



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 31, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

PASTORS' SPOUSES APPRECIATION:

I know that there is not a special day or month for pastors' spouses...but maybe there should be? A pastor told me that this year their church acknowledged and gave a gift to his spouse. She noted that it was the first time she had been mentioned and appreciated. WOW! A pastor's spouse is SO important!!! As a district, we want to say "Thank you" to our wonderful spouses of pastors! Spouses are vital to the work of the pastor and the church. This week we include spouses in Pastor Appreciation Month and express gratitude that is long overdue!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

- Pastor Jamison Moody (Carthage) is experiencing health challenges and will be having surgery in the near future.
- Pastor Jessica Cravens (Springdale) is home and recovering from surgery.
- Audry Tanner (Springdale) is healing in a care facility following a fall.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Bob & Jan Highley (West Chester).
- Pastor Keith Smith (Brookville) health challenges.
- Please pray for new pastors for eight of our churches. This is a vital request!

GIFT BASKETS FOR MVNU STUDENTS:

The Women's Auxiliary is pleased to offer goodie bags to ease the stress of final exams again this year. The cost is \$15 each.

Orders must be received by November 21, 2025. Goodie Bags include popcorn, cookies, candy bars, chips, granola bars, etc.

Orders can also be made online at <https://mvnu.edu/church-relations/womens-auxiliary/>. This is a fundraiser of the MVNU Women's Auxiliary which provides several student scholarships annually. Please send notes to Trinia.Huddleston@mvnu.edu or mail to MVNU Attn: WAUX Survival Kits 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050.

PASTOR'S LEADERSHIP DAY:

When: Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Where: Foster Hall, Ariel Arena – Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Topic: What does the future of theological education look like?

Speakers:

Dr. Colleen Deer – EVP & CAO @ MVNU

Dr. Doug Matthews – Chair for the Division of CM

Dr. Carson Castleman – President @ MVNU

Cost: \$49

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

ADVENT RESOURCES:

Journey with your faith community through this devotional book for all ages that offers discussion questions following each reflection as well as a space to journal a prayer each day. *Hope of all the Earth* provides resources for pastoral, youth, children's, and Spanish ministries that will bring all ages in your faith community on a journey together through Advent. [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your copy.

SWO DISTRICT LEADERS' CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2025:

What: Christmas with Craig Adams

Who: Pastors, Associate Pastors, and SWO District leadership teams along with their spouses

When: Monday, December 8, 2025

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

Time: Hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 PM with dinner at 6:15 PM

Cost: \$22 per person, make payment to: HGCRC

When you RSVP, please indicate how many people want Grilled Marinated Chicken OR Roast Beef.

******RSVP****** **ON OR BEFORE 11/26/25** by emailing highergroundservice@gmail.com or by calling 812-637-3777

******RSVP****** **ENTRÉE: Grilled Marinated Chicken OR Sliced Roast Beef with Gravy**

For More Information: [Download attached flyer](#), click on [FLYER](#) [MENU](#)

NCM CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

The 2025 NCM Christmas Project, *Unboxing Hope: Give the Gift of Learning*, will focus on children in Jordan and Lebanon who attend Nazarene schools designed to nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Many of these students are refugees who have been displaced by war and violence, and school becomes their safe haven: a place to grow, heal, and thrive. For more information and to sign up, [CLICK HERE](#).

*****SAVE THE DATE*** CLERGY KIDS RETREAT 2026:**

When: Saturday - Monday, February 14-16, 2026

Who: Teens (grades 7-12) of Nazarene clergy

Where: Kalahari Resort & Water Park - Sandusky, Ohio

Cost: \$125/person for single-student families; \$110/person for multiple-student families

Sign-up: Registration, medical release and **full payment is due January 5** and is completely online this year. **Cancellation after January 5 will result in a \$25 fee.** One very important note is that full payment will be due at the time of registration. This really is meant to simplify the process and reduce confusion. All payments will be made online and no checks from individuals or churches will be accepted. If your church pays part of the fee then they will reimburse you directly rather than MVNU having to handle multiple checks. If your district offers any scholarships, those will automatically be reflected during the registration process.

Details: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5700323398>

Instagram: [mvnu.clergykids](#)

Questions: Phil and Danita Hurlbert, CK Retreat Directors, 216.956.1937 (Phil's cell), 216.956.2532 (Danita's cell)

DISTRICT CALENDAR – November/December:

11/01/25 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, West Carrollton Nazarene

11/03/25 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/04/25 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/11/25 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University [REGISTRATION](#)

11/11/25 – PrimeTime Council, 10:30 AM, District Office

11/12/25 – 11/19/25 – Office Administrator out of the office

11/13/25 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/14 – 11/16/25 – SWO Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio [REGISTRATION](#)

11/15/25 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBA

11/16/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, District Office

11/21 – 11/22/25 – NYI Tri State Quiz, MVNU

11/27 – 11/28/25 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed

December

12/08/25 – SWO District Leaders' Christmas Banquet, 5:45 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [FLYER](#) [MENU](#)

12/13/25 – SWO NYI Holiday Quiz , 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

12/24/25 – **Christmas Eve, District Office closed until January 2**



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2025/26:

What: SWO Children's Quiz Year the book of Genesis!

Who: Two levels - **Red Level** grades 1-3, **Blue Level** grades 4-6

Time: 10:00 AM; Quizzing Dates are subject to change.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>
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11/15/25 Quiz 2	6-10
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01/10/26 Quiz 3	11-15
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02/28/26 Quiz 4 - Zone	1-20
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04/11/26 Quiz 5 – District Finals	1-20
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06/06/26 MVNU Field Quiz (Regional)	
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For More Information: Contact Rick Current at rickcurrent@acrescurety.com or by phone at 937-545-9058



FALL 2025 MISSIONARY DEPUTATION:

Matt and Fay Wagner

Guatemala

Our own missionaries available: now - Mid-December

mattandfaywagner@gmail.com

2025-26 SWO JUNIOR PROJECT:

This year's Junior project for 2025-26 will be Playgrounds for Venezuela. We are going to help get into action where churches can have a welcoming space for families in the community. This will help remove barriers, allowing churches to develop deeper relationships with the families they serve and reach their souls for Jesus! This year's goal will fund the construction of two playgrounds.

Goal: \$5,000

Submit Offerings to: SWO NMI, Vickie Rocheleau, 316 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

Children's NMI Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington ebennington2004@gmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Link Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)

NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)
NYC Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT TEEN QUIZ MEET – 11/01/25:

Youth quizzing will be at 9:30 AM West Carrollton Nazarene 550 South Elm Street. West Carrollton, OH 45449

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

FALL RETREAT:

When: November 14-16, 2025

Where: Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio

Theme: "Untamed"

Cost: (includes food, lodging, activities, and a shirt):

- \$150 per person — now through **October 31**
- \$165 per person — through **November 7**

Details:

- Speaker: James Heyward
- Worship: Keegan
- Check-in: Friday, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- Retreat ends: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
- Activities: Games, activities, paintball, worship, and time to connect with God and each other!

Registration Links:

Students- [Register here](#) (Credit Card)

Students- [Register here](#) (Check)

Adults- [Register here](#) (Credit Card)

Adults- [Register Here](#) (Check)

Questions? Contact Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

SWO NYC 2026:

🚩 NYC 2026 Registration is Officially LIVE!

👉 Register here: [NYC 2026 Registration](#)

Event Details

Dates: June 28 – July 6, 2026

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

Cost: \$2,375 – if registered by *January 15, 2026

What's Included: Flights, food, lodging, registration – all-inclusive!

(Spending money and souvenirs not included)

Payment Deadlines

Due Date Amount Notes

Jan 15, 2026 \$575 Late Registration Deposit

Mar 1, 2026 \$900 SWO NYI Payment Deadline

May 1, 2026 \$900 FINAL Payment Due

Note: The \$500 deposit is non-refundable.

Questions?

Contact: Ross Frank – SWO NYC Coordinator: ross@wcnaz.church

Have great weekend!

SWO District Office

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