



## 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 28, 2019**

Call to Worship and Welcome

Praise Through Singing

Prayer & Response

Children's Sermon

Announcements

Worship Through Giving

God's Word for Today

*The Apostle Paul—Philippians / Final*

Response & Blessing

## This Week

### Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Church Picnic	12:00 PM

### Tuesday

CCS Board Meeting	6:30 PM
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### 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.)

### Saturday

Block Party	11:00 AM
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## Looking Ahead

<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 20</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 11</b>	MCN Student Ministries Fall Kick-Off!
<b>Sept 14</b>	Game Night
<b>Sept 29</b>	Church Picnic

## Weekly Meetings

### MCN Student Ministries—Wednesday Nights!

MCN Student Ministries will meet for the last time until September on **Wednesday, July 31 from 7:30-9:00**. All students entering grades 7-12 in the fall are invited to join us to hang out, play games, and learn more about Jesus! 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 grace? Are you giving grace to 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!**
- 8:00 pm Open Share Groups

Contact Dave at [profdave8@cox.net](mailto:profdave8@cox.net) or (860)432-251

## District Summer Camp Schedule

Mark your calendars for these upcoming summer camps coming up in August.  
More info at [NEDNAZ.org](http://NEDNAZ.org)

- **August 4-8.....Kid's Camp**
- **August 11-15.....NYI Teen Camp**

## Activity Highlights and Announcements

### Church Picnic—TODAY After Service

We will enjoy an informal picnic on the grounds **TODAY** 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's raining, 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 are 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 MEETING—TODAY After Service

There will be a very brief **BLOCK PARTY** meeting after church **TODAY**, for all those assisting with the Block Party. Please plan to meet with Tonia at the front of the sanctuary following the morning worship service. Thank you!

### Community Block Party—Saturday, August 3rd

#### Block Party Needs:

- Help to set up the large food tent Friday night, **August 2 at 6:30**
- 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)

### Wednesdays With The Wise—August 7th

Calling all our 60(ish) and over friends! Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, August 7th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for this time of worship and food! You are welcome to bring a friend and a side dish to share. Any questions - contact Tonia Light at 860-646-8599 or [tonia.light@mcnaz.com](mailto:tonia.light@mcnaz.com)

### Men's Retreat—October 18-20

Men of MCN – Join us this fall for Men's Retreat at Camp Taconic! Dates are Oct. 18 – 20 (Fri.-Sun.) and cost is \$169 which includes lodging for two nights and all meals. Deadline to register is Sept. 15th – see Pastor Garry for questions or to register!

## Visiting Paul in Prison

As the situation in Rome deteriorates for Christians, tradition (Eusebius and Dionysus) mentions that it becomes unsafe to visit Paul in his prison. This leads to something of a desertion of the apostle near the end of his life. Luke, apparently, is one of the only ones who sneak to the home to visit him, because it is too risky to be publicly identified as Christian.

Whether Paul was imprisoned in Rome just once or actually twice is open to conjecture. And during which imprisonment he wrote Philippians is also impossible to prove. But it is amazing to read Paul's comments concerning joy in this letter, given what he has been experiencing, as well as what the church is enduring in that day! How can anyone hold **persecution** and **joy** together in the same sentence?

During this general time period, it is believed that Peter is crucified upside down (legend says that he didn't consider himself worthy to die in the same way that Christ did,) and eventually Paul is likely beheaded. (Roman citizens couldn't be crucified.) Both are martyred for their witness to Christ. Whether Paul ever made it to Spain, we do not know.

Weekly Giving		
	Offerings	Missions
Received	\$10,444	\$607
Needed	\$9,050	\$545
Received YTD	\$165,864	\$10,454
Needed YTD	\$144,800	\$8,720
+ or (-)	+\$21,064	+\$1,734

Debt Reduction Goal: \$300,000	
Last Week	\$1,010
Total	\$244,600
Interest Saved	\$40,902

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