



Southwestern Ohio District News

December 19, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

We trust you will enjoy a Blessed Christmas!

As always, it seems this Advent Season has flown by! Possibly it is that I had a knee replacement to begin the season, but it is probably just the busy-ness of our schedules. With several churches searching for new pastors, Christmas parties, and get togethers, it can't be possible that Christmas is less than a week away.

It is our prayer that you, your family and your church family experience a beautiful, restful, celebration that is centered around the birth of our Lord and Savior. May Christ come to you but also to those who do not know Him or are not living in a personal relationship with Him.

We are thankful for you! We love you and your family!

Yours,

Pastor Bob Mahaffey & Carolyn

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Melinda Grilliott (wife of Pastor Ray at Oxford) surgery went well, recovering at home. Please continue to pray for Melinda!

--Please continue to remember Pastor Bob & Jan Highley. Jan was taken to the hospital and they should not receive visitors at this time.

CHRISTIAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:

If you or your church is concerned about the price of health insurance or does not have coverage, this Zoom meeting could be very helpful to you. The reports from those who use this are great! Just thought you might want to look at this...

Dear Pastor,

There will be a Zoom a meeting for pastors just after the first of the year for any interested party to hear from Christian Healthcare Ministries (CHM) regarding their insurance. I have been on site there with CHM and toured their facilities, and I am beyond impressed with their heart to serve the faith community and to take healthcare worries off the plates of our ministers. I have seen firsthand how difficult this is for pastors/churches, and I believe this is a great alternative. I am simply wanting any of our interested ministers to hear from them directly and am planning a zoom meeting with CHM so that they can answer any questions from ministers regarding healthcare costs and coverages. **This Zoom meeting will be on January 7th at 2 PM.** Let me know if you would like to join in Rev. Wendell Brown wendell.brown@mvnu.edu, District Superintendent, North Central Ohio District.

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Pastor Bob will be out of the office the week of December 22nd and there will be no Friday newsletter. If this is an urgent matter, please contact the District Office on 12/22, 12/23 at 513-777-5600. After December 23rd, contact Pastor Gary Morgan at 937-215-6345.

DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The District Office will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd. If you need assistance, contact the District Office on 12/22 & 12/23 at 777-5600. On January 1st & 2nd contact Pastor Gary Morgan at 937-215-6345.

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)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** MINISTER & SPOUSE DINNER & COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Who: Any pastor and their spouse

When: Monday, March 16, 2026

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

Dinner: 6:15 PM

Worship: 7:15 PM

Cost: \$12.50

RSVP by: **Thursday, February 26 – No late reservations will be accepted.**

Register: 812-637-3777 or email highergroundservice@gmail.com

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2026:**

District Assembly – Monday, July 13th at 9:00 AM (West Chester Ohio, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069)

Ordination Service – 6:00 PM

*****SAVE THE DATE*** CAMP MEETING 7/15 – 7/19/26:**

What: District Camp Meeting – Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 PM, Dr. David Busic will be speaking.

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center, 3820 Logan Creek Lane, West Harrison, IN 47060

When: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – service begins at 7:30 PM (dinner available from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM)

Registration: Begins January 5, 2026

Registrations for Camp Meeting must include a deposit of \$55 if staying in the lodge, \$40 if staying in the dorm, and \$30 if staying in the RV/Camping area.

If you have any questions, please contact Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center (812) 637-3777.

Lodging:

Lodge Rooms \$55 per night per room

Dorm 1 \$40 per night per room

RV or camping area \$30 per night

RV's/Popups \$75 for 4 nights (Site will be assigned)

Tents \$60 for 4 nights

Meals:

Dinner (Wednesday-Saturday) 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Adults \$10.50, Children \$6 (age 2-12), Under 2 FREE

Breakfast (Thursday-Sunday) 7:45AM – 8:45 AM

Adults \$7, Children \$5 (age 2-12), Under 2 FREE

Lunch (Thursday-Saturday) 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Adults \$9, Children \$5 (age 2-12), Under 2 FREE

Lunch (Sunday) 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Adults \$9, Children \$5 (age 2-12), Under 2 FREE

Snack (Sunday only) 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Cost \$10

DISTRICT CALENDAR – December/January:

12/24, 12/25, 12/26/25 – **District Office Closed Merry Christmas!**

12/13/25 – SWO NYI Holiday Quiz, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

12/31/25 – 01/03/26 – NYI SWO Young Adult Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio

January

01/01 – 01/02/26 – **District Office Closed Happy New Year!**

01/06/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

01/10/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, **NORTH:** Parkview Nazarene; **SOUTH:** Harrison Nazarene

01/17/26 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Hamline Chapel, 102 W. High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025

01/19 – 03/09/26 (Mondays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Proclamation of the Living Word [NCOS](#)

01/22 – 03/12/26 (Thursdays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Pastoral Care & Counseling [NCOS](#)



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 1/10/26:

Children's quizzing will be held at 10:00 AM

NORTH **SOUTH**

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SWO PRIMETIME EVENT LA COMEDIA:

When: Friday, March 6, 2026

Where: La Comedia Dinner Theater, 765 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, OH 45066

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$53.00 (includes lunch buffet)

Play: "Singin in the Rain"

TICKETS GO ON SALE 1/6/26

RSVP by 3/1/26: 513-777-5600 (100 seats available on a first come first serve basis)

Checks Payable To: SWO NDI

Mail Check to: SWO District Office, 7943 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** THRiVE 2026:**

What: THRiVE creates an atmosphere for ladies of all ages to gather in worship, prayer, and hearing from His word.

Who: All women including Teens and Girls grades K-6

When: Friday, March 13 Appetizers 6:30 PM, Saturday, March 14 Breakfast 9:00 AM

Where: West Chester Nazarene Church, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

Theme: Where Your Treasure Is | Matthew 6:21

Video: [CLICK HERE](#)

Speakers: [WEBSITE](#)

Cost: Adults, Littles, & Teens: \$17 online | \$20 at the door | \$45 Family

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

THRiVE Teens: [CLICK HERE](#)

THRiVE Littles: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information click on the following links: [THRiVE 2026](#), [POSTCARD](#), or email thriveministrytowomen@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)

Matt & Fay Wagner (mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

Michael & Cailyn (mikeandcailynw@protonmail.com)

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

NAZARENE MISSIONS TEAMS – Upcoming Trips:

- 2026, a trip to Appalachian Reach Out's (ARO) new Scioto County location will take place August 1-7, 2026. Details are being worked out, so be looking for more information.
- October 4-10, 2026, a team will travel to the Nashville, Tennessee area to join in the missional work being done by Rest Stop Ministries, an anti-human trafficking center. There, we will paint the inside of the residential home, giving it a fresh look for those who need a new start. The founder, Rondy Smith, was a guest speaker at last year's THRIVE.

For more information: Contact Louis Reindel at 419-234-0756 or by email reindellouis@gmail.com.



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Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Link Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)

NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT TEEN HOLIDAY QUIZ – 1/17/26:

The next quiz will be 9:30 AM at Hamline Chapel, 102 W. High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025

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

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

NAZ JAZZ CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Sunday, December 21st, 4:30 PM will be the last **FREE** performance to hear the Naz Jazz Christmas concert at Monroe Nazarene. Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office, to unsubscribe, please call 513-777-5600 or email swonaz@swonaz.org