



Southwestern Ohio District News

September 25, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Tracy and I are in KC for new DS training. It has been very helpful information and will benefit our district. I stay out here when it's over for the General Board meetings. I am one of 53 members of the board that gives oversight to the 165 world areas that the church of the Nazarene is in.

I want to remind our retired pastors of our event coming up on October 21 at West Chester. More info is in this email. Have a great weekend as you worship our Lord and Savior.

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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PRAYER PROMPTS:

-- Pray for Charlene Crisp, Pastor Paul's wife (Blanchester) who will be having a surgical procedure next week on Tuesday.

-- Keep in your prayers Pastor Ray Grilliot Sr. who is having some health challenges.

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](#)

CAREY NIEUWHOF COMING TO MVNU!

Dear Pastors & Church Leaders,

We are thrilled to announce that Carey Nieuwhof will be joining us for our next Pastor's Leadership Day at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on **Tuesday, November 3!** This year, we are excited to partner with Tragedy into Triumph to make this special event possible. Carey Nieuwhof is a best-selling leadership author, speaker, podcaster, former attorney, and church planter. He is the founder of The Art of Leadership Academy and host of the Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast, which has been downloaded more than 30 million times and ranks among the top leadership podcasts in the world. This Pastor's Leadership Day will look a little different from previous years. Carey will begin the day with a special Pastor's Leadership Day session from 2:00–4:00 PM in R.R. Hodges Chapel & Auditorium, designed specifically to encourage and equip pastors and ministry leaders. Following the afternoon session, we'll gather for dinner on campus before returning to the chapel for a 7:00 PM worship service. During the evening, Carey will share his personal story of burnout and the season when, despite experiencing tremendous outward success in ministry, his inner world began to fall apart. His story is a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for our souls, recognizing our limits, and pursuing a healthy and sustainable life in ministry. We are incredibly excited to welcome Carey to MVNU and to spend this day investing in pastors and ministry leaders from across our region. **Save the date — Tuesday, November 3.** Below is the link to register. The page also has the schedule for the day and hotel options in the Mount Vernon area if you plan to spend the night on the 3rd [CLICK HERE](#).

-Christa McNichols

*****SAVE THE DATE ***MVNU HOMECOMING:**

Reconnect with lifelong friends, mentors, and others on November 13 & 14, 2026. For additional information [CLICK HERE](#).

DISTRICT CALENDAR – September/October:

09/27/26 – THRIVE Leadership Meeting, 5:00 PM

October

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

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

10/03/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Monroe, 400 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

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

10/18/26 – SWO NYI Night Out, Doors Open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

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](#)

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 10/3/26:

Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5, Monroe Nazarene 400 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058

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](#)



CRISIS CARE KITS AND PAL PACKS:

When collecting kits, churches should follow the exact current packing list and shipping instructions. Deviating from the approved list can cause shipments to be rejected. Use only current-year instructions [CLICK HERE](#) from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries or the district coordinator.

PICKUP DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES:

09/25 - Sardinia - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, 133 Sardinia-Mowrystown Road, Sardinia, OH 45171

09/26 - West Chester - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

09/26 - Xenia - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, 1204 West 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

COORDINATORS:

--Sarah Crouch – smkeeton86@gmail.com

--Carol Webster – csw Webster@hotmail.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

SEPTEMBER IS ALABASTER OFFERING:

What is Alabaster? The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land or construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for missionaries and national workers. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear Joel Tuche's alabaster story. For further information [CLICK HERE](#).



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET – 10/03/26:

When: October 3, 2026

Where: Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

Time: 9:30 AM

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

SWO NIGHT OUT:

What: Join us for our first district youth worship night! We will have worship, food, and games.

When: October 18, 2026

Time: Doors open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, Wrap up around 7:30 PM

Where: Parkview Nazarene, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

Theme: Mismatch Night - Don't come with matching clothes. Put your craziest combination together and be ready to win some sweet prizes.

For More Information: Contact Pastor Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO FALL RETREAT:**

When: November 20-22, 2026

Where: Cross Oak Retreat Center, 272 Jack Oak Point Road, St. Mary's, OH 45885

Speaker: Linsy Stockham

Worship: SWO Young Adults

Cost Per Student: \$175 until 10/31, \$190 until 11/7

Includes all food, lodging, activities, and a T-Shirt

Cost Per Adult Leader: \$115 for the weekend

Registration: See links below

<https://form.typeform.com/to/GB8BPx8E> (Student Credit Card Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/pCLudzgm> (Student Pay by Check Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/r83YTqLy> (Leader Pay by Check Registration)

For More Information: Contact Jacob Glenn at jglenn@ccnaz.org

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

BROOKVILLE REVIVAL:

Brookville Nazarene located at 11511 Upper Lewisburg Salem Road, Brookville, OH 45309 will be having revival on September 27, 28, 29, and 30th at 6:00 PM. Featured speakers are Pastor Mike & Becky Hancock (Evangelist). All are welcome! For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

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. For more information [CLICK HERE](#). 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

*****SAVE THE DATE***THE CHOSEN:**

The sixth season of The Chosen will be released Nov. 15th. Germantown Nazarene, 8140 S. Butter Street, Germantown OH, 45377 has been given permission to show the first episode of season 6 prior to the release date. We will be showing the last episode of season 5 and the first episode of season 6 on Sunday, Sep. 27th at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us!! Questions, contact family@gtnazarene.com.

*****SAVE THE DATE***SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:**

The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. West Chester Nazarene is holding a 2-hour seminar on Monday, November 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Surviving the Holidays provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#), or call 513-777-5600.

HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES:

Rev. Rudy Cervantes is a song evangelist out of Cleveland Ohio with Heavenly Trumpet Ministries. Rudy has been in ministry for over 35 years and would love to be a part of your worship for Christmas. The ministry only receives a love offering. Availability is the last weekend in November and a few dates in December. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to a sample of his ministry with the pan flute, trumpet, and flugelhorn. If your church is interested [CLICK HERE](#), call or text 775-772-4747 or email htrumpet@aol.com.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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