

**from Terry & Becky. . .**

*These last few days, I have had opportunity to have phone conversations with several of our pastors. What a joy it is to work alongside our pastors, to hear of their heart for God and their love for their congregations they serve.*



*I want to express gratitude to our local churches who look after their pastors—loving on them, providing for them the best you can. If you have not taken a few minutes to express your appreciation for their love and faithfulness.*

*And we have a great group of lay persons across the Illinois district. You are the best!*

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## PASTOR’S TAKE NOTE

### Upcoming events for Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Hours

**January 27, PPD**

**Zoom with Rev. Ryan Green, new Chaplain at Olivet Nazarene University  
6:30 pm. Will send the zoom link in email.**

**March 10-12, 2026, IL/MO Pastor’s Advance**

**Pinecrest Camp  
Fredericktown, MO  
PASTOR AS PREACHER  
Speaker: Rev. Julie O’Hair  
Cost: \$65/person**

**June 3-5, 2026**

**ONU Falcon  
One HEART**



## DISTRICT KID’S FUN DAY



February 21, 2026

Pana First Church of the Nazarene

This event is focused on children in grades 4—6. It will be a great day of fun and activity to help our children understand the work of missions in the Church of the Nazarene around the world. Contact Debbie Brewer for more information.

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## DISTRICT WOMEN’S DAY

April 11, 2026

Roxana Church of the Nazarene  
Speaker: Kayln Vogelmann

Poster is page 6 of this eLetter.

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## DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION Is Changing

**It will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026  
It will be held at Salem Grace  
Keynote Speaker is Candice Brooks**



Candice and her husband, Trey started Equip to Engage. This ministry is called with the specific purpose of equipping, encouraging and connecting children’s leaders. EVERYONE will be encouraged and challenged by her message focused on discipleship.

- Randy Wright, District NDI President  
ndi@illinoisnaz.org



### TEEN BIBLE QUIZ SCHEDULE

February 7 Decatur West Side 1 Cor 1-16 - 2 Cor 1-8  
March 14 Shelbyville 1 Cor 1-16 - 2 Cor 1-13  
<https://illinois.nazquizzing.org/events>

### NYC INFORMATION

#### Remaining Payment Schedule!

You should have \$500 or \$800 paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene, depending on which payment option you have selected. These funds are to be sent to David Hater, 2403 W. Kirby, Champaign, IL 61821. If you have not paid any payment yet, **you need to send that in immediately.** The district has already had to make payment to the General NYI Office for your registration.

### DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE

March 6-7, 2026  
Roxana, IL

Put it on your calendar. Have your teens start to prepare their art, their music, their talent, their skills and plan on having a great time at District Celebrate Life.

Field Celebrate Life is May 14-16 at ONU.

#### \*\*\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

#### DISTRICT NYI CONVENTION IS GOING TO BE SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 28

This is a change from year's past. A special time of bringing our students from across the district together to celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of our NYI.

- David Hater, District NYI President  
[nyi@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nyi@illinoisnaz.org)

Our district treasure is: DANIELLE FIELDS  
The email address is [dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org).  
If you mail your check, send to:  
District Treasurer  
P.O. Box 185  
Bethalto, IL 62010  
The portal on Funding the Mission has not changed, you can still pay all allocations through the portals found on the web site.



### 2026 ZONE SPRING MISSION TOUR

- April 15 @ Flora
- April 16 @ Carbondale New Beginnings Community
- April 19 @ Quincy Emmanuel
- April 20 @ Collinsville New Community
- April 26 @ Olivet
- April 28 @ Mattoon East Side
- April 29 @ Sherman

Our Spring Tour missionary is Monte Cyr. Here is a bio for the Cyr family: Monte & Bethany Cyr (pronounced 'Sear') are Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean). Monte has served as the Regional Partnerships Coordinator since March 2025. His main responsibilities include connecting churches and districts on the Mesoamerica Region with churches and districts in other parts of the world for mutual encouragement, support and ministry. Bethany serves as the office administrator.

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### **NMI GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 1-7, 2026**

Check out this link: [2026 Global Week of Prayer - Church of the Nazarene](#) to find out more about this prayer emphasis.

### **MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITY**

Mission Team Coordinator, Daniel Mattison has scheduled a trip back to Appalachia for July 11—17. Cost is \$421.25/person. See page 5 of this eLetter.

This QR code will take you to the District NMI FAQ page for all that you need to know about NMI.



- Dan Reinhart, NMI President  
[nmi@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nmi@illinoisnaz.org)

### PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for our churches still looking for Pastors: Griggsville, Monticello, Arcola First, Arcola Spanish, Glen Carbon Glenview, and Georgetown.

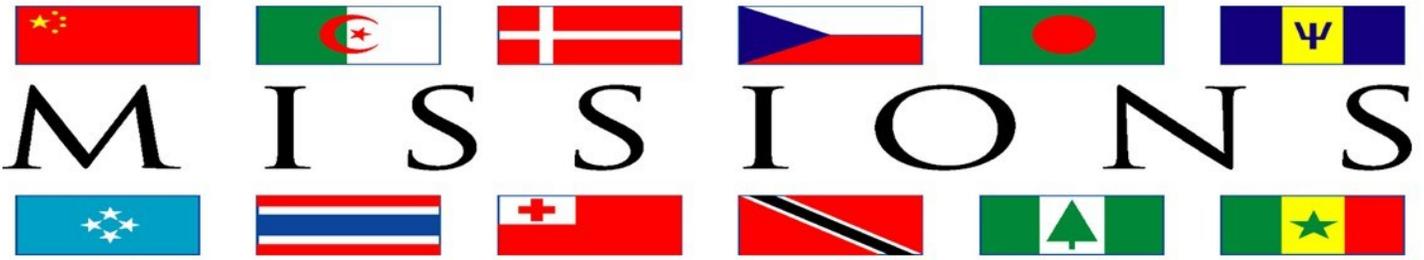
## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2026

**January 17** - Children's Invitational Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 6-10  
**January 24** - District Advisory Board on Zoom  
**January 31** - Board of Ministry Interviews @ Roxana  
**February 7** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**February 21** - Children's Mission Fun Day @ Pana 1st  
**February 23-25** - Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference @ Minneapolis, MN  
**March 1** - Children's Invitation Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 11-15  
**March 6-7** - District Celebrate Life @ Roxana  
**March 10-12** - IL/MO Pastor's Advance @ Pinecrest, Theme: Pastor as Preacher  
**March 14** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**March 28** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 11** - District Ladies Day @ Roxana  
**April 18** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 18** - Children's Invitational Quiz, Dig Sites 16-20  
**April 15-29** - Spring Zone Mission Rallies  
**April 25** - Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side  
**May 2** - **District NDI Convention @ Salem Grace**  
**May 14-16** - Celebrate Life @ ONU  
**May 30** - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20  
**June 3-5** - 2026 PALCON @ ONU  
**June 12 & 13** - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU  
**June 22-26** - Youth Camp  
**June 28** - **District NYI Convention**  
**July 1-5** - NYC @ Salt Lake City  
**July 10** - District NMI Convention  
**July 10-11** - District Assembly  
**July 11** - District Advisory Board Organizational Meeting  
**July 13-17** - Children's Camp  
**August 22** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**September 18-20** - Adult 'Reignite & Renew' Retreat @ Pinecrest  
**September 25-27** - m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN  
**October 3-6** - District Mission Rallies  
**October 31** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**December 5** - District Leader's Family Gathering @ Effingham

### 2027

**January 23** - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
**January 30** - District Board of Ministry Meeting @ Roxana  
**March 21** - Palm Sunday  
**March 28** - Easter  
**April 10** - District Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side  
**April 17** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**June 25 - July 2** - General Conventions & Assembly, Kansas City, MO  
**June 28—July 2**—District Youth Camp  
**July 16-17** - Illinois District Assembly  
**July 19-23** - Tentative Date for Children's Camp



**KIDS' FUN DAY!**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2026**  
**10 AM – 2:30 PM**  
**Pana Church of the Nazarene**



NDI and NMI are partnering to provide a fun, yet impactful day for kids in grades 4-6. The emphasis is on missions – not only abroad, but where we live.

(Use your judgment if child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade.)

The day will include songs, stories, skits, games, service project, prayer, and much more! It also includes lunch!

The cost is \$10 per child, \$5 for adults.

Call or text Debbie Brewer to register or ask questions:

618-604-5552. Or you can also register on-line at

<https://forms.gle/BPo6um4sK5zyrrbq5>. Or you can scan the QR code.





Illinois District NMI Teams Introduces:

Work and Witness Partnership with Appalachia Reach Out  
In Scioto County, Ohio

July 11th through July 17th, 2026

Cost of the trip will be \$421.25 per person paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene.

Come join us as we partner with Appalachia Reach Out in Wheelersburg, Ohio July 11th through the 17th. All ages are welcome. Any children under 18 attending the trip must have a form filled out for each child and accompanied by a parent or guardian. The skill involvement of this trip will depend on the skills of the participants. If the majority of our participants are ministry oriented, then our trip will be ministry oriented. This would include working with the substance abuse center, offering tutorial services to children in the community, possibly conducting VBS (if we do VBS we are responsible for the entire program), arts and crafts, etc. If the majority are construction or contractor oriented individuals, then the projects will be geared as such. There is also the opportunity for ministry and contractors to split and work on separate projects as long as there are enough people to complete those projects.

One thing to consider about the date of this trip, we leave the day of District Assembly. Any participants will want to make sure they are not a delegate or obligated to attend District Assembly. The NMI Convention and Ordination Service is scheduled the day before so it is fine to be involved in those. If you do attend the NMI Convention, there will be a brief time of presentation for the trip and prayer over those that are at the convention who will be leaving on the trip. You are more than welcome to stay the night at the convention site and leave the next morning with me as I will be at the convention as well. We will also have a redevous site TBD but most likely Effingham CoTN.

Following below are some details about the trip:

Individuals are requested to list your gifts and talents with your completed paperwork so we can best match the gifts and talents with the projects your team will be doing especially if you have electrical, carpentry and plumbing experience.

Teams who have children/youth are to be accompanied by all full complement of chaperons, leaders, parents, etc...

They should be able to do the tasks assigned for their team at their worksite including construction if our team leans construction oriented.

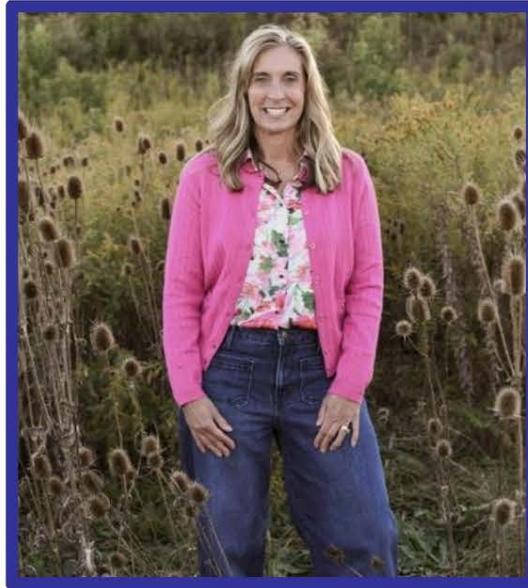
For more information contact Pastor Daniel Mattison, [nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org) or 618-818-8718.

ARO requires that we cap our project at 25 participants. So don't delay in signing up!

Sign-ups and payments will be done via this link [HTTP://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35](http://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35)

# **Ladies' Day**

**April 11, 2026, 10 AM – 3 PM**



**Kalyn Vogelmann, Speaker**  
**Director of Women's Discipleship for USA/Canada,**  
**Church of the Nazarene**

**Roxana Church of the Nazarene**

**\$25 per person**

**On-line registration available.**

**Mark your calendars now!**

**Inspiration, fellowship, small group time, lunch, praise & worship,  
laughter, and more!**

Can your church donate a gift basket?

Have questions or suggestion?

Call Phyllis at 217-412-2908 or Debbie at 618-604-5552

Register on-line at <https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=41> (Copy and paste in a browser or use this QR code:

