with God and with others? Are you ready for change? Our Higher Power, Jesus Christ, has the power to change you. Working the 12 Steps in a Celebrate Recovery Step Study is an opportunity to change your life.

Step Studies will be held in the McLain Building on Tuesdays from 6:30—8:30 PM beginning January 16. Workbooks are \$5 each or \$18 for a set of 4. More information is available in the lobby. All are welcome!

Announcements

Pastoral Love Offering
 We will take a Love Offering for our pastors this morning as a show of love and appreciation for all they do for our MCN family and ministry. Please mark checks or envelopes with the designation “Love Offering.” We will collect them during the normal morning service offering.

Snow Removal Team Volunteers Needed
 Are you able to help us remove snow this winter? Please volunteer to Garry Light with available times / days according to your schedule. Of course, I am praying for a white Christmas and very little other snow, but you never know what will come.

Enable Push Notifications
 In order to get the latest information, weather closings, and urgent prayer requests, go to the settings tab of the new church app and enable push notifications. If you need help, let us know. ‘Tis the season to stay connected!

Mission Corner

The Mission Corner has been very focused recently on our hands-on-opportunities to serve and grow the Kingdom. We now have the opportunity to put our hands, feet, and our finances to work specifically. We are beginning the process of putting together a Work & Witness trip to Puerto Rico in April. Please pray about how you and your family will participate. This is a project for our whole church family even if you can’t physically join the trip. There will be an informational breakfast on Saturday, January 6 at 8:00 AM. Please come!