



Northern Michigan District
Church of the Nazarene

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Northern Lights Newsletter

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The Fire of Pentecost

There were three heavenly signs recorded in Acts 2 that accompanied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, a mighty wind, cloven tongues of fire, and the gift of languages (tongues). John the Baptist specifically prophesied of the fire (see Mt 3:11; Lk 3:16). Fire is used throughout Scripture as a symbol of cleansing and purification. Fire is also referenced in the Bible as a mighty symbol of destruction and consumption. Our minds probably go to texts like James 3 where the destructive power of the tongue is equated to a consuming fire. But I want to remind us of a holy and heavenly aspect of consuming fire. In Hebrews 12:29 the Bible simply reminds us that *...our God is a consuming fire*. God's Pentecostal work in His redeemed is a cleansing work and it is also a consuming work! Do you long daily to be consumed with holy fire from heaven? Fire that will consume every vestige of carnality, self-will, and besetting weights and sins? This is our Redeemer's gift to His redeemed! Let us live in that victory in our walk of faith! Amen!

Please note that Sunday, June 2nd, has been designated as a special day of prayer for our president. I encourage each of our pastors and congregations to take time in the service to lift our president in prayer. Rev. Franklin writes:

"President Trump's enemies continue to try everything to destroy him, his family, and the presidency. In the history of our country, no president has been attacked as he has. I believe the only hope for him, and this nation, is God. This is a critical time for America. We're on the edge of a precipice. Time is short. We need to pray for God to intervene. We need to ask God to protect, strengthen, encourage, and guide the President."

—Rev. Dan Gilmore

It's not too early to start planning to attend Family Camp

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP 2019

SUNDAY, AUG. 4 – FRIDAY, AUG. 9

MANTON CHRISTIAN CAMP – 9528 E. 16 ROAD
MANTON, MI 49663



7:00AM Prayer Meeting in
the Tabernacle (Mon-Fri)

Sunday Family Dinner – 4:00pm
Sunday Service 6:00PM

Monday - Friday
Evening Service 7:00PM

Adult Bible Study, Children's, and
NYI Service 10:00AM (Mon-Fri)

Rev. George Holley – Evangelist

Music: Olivet Nazarene University Worship Team

Teen Meetings/Activities Director: Rev. Jeremy Gomez

Children's Meetings/Activities Director: Rev. Brandon & Sandy Metzger

District Camp Coordinator - Richard Wadsworth
(616) 485-2771; richardhjunea@gmail.com

Nursery and children's service provided during
evening meetings.



Lodging

- Campsites are \$20.00 per night.
- There are 12 cabins available that have from 10 to 12 bunks in them at \$28.00 per night (behind the tabernacle.)
- We also have eight Motel rooms with 9 to 11 bunks at \$26.00 per night.
- There are four rooms in the Morrison building at \$28.00 per night.
- There are a limited number of private cabins available and the cost is set by the Manton Christian Camp.

For questions about lodging, please contact
Richard Wadsworth: (616) 485-2771(no texts)
richardhjunea@gmail.com

Kid's Camp - July 29th – August 2nd, 2019



For Ages 8-12 Manton Christian Camp

Early registration cost before June 25 - \$140.
After June 25, registration cost will be \$175.
Registration at 12:00 p.m. on Monday at the campground.
Talent Show at 11:00 a.m. on Friday
Check Out at 12:00 p.m. on Friday
Ask your pastor for an application form or download one
at our website at www.nmdnaz.org/summercamp.html

If you are able to help or if you know of potential
helpers/counselors, please contact Pastor Brandon
Metzger at Cadillac First Church. Call 231-775-7351 or
email 1stchurch@sbcglobal.net . Thank you.

Nazarene Missions International - NMI



JILL RICE
District NMI President

The NMI Convention was held on May 18, 2019, at the Kalkaska Church of the Nazarene. We want to say a big thank you to Nancy Brody and all those from the Kalkaska church who helped with the convention. The theme for the coming year is **“Prayer: Bridge to the Nations.”** All of the churches received “prayer rugs” to help remind them of the need to pray for missions. We learned about **New Nazarene Missions.** Nazarene missions is a movement of God through the People of God. “Father, Send Me,” is the prayer of the Church of the Nazarene. The Church of the Nazarene will be focusing its efforts in (1) compassion; (2) evangelism; and (3) education.

The goal is to pioneer, develop and resource local, interdependent, and sustainable Nazarene churches. The Church of the Nazarene will be recognizing two categories of missionaries: global missionaries (seasoned and experienced missionaries who commit to go wherever the church needs them most) and sponsored missionaries (who will go out on special assignment with the backing of their churches). Pastors and NMI have a very important role in nurturing, mentoring and supporting these missionaries. David and Sylvia Potter from Vanuatu were our special speakers for the day. They also were presented with a Distinguished Service Award.

- These churches received Priority One Mission Awards meeting all of their goals for missions: Alanson, Beaverton, Cadillac Cherry Grove, Cadillac First, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Escanaba Lighthouse, Fremont, Harrison Temple, Iron River, Kalkaska, Reed City, Traverse City and Weidman.
- These churches received Awards of Excellence (5.7% or more of their income given to World Evangelism) Alanson, Beaverton, Buckley Faith Community, Cadillac Cherry Grove, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, East Tawas, Escanaba Lighthouse, Fremont, Harrison Temple, Houghton-Hancock, Iron River, Kalkaska, Reed City, Traverse City and Weidman.
- Twenty of our churches paid their World Evangelism Fund allocation in full.
- Our churches raised \$ \$153,680.70 for World Evangelism Fund and gave another \$55,235.00 to mission specials – bringing the District’s total giving for missions to \$207,105.49.
- Five of our churches raised over \$10,000 for World Evangelism this year. They included: Alanson - \$10,603.59, Beaverton - \$11,649.02, Cadillac Cherry Grove - \$13,796.77, and two churches gave over \$20,000.00, Reed City - \$20,107.21 and Clare - \$27,500.00.
- Our churches partnered with our Creative Access Missionaries in Asia and raised over \$8,212.00 to assist them with scholarships for training and local ministries.
- Through VBS offerings our children raised \$1,853.00 for scholarships and gifts of medical equipment for our Nazarene nurses in India.
- Our new District Adult Project for next year is new electronic classrooms for Africa Nazarene University (which is celebrating 25 years as a university this year). We also are hoping to take a work and witness team to Africa to install the equipment which we are able to purchase.
- Our new District Children’s Project is PAWS for Africa. The challenge is to raise \$1 million across our denomination as an endowment to fund scholarships to Africa Nazarene University in honor of Missionary Harmon Schmelzenbach.
- Special thanks to Sharon Moore who is retiring after serving as District Deputation Secretary for almost 20 years.
- Our new Teen Representatives on the NMI Council are Matthew Jackson and Jordon Rogers. Genie VanSyckle, Jeffrey Potter and Melissa Ruhl who were elected as new NMI Council members for a two-year term, and Jill Rice who was reelected as District NMI President. Congratulations!
- Grace Ek received the Dennis Hamilton Memorial Teen Work and Witness Scholarship. Grace was also presented with a Buddy Award for all the work that she has done on the District to involve teens in missions over the last few years, including planning a teen work and witness weekend in Cheboygan, leading teen activities at NMI Convention, and planning a Mission Call day for teens who are exploring a call to serve in missions. Thank you Grace for your love for Jesus and missions!

We are looking forward to a great year in missions!

Nazarene Youth International - NYI



JEREMY GOMEZ
District NYI President

NMD NYI will be joining other districts throughout the US on June 27th through July 4th 2020 to be the hands and feet of Christ in Guatemala. We will be partnering with local churches to provide VBS programs, medical clinics, beauty clinics, sports clinics and light construction. Lodging has been secured with our Central America Seminary and plans are already underway with local churches on projects. This mission trip is for teenagers on up and is a great opportunity to see Jesus' calling to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. For more information go to nmdnyi.com or contact Pastor Jeremy Gomez at revjgomez@icloud.com

Teen Camp

As a district we offer an affordable camp for all teens on our district from 6th to 12th grade. Teen Camp runs concurrent with Family Camp and takes place at Manton Christian Camp (9528 E. 16th Rd., Manton MI 49663). Why camp? Because we help teens answer the 3 BIG questions: Identify, Belonging, and Purpose. Teens staying with family are able to participate in all activities as well. For registration/medical forms and posters just go to nmdnyi.com.

Camp Counselors are needed! If you would be interested in being a counselor for teen camp, or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Pastor Gomez. revjgomez@icloud.com



Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International – SDMI

The month of June is upon us and that means camping and vacation season will soon be in full swing. We have great opportunities for kids and teens summer activities on our district. SDMI is proud to support Children's Camp, held at Manton Christian Camp in Manton, MI. The date is July 29-August 2. The cost is \$145 per camper before June 25th, and \$175 per camper after that date. Brandon and Sandy Metzger are our camp directors again this year. Camp applications can be downloaded and printed from the district website nmdnaz.org.

Male camp counselors are needed for children's camp. If you are interested please contact Pastor Metzger at bmetzgeronu@gmail.com

I was privileged to attend Celebrate Life with our teens at Olivet May 16-18. What a fantastic time of watching our teens display their talents and abilities in so many diverse ways. What brought me even more joy was watching them worship together. When I see the abandon that they worship God with, as if to say they aren't leaving a service without making sure they tell God they love Him, I feel confident the church is in good hands for the future. Now that summer is here and our teens and kids schedules change, why not let them teach a class one Sunday? Or lead a small group discussion? Give them the freedom to begin to lead now in small or even large class settings so they can feel a part of what happens in the church. Plant the seed and see how God will water it. Look for info next month regarding the local SDMI Director and teachers/small group leader's summit in October. The best is yet to come!



BRIAN FARMER
District SDMI President



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| 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 – Evergreen Resort – Cadillac, MI |
| Oct. 23-27 | ONU Homecoming |

District events, news, and prayer requests are updated regularly on the district website: www.nmdnaz.org

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. – Albert Einstein