



Northern Michigan District
Church of the Nazarene

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Northern Lights Newsletter

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“The Spirit of Truth, and the Spirit of Error”

We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God does not hear us. Hereby we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error (1 Jn 4:6).

Recently in my devotional reading I was reminded of a precious gift that is our heritage in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit actively works in the child of God exposing error and revealing truth by His Word in our hearts. Praise His name! We are bombarded with error all the time by the working of the evil one, but as the redeemed of the Lord (if spiritually attentive) we can distinctly hear the *still small voice* of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me (John 10:27)*. I find this to be of great comfort in times like these. May God raise us up as a LISTENING church! Much of the deception of the enemy is intended to make us think we cannot discern truth and error, by faith let us affirm that we can by the Holy Spirit. In your scriptural meditation make sure to spiritually listen, and be assured that our Lord will speak specific applications of His eternal word to our daily lives. This revelation is specifically intended to equip us to stand in the truth. Amen.

John 10:4-5: ⁴And when he puts forth His own sheep, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. ⁵And a stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Dan Gilmore

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - 2019

Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, 2019

Friday evening conventions (NYI, SDMI) begin at 7:00 pm

Saturday morning begins at 8:30 am

Alanson Church of the Nazarene

Rooms have been blocked at three hotels for our assembly

Stafford Crooked River Lodge – Alanson, MI 231-548-500

Quality Inn – Petoskey, MI 231-347-3220

Hometown Inn – Indian River, MI 231-238-3000

District Calendar	
March 9	District Celebrate Life – Beaverton Church of the Nazarene
April 6	Team Day – Perry, Michigan
April 13	ONU Ladies Day 2019 – Olivet Nazarene University
April 26-27	District Assembly – Alanson Church of the Nazarene
May 16-18	Regional Celebrate Life - ONU
May 18	NMI Convention – Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene
July 8-14	Nazarene Youth Conference 2019 – Phoenix, AZ
July 29-Aug 2	Kid's Camp – Manton Christian Camp, Manton, MI
August 4-9	Family Camp – Manton Christian Camp, Manton, MI
Sept. 5-7	ONU Theological Conference
Sept. 20-21	District Men's Retreat – Lost Valley Bible Camp
Oct. 11-12	District Women's Retreat

Team Day



Nazarene Michigan Districts
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SATURDAY— APRIL 6, 2019

8:00 am — 4:00 pm

**On the campus of
Perry High and Middle Schools**

**For all lay leaders, volunteers and clergy of
the three districts of Michigan**

Important 2019 Dates:

December	Watch your church mail and online (www.minaz.org) for more information, workshop descriptions, and forms
January 1st	Register online for your class choices, visit www.minaz.org
March 1st	Early Registration Discount Deadline: \$30 Online and postmarked through March 1st Ministry table vendors (\$30 for first person / \$15 for additional staff)
March 15th	Final Registration Deadline: \$40 Online and postmarked by March 15th Ministry table vendors (\$40 for first person / \$20 for additional staff)

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD ... LATE REGISTRATIONS AND WALK-INS NOT ACCEPTED

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Missionary Speakers Available

Daryl and Sylvia Potter, from Vanuatu, are scheduled to be at our NMI convention on May 18 and they will be at East Tawas Church of the Nazarene on May 19. If you would like to have them come to your church they are available the week before convention. Please text Sharon Moore at 815-685-1025 or email her at sharonrmoore@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to schedule the Potters for a service at your church.

Celebrate Life

District Celebrate Life will be held at Beaverton Church of the Nazarene. Please notice the cost has been reduced this year from \$135 to \$110 due to NYC 2019. Forms can be found at www.nmdnyi.com/celebrate-life.html and should be completed prior to or at the latest by DCL. Once forms are completed, please scan and email to Beth Strong. For more information contact: Beth Strong, Northern Michigan District Celebrate Life Director, Phone:(989) 750-3837, Email: bsolomo2@gmail.com.

District Celebrate Life - March 9, 2019

Regional Celebrate Life - May 16-18, 2019

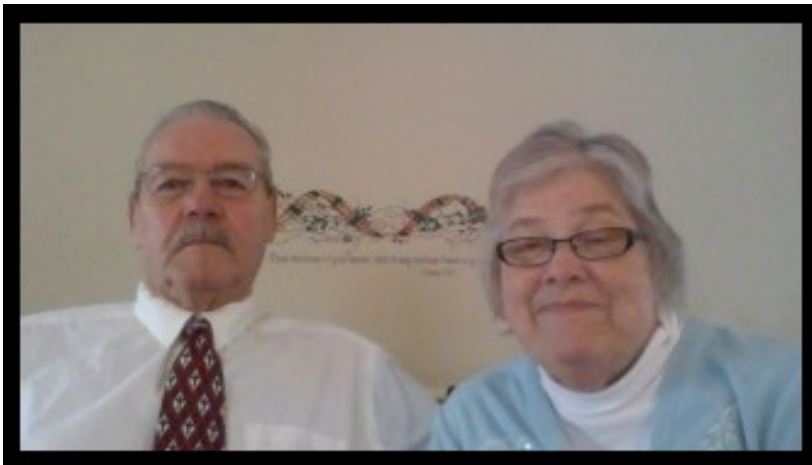
Retiring



Rev. Jim and Jennie Young – Clare

Jim and Jennie Young have retired after 26 years of ministry at Clare Church of the Nazarene. During Pastor Young's tenure the Clare Church saw phenomenal growth and became one of the stronger churches in the state of Michigan. Jim served in Cadillac, MI and Whitesburg, KY before coming to Clare. Jim has a great passion to see souls saved and we know that he will continue to minister Christ's love to others. The Youngs plan to remain in the Clare area.

Welcome New NMD Pastors



Jim & Cathy Canfield – Buckley

Jim and Cathy come to us from the Eastern Michigan District where he was associate pastor at Argentine Church of the Nazarene in Linden, MI. Their first Sunday at Buckley Faith Community was February 10th. You will be blessed to get to know this warm hearted couple. Please pray for them and the congregation as they begin this new venture together.

Thank you to Rev. Dave Martin (Mary) for his ministry as pulpit supply during the transition time.

Jim & Barbara Heckathorne – Interim, Pickford

The Heckathornes come to us from Winterhaven, Florida. Jim is a TIPS (Transitional Interim Pastoral Services) minister with New Church Specialties. He will be leading the Pickford New Horizons Church in the months ahead in preparation for a new lead pastor. Their first Sunday will be March 31st. Please pray for the Heckathornes and the Pickford Church during this transition time.

Thank you to Rev. Dale Freed (Marilyn) for his faithful ministry as pulpit supply since the first of the year. He has been leading the church in a strong prayer emphasis as they seek God's direction.



Tim & Katie Fall – Interim, Clare

Rev. Fall has served at the Clare Church as administrative pastor since 2003. He will be assuming the role as interim pastor on March 3rd as the congregation moves through this transition time. Please keep Pastor Fall and the Clare church in prayer in the days ahead.

Joe & Molly Lee – Associate, Reed City

The Lees began their ministry at Reed City in the fall of 2018 coming from Chicago Central District. Joe and Molly are both graduates of Olivet Nazarene University. We are excited to have this wonderful couple on the Northern Michigan District. Please keep the Lees in your prayers as they serve the Reed City congregation.

