



## **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, July 14, 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 : Arrest in Jerusalem*

Response & Blessing

## This Week

### Today

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

### Monday

Vacation Bible School	8:30 AM
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### Tuesday

Vacation Bible School	8:30 AM
MCN Board Meeting	7:00 PM

### Wednesday

Vacation Bible School	8:30 AM
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### Thursday

Vacation Bible School	8:30 AM
Celebrate Recovery	6:00 PM

(Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

### Friday

Vacation Bible School	8:30 AM
VBS Finale Picnic	6:00 PM

## Looking Ahead

<b>Jul 15-19</b>	VBS Week
<b>Jul 16</b>	MCN Board Meeting
<b>Jul 28</b>	Church Picnic
<b>Jul 30</b>	CCS Board Meeting
<b>Aug 3</b>	Annual Block Party
<b>Aug 7</b>	Wed. With The Wise
<b>Aug 13</b>	MCN Board Meeting
<b>Aug 25</b>	Church Picnic
<b>Sept 3</b>	CCS Board Meeting
<b>Sept 4</b>	Weds. With The Wise
<b>Sept 7</b>	Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>Sept 10</b>	MCN Board Meeting
<b>Sept 14</b>	Game Night
<b>Sept 29</b>	Church Picnic
<b>Oct 1</b>	CCS Board Meeting

## Weekly Meetings

### MCN Student Ministries—Wednesday Nights! (Not meeting this week)

MCN Student Ministries will still be meeting over the summer till **July 31 on**

**Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00.** (Except for July 17) 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](mailto:profdave8@cox.net) or (860)432-251

Activity Highlights and Announcements

VBS Week is Here! — Potluck Picnic on Friday at 6PM

We will be enjoying a week of Vacation Bible School this week as we ROAR together that God is GOOD! You are invited to join us this **Friday evening at 6:00 PM** for a brief finale in the sanctuary and family potluck picnic outdoors immediately afterwards. Hot dogs, paper goods, and beverage will be provided. Please bring a dish of your choice to share!

Church Picnic—Sunday, July 28

We will enjoy an informal picnic on the grounds on **Sunday, July 28** 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.

Community Block Party 2019—Saturday, Aug 3 from 11AM-3PM

Needs:

- Host a game/activity booth
- Help pass out Block Party Invitations - Monday, July 22nd and/or Wednesday, July 24th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- Help to set up the large food tent Friday night, August 2
- Help set-up and/or clean up the day of the event

See the display in the foyer or note your availability in the Black Communication Pad. For more information or if you have questions, contact Tonia Light at [tonia.light@mcnaz.com](mailto:tonia.light@mcnaz.com)

Summer Picnic and Game Night Schedule

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

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

Paul and Letters

The book of the Acts of the Apostles is primarily the story of the work of the Holy Spirit through those early Christian leaders and early Christian congregations. At times, it reads like a centuries old travelogue, but that is not the goal. The geographical places and events mentioned serve to set the story within a very particular time period and at a very particular place. The author wants to make sure it is clear that this is not myth or legend. He wants us to know how the gospel was spread, and what the message looked like as it crossed cultural lines.

The goal is to highlight the work of the Holy Spirit, however; not the actual travels of the apostles. So there are many details that must be inferred from the various letters of Paul. Paul was imprisoned at least three times, probably many more than that. Imprisonment in Rome and Caesarea is easily documented, and imprisonment in Ephesus is likely (2 Cor 11:23). Consequently, we do not know exactly where the “prison epistles” were written. I am going to adopt the position that the letters to Colossae and Ephesus were written in Caesarea, along with Philemon. Further, I am going to assign the letter to the church at Philippi to the incarceration in Rome. Two good books to help interested scholars wrestle with the question of authorship and the location/setting of Paul’s writings are Paul and His Letters, by John Polhill, B&H Publishing, 1999; and Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters, by Tom Wright, Westminster John Knox Press, 2002,2004.

Weekly Giving			Debt Reduction Goal: \$300,000	
	Offerings	Missions	Last Week	\$840
Received	\$6,527	\$361	Total	\$241,085
Needed	\$9,050	\$545	Interest Saved	\$40,704
Received YTD	\$146,075	\$9,011		
Needed YTD	\$126,700	\$7,630		
+ or (-)	+\$19,375	+\$1,381		