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2014 Pittsburgh District Election Results

District Advisory Board, Ministers

3-year term, expiring 2017

Leon Blaise and Rodney Johnson

District Advisory Board, Laypersons

3-year term, expiring 2017

Len Baun and Darcy Bell

District Assembly Finance Committee, Ministers

3-year term, expiring 2017, by acclamation

Bradley Booker and Ron Reagle

District Assembly Finance Committee, Laypersons

3-year term, expiring 2017, by acclamation

Lee Hanson and Don Schmidt

District Court of Appeals, Ministers

4-year term, expiring 2018, by acclamation

Peter Roy, Joe Stump and David Watts

District Court of Appeals, Laypersons

4-year term, expiring 2018, by acclamation

Sherry Britton and Sue Hoffman

District Evangelism Director

1-year term, expiring 2015, by acclamation

David Edwards

Trustee to ENC

4-year term, expiring 2018

Ken Culbertson

SDMI Council

Chairman - David M. Smith

Executive Council, Minister -

Terry Weyman, Sr.

Executive Council, Layperson -

Sheila Johnson

NMI Council

Treasurer - Debbie Shutak

Secretary - Brent Herren

NYI Council

President - Colleen Baker

Vice President - Andy Russell

Secretary - Kelly Tatum

* Treasurer - Tom Aaron

College/Career Representatives -

Jamie Moore

Oksana DiCamillo

Senior High Representatives -

RJ Garde

Kaylee Johnson

Junior High Representatives -

Amya Altman

Elise Benke

* Quizzing Director - Sarah Smail

* Impact Director - Sarah Smail

* Teen Camp Director - Tom Aaron

* NYC Coordinator - Linda Heckman

* Fall Retreat Director - Amanda Moore

* *Appointed Positions*

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Some highlights of District Assembly and Ordination service on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7



Pastoral Praise Band at District Assembly



District Secretary Leon Blaise presents the ordinands



Millie and Al Martsof



Laying of hands on the ordinands



Toby Warner



Millie Martsof and Toby Warner receiving their ordination certificates from GS J. K. Warrick?



Ryan Baird and Samantha Vannoy received their minister's licenses from DS J Bret Metcalfe



Rev. J Bret Metcalfe
District Superintendent

Have you ever stopped to think about why you are here? I mean, let's think about this. God created humans to have a relationship with Him and how many just go through the day doing their own thing and forget about the Creator, until they find themselves in a bind. How awesome would it have been if we were in the Garden and would be able to go up to God as He walked in the cool of the day and could just sit down and talk to Him about stuff? The conversation could go something like this; "Hey God, can we talk?" Of course God would say, "Go ahead." You would continue, "I am having a little trouble naming that animal you made. I am drawing a complete blank." The Creator would allow you to talk it through until you finally came up with something and then He might just go off and say, "See you tomorrow." Each day you would meet God in the cool of the day and have conversations about the stuff that is on your mind. From what I understand about God, He would enjoy those times. He likes knowing what matters to us. We are His creation and He wants to have a relationship with us.

So how do you think God would have felt if you started missing those conversations? He would show up at the appointed spot and you would just be too busy or maybe you did not feel well that day and you would just stay home. I wonder how long He would continue to make His way to that spot? A few more times? The God I know continues to go to the places where we go in the hopes of us taking a moment out of our day to just share with Him what is on our mind. He is longing to hear from us each and every day. How many times do you talk to Him each day? Let me ask a few more questions. How many times do you check Facebook? Tweet? Text? Talk on the phone to someone? What if, for every time you did something you wanted to do, you would spend that same amount of time with the Creator? I wonder how your relationship would be with Him?

Yesterday my phone died and it was almost like I lost an appendage. It is going to be a couple of days to get a replacement. It was at that point that I realized maybe I needed to spend these next couple of days with the Creator. I am not saying that we need to get rid of technology, but sometimes we find it easier to turn to the devices in our lives before turning to the Creator. I want to find a spot where the Creator and I can meet each day and talk about that which matters to me. Because if it matters to me, it matters to Him. Maybe you want to find a spot like that, He is there waiting on you.

Journeying with you, J Bret

On Sunday, June 29, Timothy Fedenets brought his mommy and his family to church for his dedication. He even got to take Pastor's glasses during prayer.

Rev. Marshall Lillie
Conneaut Valley Church



Boswell Baptisms





Rev. David Smith
SDMI Chair

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SUNDAY SCHOOL | DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Find Us Faithful

If we are honest about it, we would all say that we struggle with getting people to come to Sunday School. I'm trying to figure it out myself. What's the best way or the best technique to invite someone to Sunday School?

I found a flyer on "How to Invite Someone to Sunday School." (*Poster is shown on the following page*). I do not know the source of this flyer or who wrote it but I hope that you will be able to draw something from this to help you to invite someone to Sunday School. Feel free to make copies of the poster and share it with anyone who might be interested in inviting someone to Sunday School

My prayer is that this will help you to approach your friends and to be able to invite people to Sunday School for the right reasons and with a follow-up plan in mind.

Pastor Dave Smith, District SDMI Chair

PRIME TIME – 2014

HILLBILLY FUN DAY - On Wednesday, July 30, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Building, all Prime Timers are invited for lunch followed with a Hillbilly Fun Time. Lunch will include make-your-own hoagie, chips, drinks and dessert for \$4.00! If you and your friends would like, please join in with any instruments (or homemade instruments) as we sing and play together for a good time of fellowship. It is so good to get together and just have fun!

ANNUAL BUS TRIP - If you would like to be included in the bus trip on October 17 & 18 to Lancaster, please pick up a registration form at the Prime Time table in the Tabernacle. Deadline for registration and \$100 deposit is due on August 1. Total cost is \$245 - you can't beat the price. Spots are still available.

MARK MURPHY CONCERT & BANQUET - On Saturday, September 20, beginning at noon in the MPB, all ages are invited to a banquet, followed by a concert with Mark Murphy. Cost is \$25 per ticket, and includes banquet and concert. Please stop by the Prime Time table in the Tabernacle and pick up a registration form or call Rob and Jane Lute at 724-254-9368 or rcjlute@comcast.net.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

September is upon us. By now you should have started your lessons. I want to encourage all quizmasters, aides and especially quizzers to relax and have fun while you study Exodus. Remember this is a Regional Quiz Year. Mark your calendars now for June 26-27, 2015. Quizzers must achieve 85% at the District Finals on April 18 to be eligible. Our first Invitational is on November 15 at Kossuth and Waynesburg. The second invitational is on March 28, host churches needed.

Email Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages: pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com

“How to Invite Someone to Sunday School”

Keep these tips in mind as you invite your friends:

In Advance:

1. Invite for the right reasons. Don't dehumanize your friends by treating them as a means to an end (for example, as a way to earn something by inviting the most friends).
2. Tell them why you go to Sunday School. How has church made a difference in your life? How do you think it can benefit their lives or help them? You might mention the topic your class has been studying in Sunday School lately, and how it's been helpful to you.
3. Don't ask negative questions like, “You wouldn't want to go to church with me, would you?” Instead, try: “I'd love to have you join me for Sunday School sometime... how about it?”
4. Contact a church friend, your Sunday School teacher, or your pastoral staff and let them know you'll be bringing a guest with you on Sunday so that they'll be watching for you.

During the Visit:

5. Introduce your guests to your church friends, especially to any who you know share common interests or experiences.
6. Stick by your friend. It's uncomfortable to be in a strange place where you feel you're the only one who doesn't know what's going on. If at all possible, sit together during the service; if you absolutely can't get out of choir, ushering, etc., ask a friend or family member to sit with them.
7. Keep an eye out to instruct. Every church has its own peculiar set of rituals. Even if your friends have been to church before, they may not understand the procedures your church follows. If they seem to need assistance, help them find the hymn, scripture verse, etc.
8. Gather copies of all written materials – church bulletins, brochures about the church's ministries, newsletters, etc. – and send them home with your friends. Ask if they'd like to be on the church mailing list. Assure them that this will simply keep them informed about church happenings not inundate them with appeal letters from the church.
9. Invite your friends out (or to your home) for lunch after church. If possible, invite another couple of friends as well, so that your guests will feel familiar with someone else besides you if they decide to visit again.

Follow-Up:

10. Send a simple thank-you note to say, “Enjoyed having you join me Sunday.” Encourage your teacher or another classmate to give your friend a call to say, “Thanks for the visit. We really enjoyed meeting you and hope you come again.”
11. Set the stage for future invitations: “I really enjoyed your going to church with me. I don't want to be pushy, but would you mind if I invited you again from time to time?” Consider inviting your friends to future class fellowships, church potlucks, or other activities.
12. Build on the friendship you've started. Your visitors must feel somewhat positively about you or they wouldn't have accepted your invitation in the first place. Even if the person won't go to church with you again, pursue ways to deepen the friendship – schedule lunch together, invite them over for dinner, send notes on special days like birthdays, etc.

2014 Children's Talent Results

Division A Results

Art 1 1st Elisha Burns 2nd Alaunna Malek

Art 2 1st Eva Pester 2nd Aidan Strope
3rd Madison Crosscut

Instrumental Group 1st Waynesburg Bell Choir

Vocal Solo 1st Katelyn Powell

Division B Results

Art 1 1st Kaden Burns 2nd Ty Blair
3rd Joel Horne 4th Emma McCarty
5th Kerri Jones 6th Kaitlyn Crosscut

Art 2 1st Aiden Pester 2nd Anna Roscinski
3rd Kyle Pester 4th Kerri Jones

Instrumental Solo 1st Kaden Burns

Oratory 1 1st Shanille Smith

Oratory 2 1st Shanille Smith

Photography 1st Racheal Horne
2nd Ryan Martin 3rd Raymond Dicamillo

Vocal Solo 1st Bryn Lahew 2nd Shanille Smith

Vocal Ensemble 1st Anna Roscinski and Katelyn
Marshall

Division C Results

Art 1 1st Brent Tharp 2nd Nathaniel Jones

Art 2 1st Hannah Horne 2nd Ashton Pollack
3rd Kathryn Rheal

Drama 2 1st Waynesburg Sticks

Keyboard 1st Hannah Horne

Puppetry 1st Lance Bill and Nathaniel Jones

Instrumental Solo 1st Alyssa Brant
2nd Rachel Smith 3rd Lance Bill
4th Aidan Kern

Instrumental Group 1st Lance Bill and Nathaniel Jones

Photography 1st Jesse Tharp
2nd Kaitlyn Pester 3rd Taylor Cotton

Vocal Solo 1st Kathryn Rheal
2nd Grace Jones

Vocal Choir 1st Monongahela

Vocal Ensemble 1st Sedelle Boozell and Taylor
Matthews

2nd Kathryn Rheal and Danny Ruckman
3rd Union City Five

Your District NYI has been in full swing, working hard to minister to our youth at Teen and Family Camp. During teen camp we heard many testimonies of God at work in the lives of our teens. We heard of some who received salvation, sancti-fication, and a call to ministry. For those of you who attended District Assembly and heard our pastors' reports on their personal sanctification story, did you hear a common theme in their stories? I did. As I listened to our pastors many of them spoke about how God moved their hearts as teenagers. Many of our district pastors were saved, sanctified, or received their call into ministry during youth camps! God uses our youth camps to build his kingdom and train upcoming leaders and ministers to disciple his people. It is almost scary to think that some of the teens who received their call to ministry at camp this year could be your future pastor! So I ask, are you encouraging your youth to be part of these events? Do you invite and plead for teens to attend camps and retreats? You should, God is working through these means to build his kingdom. Let's do our part to bring them into a dynamic relationship with Jesus.

Our NYI Convention was held June 14th with a newly elected council to represent you this upcoming year. Andy Russell (VP), Kelly Tatum (Secretary), Jamie Moore & Oksana DiCamillo (College/Career Reps), RJ Garde & Kaylee Johnson (Sr. High Reps), and Amya Altman & Elise Benke (Jr. High Reps). Council has appointed Sarah Smail to direct our Quiz program and newly restructured IMPACT ministry, Tom Aaron as our treasurer and teen camp director, Rod Johnson will direct Festival of Life, Amanda Moore will direct Fall retreat, J Maier and Martin Burns leading winter retreat and Linda Heckman is still our NYC director. We have a great group of leaders so be looking for more information from them regarding our NYI District events! Looking forward to another great year serving our teens and Jesus!



**Colleen Baker,
NYI President**

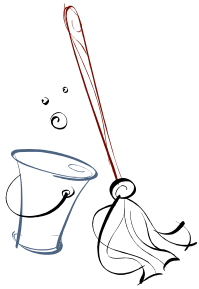
Humbling serving,
Colleen Baker, NYI President



Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene Women's Ministries

Ministry To Others Day

**Saturday, September 13
9:00 am – 3:30 pm**



**Mt. Chestnut District Center
177 North Road, Butler, PA**



Join us in reaching out in ministry through:

- ♥ Crocheting, knitting or sewing for Project Linus
- ♥ Making cards for those that are sick or grieving
- ♥ Addressing and praying over the cards
- ♥ Doing a service project at the district center
- ♥ Putting together crisis care kits and school paks
- ♥ Donating to a local food bank!
- ♥ Praise and Worship with Sheila Johnson
- ♥ Devotional by Colleen Smith

Registration forms will be available at the SDMI Rally, Family Camp and emailed.

For questions or additional information you may call Colleen Smith at 814-316-6819 or email her at imapw@yahoo.com



Let's go *Geocaching*

?What is it?

Geocaching is a worldwide game that uses GPS technology to find hidden caches...in your neighborhood and around the globe.

?When is it?

The first geocaching activity will be held during two afternoons at our district Family Camp, which goes from July 27 thru August 3. Your second opportunity for geocaching will be an overnight event on August 22 -23.

?Where is it?

At our district center,
Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Center

?Who is it for?

Only the young and the old and
anyone in between.
Only men and women,
boys and girls.
Only families, friends,
couples or singles.



Sandy Greenlee
NMI President

2014 NMI convention is over but the excitement is not. At the convention we heard Joe Gorman and his daughter, Annie. What a witness of healing and serving the Lord. You see Annie was not suppose to walk, you can see her standing in front of us and testifying what the Lord can do. Joe spoke on "What's in your hands". He challenged us to be vessels to be used by God.

We learned about the clinic in Ghana Africa in Annie's honor.

Our new 100th Anniversary project is 9 clean water wells in India. Already Butler 1st Church has paid for one and the Children's VBS of Homer City collected \$4000 for 2 more wells. Praise the Lord. God is good. We have a year to pay for the wells but as soon as we get the money to India the wells can be started. Pray what your church can do.

Love serving the Lord and the Pittsburgh District,
Sandy Greenlee



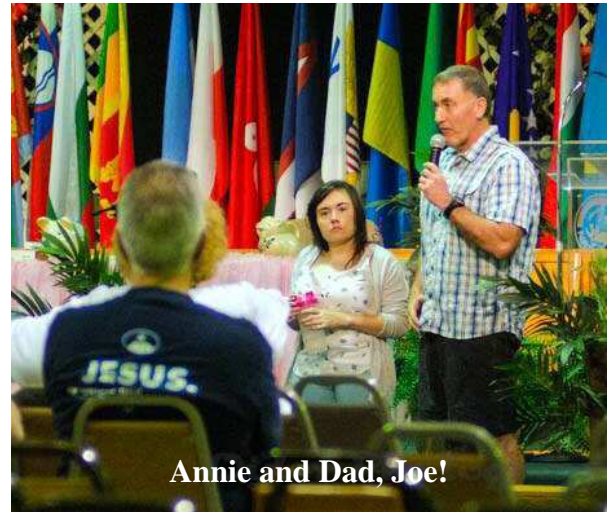
Parade of Flags



Praise Band!



Annie!



Annie and Dad, Joe!



Cupcake Table



Colleen kisses
the pig!



Terri's sari!

District Events Schedule:**

- July 26:** SDMI Convention and Sunday School Rally (10 am - 3 pm)
- July 27-August 3:** Family Camp
- July 30:** Prime Time Day at Family Camp
- August 8:** Nazarene Day at PNC Park
- August 13-20:** Domestic Work & Witness trip - Nova Scotia
- August 16-20:** Kids Camp
- September 13:** Women's MTO (Minister to Others) Day
- September 20:** Prime Time Event with Mark Murphy
- September 22-25:** M & M Retreat (Laurelville)
- September 25-28:** District Scrapbook Retreat
- September 29-October 3:** CT/CPE/CPC Training - Church Planting Essentials
- October 3-5:** *Victim to Victor* - Women of Worth Retreat
- October 17-18:** Prime Time to Sight & Sound (Lancaster PA)
- November 15:** Children's Quiz Invitational #1 (Kossuth and Waynesburg)
- December 6:** Annual Mt. Chestnut Snowflake Craft Show

****Dates are subject to change.**

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Thank you for your faithful giving to the District Ministry Fund and the other allocations. Please remember to send your district allocations into the District, SDMI, NMI and NYI. If you haven't started giving, it's never too late!

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