



Southwestern Ohio District News

December 30, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR...2026!!!

The holidays are wrapping up and I hope they were great times and a little restful for you and your family! With a knee surgery early, and a week trip to be with family just before Christmas, it seemed like it flew by! I am ready to get back into a normal flow and accomplish a lot. I can't believe I have only eight months to serve in this capacity. No coasting, I hope to complete pastoral placements for nine churches and have everything ready for our new leader. I would love for you to look at your schedule and find a date that would be good for my final visit to your church. I am willing, but not asking to preach. Let's get 2026 off to a great start and end the church year with great reports of what the Lord is doing in Southwestern Ohio. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you! I love you!!! Yours in Christ, Pastor Bob

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Please be in prayer for the Brookville Church. They have lost two pastors in three years and are beginning the search for their next pastor. Pastor Tim Martin has done a great job as a co-pastor but does not feel he can be the lead pastor with his work schedule and being on call.

--Today was the memorial service for Jean Noel, let's remember Pastor Dale (Bethel) in our prayers.

--Continue to pray for Pastor Bob and Jan Highley.

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.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS:

For helpful resources [**CLICK HERE**](#).

Have more questions? Need more training?

Contact Sam and Kristi Senica.

ssenica@nazarene.org - ksenica@nazarene.org

DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The District Office will be closed December 31st, January 1st and 2nd. If you need assistance, contact Pastor Bob at 513-348-0085.

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)

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/February:

12/31/25 – **District Office Closed**

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](#)

February

02/07/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, Zoom
02/09/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office
02/14/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Blanchester Nazarene
02/14 – 02/16/26 – Clergy Kids Retreat
02/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office
02/24/26 – Prime Time Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office
02/28/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBA



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: Parkview Naz | **SOUTH**: Harisson Naz

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](#)

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

Speakers: [WEBSITE](#) | **Video:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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



2026 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](#)

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

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 1/2/26:

Dinner is at 6:00 PM, Church at 7:00 PM, and Nightwatch begins at 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Come and go as you need to. We are praying for the lost and the nation. We always meet on the 1st Friday of the month at New Richmond Nazarene 200 Hamilton Street, New Richmond, OH 45157. For more information, call 513-520-7454.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SWO District Office

To unsubscribe, please call 513-777-5600 or email swonaz@swonaz.org