

Special Stewardship and Debt Reduction Emphasis

We are made rich to be generous and to give thanksgiving to God. Burnt offerings and sacrifices are important, but loving God and love for others is more important. Tithing is important, but justice, mercy and faithfulness are more important.

- You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (2 Cor. 2:11)
- “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love our neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
- In Matthew 23:23 Jesus told the Pharisees: “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill, cumin. But you neglect the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy, faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

God owns everything and we are his money managers.

- The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)
- “The silver is mine and the gold is mine,” declares the Lord God Almighty. (Haggai 2:8)
- Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. (Deut. 8:18)

Parable of the Talents (minas): Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-27

The Parable of the Rich Fool: Luke 12: 13-21

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager: Luke 16:1-15

It's less about what we do, and more about who we are. It's less about how much we give and more about why we give. “Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.”



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!

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Welcome Song and Welcome

Praise and Worship

Prayer, Response

Testimony

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

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

Investigating God's Word: John 21

Communion

Response and Blessing

This Week

Today

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

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Prayer	7:00 PM
<i>Embracing Exile</i> Book Study	8:00 PM

Thursday

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

Looking Ahead

Apr 22	Annual Meeting—Part 1
Apr 24	CCS Board Mtg.
Apr 28—	PR 2018 Work & Witness Trip
May 6	
Apr 29	Annual Meeting—Part 2
May 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast
May 15	MCN Board Mtg.
May 20	Pentecost
May 20	Hartford Church 100th Ann.

Financials		
	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Received Last Week	\$8,776	\$363
Needed Weekly	\$9,000	\$525
Received Year to Date	\$15,195	\$768
Needed Year to Date	\$18,000	\$1,050
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$2,805)	(\$282)

Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Prayer

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

Wednesday Book Study

Due to weather cancellations, our Wednesday night book study has been elongated somewhat. It is our plan to finish the study of the book, *Embracing Exile* over the next two Wednesdays. So, Chapter 6, April 18 and Chapter 7, April 25.

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
	Women's Habits & Addictions
	Women's Hurts & Hang-ups
	Men's Purity
	Men's Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups

More information in the lobby.

Read The Word Aloud!

We invite you to take a blue card for everyone in the family and read the suggested passage out loud every day during the Easter Season. The Scriptures were written to be heard!

April 15: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Announcements

Membership Class Begins-April 22

A 5-week membership class will be taught by Pastors Garry Light and Dan Whitney at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings starting April 22. Join us to learn more about the Church of the Nazarene, or if you're interested in becoming a member.

Baby Shower

Ladies—You are invited to a baby shower for Danielle Marois here at MCN on Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 PM. Danielle is registered at amazon.com. Let's come out and truly shower Danielle with our love and support at this exciting time of her life. Please RSVP to the church office by April 21. If you are willing to bring food, please sign up in the lobby.

Wedding Reception

MCN Congregation—You are invited to an informal wedding reception for Jordan Davis and Dakota Hoagland on Sunday, April 29 between 2 PM and 5 PM here at MCN. Jordan and Dakota would love for you to bring along your favorite recipe written on an index card to share with them. To RSVP, please contact Rebecca Hoagland at r.hoagland@startmail.com or (913) 207-1461.

MCN Student Ministries Meetings

We will **not** hold a meeting for MCN Student Ministries on April 18 due to CCS parent/teacher conferences. Please plan to join us when we resume meeting on April 25.

Annual Meeting 2018—19 Church Year

Our Annual Meeting for the 2018-19 church year will be held on April 22. Elections for church officers will be held that day. Reports and budget approvals will be held on April 29.

Volunteers Needed!

1. We are looking for several volunteers to assist with our coffee station clean up once a month. This would involve clearing away the snacks and coffee supplies from 10:30 AM—10:50 AM on a Sunday morning. Training would be provided.
2. We are in need of an additional person to join our media team. This would involve running the media slides once a month. Training would be provided. Please contact Tonia Light (tonia.light@mcnaz.com / 860-646-8599) for further information or to volunteer.

Hartford First Church 100th Anniversary!

Hartford First Church of the Nazarene has invited our congregation to join them for their 100th anniversary celebration service on Sunday, May 20th at 4PM at 932 Capitol Avenue in Hartford. Food and fellowship will follow the service.