



## 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!*

### **4th SUNDAY of Advent – DECEMBER 24, 2023**

Welcome

Advent Reading “Love”

Worship Through Song & Scripture

Prayer & Response

Announcements

Worship Through Giving  
Children Dismissed to Children’s Church

Morning Message  
Pastor Julia Ezeigbo

Response & Blessing

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Prayer in Sanctuary	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Christmas Eve Service	7:00PM

### Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:15 PM
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## LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan 2	CCS Board Meeting
Jan 3	Prayer Meeting Resumes
Jan 8	Ladies Ministry Meeting
Jan 14	Un-Decorating
Jan 16	MCN Board Meeting
Jan 17	Mid-Week Connection Resumes
Jan 20	Ladies Encouragement Encounter

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



### No Youth Group This Week

This week is Christmas vacation, so there will be no youth group meeting this Wednesday. We'll see you the following week on January 3. Enjoy your time off from school!! For more info: connect with Pastor Chima or the church office at (860)646-8599.

# Celebrate Recovery

### Thursday Nights!

Come Celebrate Recovery and Spiritual Growth this Advent: Christ has Come! Christ Comes Today! Christ will Come in Glory! Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday night from 7 – 9 pm at 218 Main St, Manchester. We Celebrate Christ's coming into our hearts with healing. It is a place where you can experience real growth - encouragement without condemnation.

6:15 pm **Fellowship Coffee**

7:00 pm **Testimony Meeting:**

**Guest!**

8:00 pm Women's or Men's Open

For more information, call/email

(860)432-8251 or

[profdave8@cox.net](mailto:profdave8@cox.net)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Support Christian Education through Year-End Giving

The Cornerstone Christian School (CCS) is committed to engaging and educating young people to know and be transformed by Christ through the ways they think, act, learn, serve, and work together for God's Kingdom. Consider making a year-end donation to support the work God is doing at CCS. You can write a check to "CCS" or go to <https://tinyurl.com/yearendboard> or use the **QR code** on display in the foyer.

### Pastoral Christmas Love Offering

As a way to express our love and appreciation for our pastoral families, we are receiving a Christmas love offering to be presented to the Whitneys and Ezeigbos this Christmas season! If you would like to give, just note "Christmas Love Offering" on your offering envelope or check.

### New England NYI Winter Retreat—January 26-28

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us at the annual District NYI Winter Retreat from **Friday, January 26—Sunday, January 28**. We will be heading up to the Berkshire First Church of the Nazarene in Dalton, MA. Students can choose from skiing, snowboarding, or tubing. We'll also spend time at the local YMCA and hear from great speakers and participate in worship services. Current registration price is **\$115 per student**, but if cost is an issue, please speak to Pastor Chima for assistance or if you have any other questions!



## END OF YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond paying our tithes to the local church, many MCN Nazarenes support other ministries and charities. Here is a short list of those we have worked with over the last year:

**Nazarene Mission International (NMI)** - We support our world-wide network of missionaries by giving to Nazarene Missions. Our "around-the-world" local churches also serve as our disaster relief network when it comes to delivering support in times of crisis.

**Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM)** - From Sponsoring Children to supporting local projects around the world, NCM is our "good works" arm. Find a project at [NCM.org](http://NCM.org).

**Cornerstone Christian School (CCS)** - Our local educational ministry, Cornerstone provides a solid education from a Christian perspective. Never has this been more important.

**His Mansion Ministry** – A recovery facility, one of our own, Josiah Phelps, is on staff there in Deering, NH making a difference in the lives of those caught in various addictions.

**Loved by Jesus School** – David Blaney's Christian school in Ghana, Africa.

**International Students, Inc.** – Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh was here this past year to tell us about this ministry to foreign students at UCONN.

**MACC Food Pantry** – We partner with this local ministry that supplies food for families in our own city.

**Caring Families** – This ministry supports women in various ways, especially in medical and health related situations surrounding pregnancy.

In each situation, write checks to MCN and list the destination in the MEMO line. We will distribute for you, unless you want to send your check directly to the ministry itself.

Weekly Giving		
	Tithes & Offerings	Faith Promise
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$8,240</b>	<b>\$373</b>
<b>Needed</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$450</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$270,368</b>	<b>\$15,114</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>
<b>+Surplus or (-Deficit)</b>	<b>(-\$14,632)</b>	<b>(-\$1,986)</b>