



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, June 23, 2019

Call to Worship and Welcome

Praise Through Singing

Prayer & Response

Children's Message

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

God's Word for Today
The Apostle Paul

Response & Blessing

This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Directory Photos	12:00 PM
Pizza w/ the Pastors	12:00 PM

Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	7:30 PM
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Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:00 PM
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(Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Looking Ahead

Jun 23	Pizza with The Pastors
Jun 30	Church Picnic
Jul 2	CCS Board Meeting
Jul 7	Community Prayer @ MCN
Jul 10-14	NYC 2019
Jul 11	CR BBQ
Jul 13	Game Night
Jul 15-19	VBS Week
Jul 16	MCN Board Meeting
Jul 28	Church Picnic
Aug 3	Annual Block Party

Weekly Meetings

MCN Student Ministries—Wednesday Nights!

MCN Student Ministries will still be meeting over the summer till **July 31 on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00**. All students entering grades 7-12 in the fall are invited to join us to hang out, play games, learn more about Jesus, and participate in some service projects! For more info speak to Pastor Garry or contact the church office at (860)646-8599.

Celebrate Recovery—Thursday Nights!

Have you received God's forgiveness? Have you forgiven yourself? Need help forgiving others? Come Thursday night and see what He can do. McLain building (lower level) 236 Main Street!

6:00 pm Supper

7:00 pm **Testimony Meeting—Guest!**

8:00 pm Open Share Groups

Contact Dave at profdave8@cox.net or (860)432-251

SAVE THE DATE: July 11 – Summer Recovery Barbeque! Picnic on the Lawn, Worship with the MCN Worship Band in the Sanctuary, Skit Guys, Hosanna Poetry and Recovery 101! Guests Welcome!"

Summer Picnic and Game Night Schedule

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Picnics and Game Nights throughout the summer.

- **Sunday, June 30.....Church Picnic**
- **Saturday, July 13.....Game Night**
- **Sunday, July 28.....Church Picnic**
- **Sunday, August 25.....Church Picnic**
- **Saturday, September 14.....Game Night**
- **Sunday, September 29.....Church Picnic**

Activity Highlights and Announcements

Pizza (and salad) with the Pastors—Today, After Service

We would like to invite all those who consider themselves new to MCN to join the pastoral team for pizza and salad after the morning worship service on **Today in the Fellowship Hall**. This is an informal opportunity to share a meal together and take a few moments to get to know each other a little better. If you haven't let us know that you would like to come, please know that you are still more than welcome. We hope you will be able to join us!!

Church Directory Update 2019—One Sunday Remaining!

Throughout June, we have been taking family photographs in the foyer before and after service in order to update our Church Directory. Please plan to stop in the lobby **by next Sunday** to get your picture taken, and to update any contact information that may have changed. If you have any questions please speak to Carmen Bonds, or contact the church office. (860-646-8599)

Church Picnic—Sunday, June 30

We will enjoy an informal picnic on the grounds next Sunday after church. Bring food for your family (You can store it in the refrigerator in the fellowship hall during church), and be sure to wear comfortable clothes. We will have some outdoor games set up and we will plan to enjoy one another's company. The church will have water and lemonade available. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the outdoors. If it rains, we will eat in the lobby.

It is easy to think of these kinds of activities as optional . . . however I wish you wouldn't. There are folks here who need the encouragement you can provide. There are folks here you need to rub elbows with. You need the support that comes from sharing your burdens or your joys. Informal picnics is one way the church does life together . . . and you need to be a part of it. For the sake of the Body, please join us.

It's time to Pre-Register for VBS!

Children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to sign up for this year's Vacation Bible School, which is called **ROAR!** It takes place from **8:30-11:30 AM** each day during the week of **July 15-19**. We'll be taking a virtual safari trip together while learning that through all of life's adventures, **GOD IS GOOD!** You can sign up at the table in the foyer, or you can sign up online through MCN's website. The cost is \$10/child, but families that are unable to pay this should just let Tonya Snyder know so that we can find scholarship funds to cover your costs. We want **EVERYONE** to join in the fun! Don't forget...you can invite your friends to join you, too! We have 60 seats available, so be sure to reserve your seat **ASAP!**

The Life of The Apostle Paul

Whenever anyone attempts to talk about the life of the Apostle Paul, they have to make some educated guesses. Paul didn't leave a biography, and no one created a time line of his life during the first century. That means that the events of his life are constructed through the study of his writings and through the writings of others who mention him, most significantly Luke, the author of Acts. There are many different theories based on these writings. Here are some assumptions I am making today based on my readings. I am assuming that Galatians is written to the churches in South Galatia, churches that Paul started on his first missionary journey, and that it was written sometime just before the Council of Jerusalem recorded in Acts 15. (roughly AD 49) The issue at stake in Galatians and at the Council is whether Gentiles should be forced to keep the Mosaic law after they are converted to Christianity. This is the first major crisis the followers of Jesus faced. Paul was not silent on the issue! It seems to me that even though the Council spoke 2000 years ago, the issue is not completely resolved even today.

Sermon Notes

Weekly Giving			Debt Reduction Goal: \$300,000	
	Offerings	Missions	Last Week	\$1,570
Received	\$11,257	\$761	Total	\$239,315
Needed	\$9,050	\$545		
Received YTD	\$122,056	\$7,500	Interest Saved	\$40,587
Needed YTD	\$99,550	\$5,995		
+ or (-)	+\$22,506	+\$1,505		