

This Week

Today

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

Tuesday

Men's and Women's Step Studies 6:30 PM

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.)	

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:00 AM
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Looking Ahead

Feb 4	Community Prayer (SA)
Feb 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
Feb 14	A Sacred Assembly at 6:30 PM— Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 17-18	GO Conference
Mar 3	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Mar 4	Community Prayer
Mar 7	Wednesdays with the Wise
Apr 1	Easter

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	\$6,721	\$584
Needed Weekly	\$9,000	\$525
Received Year to Date	\$364,754	\$24,028
Needed Year to Date	\$387,000	\$22,575
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$22,246)	\$1,453

Weekly Meetings

Step Studies—Tuesday Night

Step Studies for men and women are held in the McLain Building from 6:30—8:00 PM on Tuesdays. Men will meet in the basement, women on the main floor. **STILL OPEN—Call Dave at (860) 423-8251.**

Wednesday Night Prayer

In place of a traditional Bible study, we will give Wednesday nights to prayer this winter. 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—Guest!
7:45 PM	Cross Talk Café—Coffee & Snacks
8:00 PM	Open Share Groups

More information in the lobby.

Mission Corner



A huge thank you to all of you who have attended our meetings or talked to me (Donna) about the trip. I am firmly convinced that God is building our missional and compassion hearts. The commitment forms for those traveling on the team need to be turned in by February 4. Check out our "information pillar" in the lobby. It will be updated as we continue on through April. We are also accepting project money funds. Make any checks out to MCN and put PR 2018 on the memo line. Lots to pray about, lots to do, lots of patience required. Continue to be part of this Kingdom work!

Tithes and Offerings

We are at the beginning of a new year, and it is a great time to establish new habits and practices. One of the practices of many folks at MCN is the practice of tithing. If you aren't familiar with the concept of tithing, you will discover that it is described in the Old Testament as God's plan for providing for the upkeep and maintenance of temple worship and for the support of the priesthood. (Start with Malachi 3:10.) There is another biblical concept woven into our understanding of tithing. In ancient days, the Ark of the Covenant was always carried by those designated by God – borne by human hands, if you will. There is a symbolism here that says, when the Kingdom of God comes, it is borne by us. Certainly, the Kingdom only comes by the movement of God's Spirit. But we are always the bearers, by the word of our testimony, by the fruit of our labor, by the light of our example, by the work of our hands.

There are many ways to give: in public offering, through the church giving app, or by setting up online giving.

Regardless of how you give, the act of giving is a primary Spiritual Discipline. Giving helps us develop generosity of spirit, keeps us relying on the Father, and shapes our Kingdom priorities. Giving forces us to consider the needs of others in real time, as we trust God to provide all that we need. God knew that in order for us to develop properly, we needed to give. In order to value the Kingdom appropriately, we need to be bearers of the Kingdom. Embrace the discipline of tithing and giving as an act of worship. It will change your life!

Activity Highlights

Community Prayer Meeting—February 4 at 4:00 PM

Community Prayer Meeting, hosted this month by The Salvation Army (661 Main Street, Manchester), will be on February 4 at 4:00 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—February 7 at 11:00 AM

Our next Wednesday luncheon will be Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The main dish will be Lemon Chicken Ring. Please feel free to bring a side dish to share, if you are able, and invite a friend. We look forward to seeing you! For questions or further information, please contact Tonia Light at 860-646-8599 or tonia.light@mcnaz.com.

Announcements

Thank You!

We (the Lights and the Whitneys) want to express our extreme gratitude for your kind gifts to us at Christmastime. You are an incredible encouragement to us and we are so grateful to be able to serve along with you! Thank you!

Please see back page for additional announcements.