



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 9, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

I love the way some of our district churches are intentionally reaching their communities. I am learning about prayer walks, fall festivals, and trunk or treat events across the district. Well done!! Thank you for your planning and your burden for the lost. Keep the vision of the gospel before your attendees! God will honor these efforts. Tracy and I are praying for you as you worship this weekend. There are many prayer needs but I want to highlight Mark Stevens at this moment. He is very near death. Cindy and the family are most appreciative of our prayers.

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER PROMPT:

Pray for Pastor Larry Dinkins (Fairfield) who is in the hospital recovering from a recent procedure.

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. <https://mvnu.edu/church-relations/church-events-and-seminars/> -Christa McNichols

MVNU HOMECOMING:

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO DS/PASTOR DAY:**

Who: Pastors & Church Staff Members

When: January 23, 2027

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

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

For More Information: Contact the District Office at 513-777-5600

DISTRICT CALENDAR – October/November:

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](#)

November

11/03/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

11/07/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, TBD

11/07/26 – SWO Men's Conference, 10:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

11/09/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/10/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/14/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Xenia, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

11/15/26 – THRiVE Leaders & Mentors Meeting 5:00 PM, Location TBD

11/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/20 – 11/21/26 – NYI Tri-State Quiz Meet, MVNU

11/20 – 11/22/26 – SWO NYI Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, Saint Mary's Ohio

11/25 – 11/27/26 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATES: SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2026/27:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
11/14/26 Quiz 2 – Dig Sites 1-10		Xenia
01/09/27 Quiz 3 – Dig Sites 1-15		TBD
02/20/27 Quiz 4 – Zone Quiz Dig Sites 1-20		TBD
03/13/27 Quiz 5 – District Final- Sites 1-20		Living Hope
June 2026	World Quiz	Kansas City

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



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

LINKS:

We have the following missionaries for Links on the district. Please contact them directly by email. They will let you know if they can receive anything at their location and how. Please send any funds through our district NMI treasurer, Vickie Rocheleau, as we must follow Nazarene global instructions.

Doug & Jennifer Mann (rpc@eurasiaregion.org)

Mitchel & Marnie Modine (mmodine@apnts.edu.ph)

Matt & Fay Wagner (mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

The Wheatley's (wheatleyfamily@pm.me)



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE:

We want to celebrate what God has done and what He is continuing to do in the lives of students, whether they attended BLAST, Camp, NYC, or if they didn't attend these events, in the local youth ministries. Please fill out this celebration form, and let's celebrate the work that God is doing! <https://forms.gle/zwowspEUTHCvx1px8>

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

CHILDREN'S PASTOR OPENING:

Bridge Church is looking for a part-time children's pastor. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Matthew Gordon at gordonmatthew17@gmail.com for more information.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING SEMINAR:

Fairfield COTN would like to invite those on our District who serve as teachers for Sunday School, Life Groups, etc. as a part of local church ministry, to join in a special training seminar.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Where: Fairfield Church of the Nazarene, River Road Campus, 12190 E. Miami River Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45252

Speaker: Dr. David Crofford, District Superintendent Assistant

Time: Registration: 9:30 AM, Seminar: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: The seminar is **FREE**, and a complimentary luncheon will be served

RSVP: Would be greatly appreciated. You can reply either by email: Grynearson@fairfieldnaz.com or [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. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer. 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!

Pastor Mike Jackson

*****SAVE THE DATE***MEN'S CONFERENCE:**

West Chester Nazarene will be hosting a **FREE** Men's Conference on November 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM until Noon. This conference is open to all churches and is designed to encourage, challenge, and strengthen men in every season of life. Through powerful worship and practical, biblical teaching from **Chris Grainger** and **Pastor Daryl Blank**, you'll be reminded of the courage, purpose, and calling God has placed inside you. Invite a friend—especially someone who's exploring faith or hasn't yet experienced the hope of Jesus. This could be the day that changes everything. Your investment to this moment is your time—and we believe it'll be one of the best investments you'll make this year. Come expecting God to move! To register [CLICK HERE](#). Questions or for more information, contact Pastor Shahne Stone (513) 777-6300, [CLICK HERE](#).

*****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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