



Southwestern Ohio District News

August 21, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Enclosed is the weekly email. This goes out to 585 people each week. It's one of two ways we attempt to communicate on a regular basis. The other is our new Facebook page. You can follow the FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593344275001>. In less than a week we have 713 followers! Please help us spread the word. I've met with our auxiliary Presidents this week. We have a great team with Kalyn Vogleman (NDI), Teresa Bowden (NYI) and Pam Carol (NMI) at the helm. Thank you for praying for Higher Ground during the recent floods. (Pics were put on the FB page) Mark reports that there was no major damage and the water has receded. The next District Advisory board meeting is in two weeks. Your prayers are appreciated as we gather for the first time since Assembly. The Auxiliaries will join us for this meeting. The rest of this email is information that may be helpful to you in keeping you informed and involved on our district. Happy reading! Have a blessed weekend. I am praying for you and your churches as you gather for worship.

Daryl Blank

*****SAVE THE DATE***RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:**

When: October 21, 2026

Where: West Chester Church of the Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Time: 11:45 AM

Cost: FREE!! Celebrating Rev. Daryl Blank, District Superintendent

RSVP: The District Office 513-777-5600 by **October 14, 2026**

For More Information: Click on link [LUNCHEON](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:**

When: June 25 - July 2, 2027

Where: Kansas City, Missouri

DISTRICT CALENDAR – August/September/October:

August – No activities scheduled at this time

September

09/01/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

09/07/26 – Labor Day, District Office Closed

09/12/26 – NYI Teen Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, West Carrollton, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

09/15/26 – Prime Time Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

09/20/26 – SWO NMI Missions Council Meeting, 4:00 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

09/20/26 – NMI President's Meeting, 4:30 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

09/20/26 – SWO NMI Rally, 6:00 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252 [RALLY](#)

09/24/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

October

10/01/26 – Camp Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

10/03/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBD

10/03/26 – NYI Teen Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

10/03/26 – Munch N Music, 12:00 PM, Xenia Nazarene, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385 [MUNCH N MUSIC](#)

10/21/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** MUNCH 'N' MUSIC:**

When: October 3, 2026

Where: Xenia Nazarene Community Center ([across the street from the church](#))
1265 W. 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Singer: Jonathan White

Cost: \$12.00 at the event (includes box lunch)

Concert: 1:00 PM (Love Offering)

RSVP by 9/30/26: To Pastor Gary Morgan at pastorg.journeynaz@gmail.com

For More Information: Click on link [MUNCH N MUSIC](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE***IGNITE THE CAUSE:**

The **Ignite the Cause** conference will be held on January 3–6, 2027, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This is a gathering for **any** young adult, ages 18–28, ready to take his or her faith and future seriously. Ignite the Cause creates a focused environment where young adults can step away from the noise of everyday life and engage deeply with three foundational questions:

- What does God's Word say?
- What is God doing in the world?
- How is he inviting me to respond?

If you have any young adults in your congregation you think would benefit from this type of conference, please contact Pastor Kalyn Vogelmann at kalynv73@gmail.com.



SWO MISSIONS RALLY:

When: September 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Fairfield Nazarene Church, 12190 East Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

Speakers: The Wheatley's

For More Information: [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: Bring your Crisis Care Kits for drop off at the SWORD trailer!

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS MATT & FAYE WAGNER AVAILABLE:

If you would like to have the Wagner's to speak at your church, the following dates below are still available:

October 25th

November 8th and 15th

In addition, there are open dates this fall through the week. If your church would like to have the Wagner's speak on a day other than Sunday, please contact them at mattandfaywagner@gmail.com

2026/27 SWO JR. PROJECT: SWEET SURRENDER CAFE – POZNAN, POLAND:

This year's Junior Project supports the Sweet Surrender Cafe in Poznan, Poland - the coffee-house ministry led by Nazarene missionaries Kurt and Holly Johnson. Sweet Surrender is a real, working coffee house that serves as a non-threatening entry point into the community, where people who might never walk into a traditional church find a warm welcome, genuine friendship, and the love of Christ. The first Sweet Surrender opened in Gdansk in 2008, and the Poznan cafe followed in 2010.

When war came to Ukraine, the Poznan cafe became a refuge. Sweet Surrender has served Ukrainian families fleeing the conflict - offering Polish-language classes, art therapy, women's fellowship groups, children's programs, and a place of trauma recovery and hope.

Give: Sweet Surrender Cafe - Approved Mission Special #154046

Online: give.nazarene.org/donate/154046

District Junior Project goal: \$3,000

Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington - ebennington2004@gmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

ALPHA YOUTH:

Finding creative ways to disciple students, develop their leadership skills, and equip them to confidently share their faith which can be challenging. Our friends at Alpha Youth help youth leaders and students to grow in each of these areas. Through thoughtfully designed resources and experiences, Alpha Youth create welcoming spaces where young people can engage in real, open, and meaningful conversations about life, faith, and purpose. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

YiP (Youth in Prayer):

SWO YiP is a prayer initiative led by **SWO STUDENTS** to be praying for everything and anything! Be a part of a prayer movement by students your age to pray for the church, school, friends, family, ANYTHING! **Over 200 prayer warriors** have already signed up from our district! Visit our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/swonyiofficial/?igshid=MxRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D> and follow! You can sign up by filling out this [quick information form](#) and receive a sweet wristband!

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET:

When: September 12, 2026

Where: West Carrollton Nazarene, 550 South Elm St., West Carrollton, OH 45449

Time: 9:30 AM

For More Information: Contact Greg Kindle at gkindle90@gmail.com

SONFEST 2026:

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Where: R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

Time: Doors open at 1:00 PM

Artist: Chris Renzema & Rock City Worship

Costs: Varies

Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Ben Slater at Benjamin.slater@mvnue.edu

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

MISSIONARY SERVICE – MATT & FAYE WAGNER:

Greetings from Georgetown Nazarene!

We would love to invite you and your congregation to join us for a special missionary service on Friday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. We are excited to welcome Matt and Faye Wagner, missionaries serving in Guatemala. They will be sharing about their ministry, what God is doing in Guatemala, and how the Church of the Nazarene is making an impact through missions.

Friday, October 16, AT 6:30 PM, Georgetown Church of the Nazarene, 4884 State Route 125, Georgetown, OH 45121.

We would appreciate it if you would share this invitation with your congregation and encourage them to join us. It will be a great opportunity to hear first-hand how God is at work around the world and to support our Nazarene missionaries.

We hope you can join us!

Serving Christ Together,

Pastor Mike Jackson

FREE TO A CHURCH:

The district office has a few items to give to a local church. If interested, please contact the district office at 513-777-5600. To view items, [CLICK HERE](#).

Martin Yale Auto Folding Machine

(2) Highland House Chairs

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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