

Activity Highlights

Alabaster Offering—February 18

Twice a year, we collect a loose change offering to assist in the construction of missions focused buildings around the world. The offering receives its name from the story of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet in anticipation of His sacrifice for us. On February 18, we will receive this annual offering once again.

Baptism—Easter Sunday—April 1

We are planning to hold a baptismal service on Easter Sunday morning once again this year. If you are interested in baptism, please speak with a member of the pastoral staff or send email to the office (office@mcnaz.com) to start the conversation.

Embracing Exile—Starting Wednesday Night, February 21 at 8:00 PM

After the 7:00 PM prayer meeting, we will start a special study of the book, *Embracing Exile*, by T. Scott Daniels. Pick up a book on Amazon, or call the office to order a copy. The video we watched last Sunday was by the author of this book.

To those who made a difference:

All of you are blessings to me! Your generosity to a former teacher was unexpected but so needed at a most difficult turn in my journey! You will never know how much it helped me as I was trying to figure out life—a new life. Thank you for holding me up and continuing to bless me every month—and then some. I am still expecting another miracle in my health. God has been great and my ministry goes on—just differently! I pray God will bless you abundantly! Thank you again!

Keeping the faith, love in Him,

Carol Beck

Mission Corner

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PR 2018!



We have had to change the dates of our trip due to the district assembly schedule in Puerto Rico. This change may open the trip up to some of you or God may be asking you to reconsider going—it is not too late. We will be going the week of April 28 through May 6—not a school vacation week. We are going to the central region of Puerto Rico to the

mountain city of Jayuya. This city is still without electricity and may be that way when we arrive. Much is being done by generator, battery, and solar power equipment. The pastor is also a builder with the needed experience that we may not be bringing, so we should feel confident in what we can provide: willing heart, hands, and feet. Please continue in prayer about this until February 18 and then let Donna Corbeil know if you are joining our team.



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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, February 11, 2018

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

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

Investigating God's Word: 2 Peter 1; Genesis 27:46-28:4

Response and Blessing

This Week

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

Tuesday
 MCN Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday
 A Sacred Assembly— 6:30 PM
 Ash Wednesday Service

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

Looking Ahead

Mar 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Mar 4 Community Prayer—
 South United Methodist Church
 Mar 7 Wednesdays with the Wise
 Mar 25 Palm Sunday
 Mar 29 Seder Service—SA at 7:00 PM
 Mar 30 Good Friday—MCN at 7:00 PM
 Apr 1 Sunrise Service at the Park 7:00 AM
 Celebration Service—MCN at 10:45 AM
 Apr 22 Annual Meeting—Part 1
 Apr 28— PR 2018 Work & Witness
 May 6

| Financials | | |
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| | Tithes & Offerings | Missions |
| Received Last Week | \$7,580 | \$263 |
| Needed Weekly | \$9,000 | \$525 |
| Received Year to Date | \$379,451 | \$24,734 |
| Needed Year to Date | \$405,000 | \$23,625 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) | (\$25,549) | \$1,109 |

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Nights Through Lent
 During Lent, we will meet at 7:00 each Wednesday night for prayer followed by a book study from 8:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be a break between the sessions, so you are free to come for either or both. The book we are studying is Embracing Exile . . . Pick up a copy online, or contact the office to order a book for you. The cost of the book online is about \$11.

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! Live & Local**
 7:45 PM Cross Talk Café—Coffee & Snacks
 8:00 PM Open Share Groups
 More information in the lobby.

Announcements

Snow Removal Volunteers Needed
 We are still looking for volunteers to help us remove snow this winter. If you are able to help, please volunteer to Garry Light with available times / days according to your schedule.

SAVE THE DATES!

Family Camp
 June 30—July 8

Teen Camp
July 15-21
Kids Camp
August 5-11

whcamp.org

Christ-like-ness Takes Practice(s)

Why do we pray? To acknowledge before God our humble reliance on him, to worship and express love and thanks to him, to bring before Him the needs of ourselves and others, and to listen to Him for direction and correction.

Why do we read the Bible? To learn about who God is, to understand ourselves and the world around us, to discover God's purposes for us, and to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Why do we attend church every week? To witness to the fact that we belong to God, to worship God, to stay connected to and care for the family that God has given us, and to be encouraged to participate in God's mission in the world according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Why do we say grace before meals? To humbly demonstrate our gratitude to God for providing all that we need.

Why do we celebrate Christian holidays? To keep our lives rooted in the story of Jesus, so that his life shapes us and provides the goal for our transformation.

Why do we receive the sacraments? To receive the grace that God gives us to be able to live as His representatives.

Why do we care for others in the church? Because the cleansing blood of Jesus makes us actual family members. The people around us in the church are given to us for our growth, our encouragement, as service partners, and as objects of our affection and support.

Why do we care for the needs of those around us? Because we have received the love and mercy of God, we honor God by expressing his love for others on His behalf.

Why are we kind to one another? Because Jesus was kind and He is our example.

Why are we careful about our language? We don't want to injure others, because our goal is to be like Jesus, who was continually expressing the love God has for all people.

Why do we avoid violent behavior? Jesus taught us that good conquers evil and that his strength is made perfect in our weakness. Violence and evil are not the pathways that Christians take because we serve a Messiah who would rather be crucified than injure any of his people.

Why do we care for our bodies? We believe that our bodies are good and that they are gifts to us from God; we believe that the Holy Spirit actually dwells within us. That means we cherish the gift by caring for it.

Why do we care for the world around us? We believe that the earth was created to provide a place for us to live, love and work, and therefore we must cherish it as God's good gift to us by caring for it.