

# NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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### Thursday, September 6, 2018

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### **Welcome Pastor Kevin & Rena Barrett**



We are excited to introduce the newest pastoral family on the Northern Michigan District team. Revs. Kevin & Rena Barrett have taken the appointment at Marquette Grace Community Church. The Barretts come to us from Dubois, PA, were Kevin served as pastor and Rena served as associate pastor of Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene. Their first Sunday was August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please

keep the Barretts and our Marquette congregation in prayer during this time of transition.

### **Men's Retreat**

Speaker: Rev. Kevin Hardy, District Superintendent Michigan District

Dates: Friday & Saturday, September 14-15, 2018.

Where: Lost Valley Bible Camp - 7 miles west of Gaylord on M-32

Cost: \$60 if registration postmarked on or before Sept. 4

\$65 if registration postmarked after Sept. 4

A flyer is attached below or visit the <u>events page</u> on the NMD website for more information and printable registration forms. Mail registration to Rev. Catherine Greenhoe, PO Box 59, Alanson, MI 49706.

## Ladies' Retreat

Speaker: Debbie Alsdorf; Dates: Friday & Saturday, October 12-13, 2018

Where: Lakeside Resort & Conference Center - Houghton Lake

Cost: \$90 per person - 4 ladies p/room; \$100 per person - 3 ladies p/room; \$116 per person - 2 ladies p/room; \$150 per person - 1 lady p/room Please make checks payable to NMD Women's Ministries and send them to: Becky Ek, 23990 15 Mile Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307. A flyer is attached below or visit the events page on the NMD website for more information and

printable registration forms.

## September is Alabaster Offering Month

What is Alabaster? - The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers. In September and February offerings are received in local churches worldwide. Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster funds. This is often a part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving, however, the semiannual offerings in September and February are tradition in the Church of the Nazarene. You can read stories about Alabaster projects on the Church of the Nazarene website <a href="http://www.nazarene.org/special-offerings">http://www.nazarene.org/special-offerings</a>.

## **Pastoral Ministry Team Retreat**

Speaker: Dr. Scott Sherwood, Northwest Illinois District Superintendent

Dates: Friday-Sunday, November 9-11, 2018

Where: Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

1 Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Registration form and payment due by Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> \$350 Single Occupant | \$390 Double Occupant

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