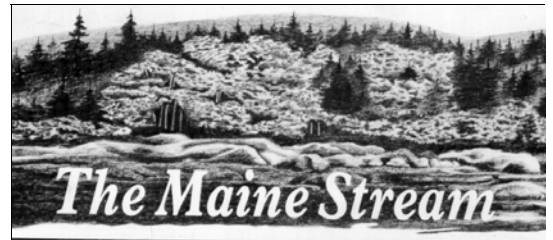


**MAINE DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**



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YEAR OF PRAYER

April begins a new Assembly year. Reports for the 2008/2009 year are now due. As the pastors reports are available, Bev. starts on the Assembly Booklet. Every church is important to our District. Those statistics are compiled together and we see indications of how the Maine District was blessed by God spiritually, numerically, financially, and in service.

I am inviting you to join Bev. and me in Prayer and Fasting for our District Assembly. We are involved in a media and food fast. Last year many referred to District Assembly as our District Revival. I believe that was because we prayed and fasted before Assembly last year.

THIS YEAR LETS PRAY AND FAST AND GOD WILL BRING THE BLESSING!

We are also reading through the Bible this year. This morning as I was reading in Mark 1:9-20, the Holy Spirit applied these words to me. As Jesus was in the desert the angels attended to Him. The angels attend to us in our desert. Jesus proclaimed the Good News of God: "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Then Jesus picked His disciples: Simon, Andrew, James, John, you, and me. We have been picked by Jesus to be His disciples and to go make disciples.

Another place of reading was Joshua 3-5. In Joshua 3:11-13 the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord went into the Jordan ahead of the people and made a way to cross over. God always goes ahead of us to make a way for us. Twelve stones were selected from the river so we would never forget what God has done.

At District Assembly let's share the stones God has given to us so we will not forget what He did through the Maine District last year.

God bless you,
Cecil Jones
District Superintendent

CHURCH HEALTH WORKSHOP

April 17th @ 7:00PM---9:00 PM
April 18th @ 9:00 AM--4:00 PM

Rev. Larry Cook, our District Church Health Coach, will be our leader.

Place: Gardiner Church of the Nazarene
Theme: Developing and Protecting the Moral Integrity of Leadership

EVERY PASTOR AND LAY LEADER IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



Adult Ministries

Pastor Gloria Coffin
207-251-9939

Adult Ministries -

Hooray for mud season! I look forward to it every year. Tulips and daffodils, lush green lawns, city workers filling potholes and warmer weather can't be far behind. Change affects us all. Winter sometimes signifies loss, followed by a season of adjustment which gradually leads to a new beginning, a fresh perspective. Revival!!! As adult ministries experience change, I look forward to the continued renewal of our spirits, revival in ministry and the beauty to be revealed in coming weeks.

We will especially miss the leadership of Gloria Hargenrader as she and her husband leave Maine ministry to follow God's call elsewhere. Our prayers go with them and thanks to Gloria for inspiring our women's ministries. God enlarged our boundaries and multiplied the outreach as she divided us into mission areas!

Dave Switter is excited about new plans for men's gatherings. Pat Heuring is coordinating the women's prayer summit for August 7-9 in Limington. Mission area leaders will meet with me for lunch in South Portland during assembly and the conventions. I continue to pursue the possibility of a lay retreat sometime in the future. I am also personally available to meet with volunteers from churches interested in combining efforts to jumpstart new local community ministries.

Enjoy the squish-squish of mushy earth beneath your feet. Look Up! The Son enlightens every season of your life.

Pastor Gloria C
Adult Ministries Director

**Congratulations!**

In case you haven't seen the report showing the top 5 churches from each District in their giving to the VBS Offering last summer.... CONGRATULATIONS to:

#1 China; #2 Union; #3 Great Island; #4 Cundy's Harbor; and #5 Dixfield!

1300 Proclaimers were purchased so that pre-literate children in world areas can HEAR God's Word in their own language. This offering enabled CHILDREN to make an eternal difference in the lives of CHILDREN around the world!

This summer the offering will go to make translations of Children's Bible Quizzing materials.
YEAH QUIZZING!

**Men's Ministries**

Pastor Dave Switter
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Guy Stuff

For the last few years God has stressed upon my heart the importance of getting away every January for the men's prayer summit. I always return fired up and ready for the New Year. By spring I am longing to go back to the mountain top. As I have prayed about what it means to be men's ministry director the one thing God made clear to me was that whatever we did had to compliment the yearly Men's Prayer Summit. After a year of prayer, observation, and some mistakes, here goes...

May 23 we will have our first Men's Saturday Morning Maine Event. We will be meeting at the Mechanic Falls church for a time of worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship. We are a brotherhood like no other. Linked by Jesus Christ, who has given us the gift of other Spirit-filled men to pray, equip, and encourage one another. We need to be about this important aspect of discipleship. My vision is that many men will benefit from these sorts of one session prayer summits and that every other month we will hold one in a different mission area. The first event will be on May 23 in the western mountain Area at the Mechanic Falls Church, then on July 25 at the Gardiner church in the Central Mission Area.

Plans are underway for Septembers to be in the Northern mission Area. I pray that God will bless these times for the men on our district to gather together but I also am interested in your local church's men's ministry. If you have good things happening in your church's men's ministry please let me know. I would like to help other church's learn what is working and not working with men's ministry today. You can call me at 462-8994 or email at mckfallsnaz@msn.com

God Bless You,
David Switter
Men's Ministries Director

**Men's
Saturday Morning Maine Event
Saturday May 23
9am - 1:00**

At the Mechanic Falls Church of the Nazarene

We will be having lunch together down the street at Roscoe's Railroad Buffet.

(\$7.50 per person)

FMI contact David Switter at 462-8994



NMI News



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Greetings from your President

Happy Spring! There is an excitement in the air when Spring arrives. We were excited to have missionary Brian Utter on the Maine district in recent days. It was such a treat to have him at the Children's Mission Jamboree in Augusta on March 28th. He shared with a group of about 90 children and adults, his work with World Mission Broadcast, crossing the barriers to reach the lost for Jesus.

A team from the district will be going to the Compassionate Ministries warehouse to work and deliver much needed Crisis Care Kit's the week of April 19th in response to an urgent need request.

The end-of-year reports are being completed as I write this. A new church year is beginning. I thank each of you for your participation in missions, through education, prayer and giving. We value you as a

district NMI team member and your efforts for the team. Our district WEF commitment has not yet been met, so I encourage you as a local church to do your part in fulfilling the Great Commission. God will bless all your efforts in reaching the lost.

Plans are being made for conventions in May. This year again we will be combining NMI and NYI conventions at South Portland Church of the Nazarene. The conventions will begin on Friday evening, May 15th at 7:00pm. On Saturday May 16th, conventions will start at 8:30am and conclude at 4:00pm. Our special speaker will be Bob Collins who was with our pastors on their Work and Witness trip to Brazil last year. We hope you will come to hear Bob's testimony and share in the fun of the convention. More details will follow at a later date.

The NMI delegates, their spouses and families, along with several NYI delegates make up a team of 14 who will represent Maine at the One Heart Many Hands work and witness project in Orlando, June 21st-June 25th. As we work in the inner city, along side delegates from other world areas, please pray that we will be effective vessels in what God has planned for Orlando. Please pray for the Global NMI convention, the General Assembly, safe travel for global delegates and all those attending. It was requested by the General church that these events be bathed in prayer from now until then. On behalf of the district NMI council I would ask you to share these prayer requests with your local congregations and encourage every Nazarene to be involved.

We know we serve a prayer answering God! I know this is a praying district! Thank you for your prayers!

“Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name.” Psalm 103:1

In His Service and yours,
Cheryl Dunning



Sunday School Connection



Sunday School

Make the Connection

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Can you feel the excitement in the air that always comes just before General Assembly? Let's all continue to pray for our district assemblies and for those who will be elected to be on our boards on the district level.

Attention One and All
Sunday School Assembly
April 25th, 8:30 to 4:00
at Fairfield Church of the Nazarene
Lunch provided for a nominal cost of \$5.00

SDMI General Children's Ministries Director
Linda Boardman will be our Honored Speaker

Music and Worship lead by
Sufficient Grace Trio

Who should attend? All Pastors, all teachers and all Sunday School Superintendents

In Gods Love,
Deb Grant



NYI News



Rev. Alan Hamlin , 207-684-3281
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Hello Maine District!

Now I know it has been awhile, but we have some great things going on in our District. I encourage you to continue to check out www.mainenyi.com for upcoming information as well as downloadable forms for the events that we have. Also, for those of you, who are on Face book, check us out there as well. Chat with us; let us know what is going on in your lives! There are a few things coming up that we need to be ready for; one of those things is District Assembly, which will begin on May 13 and end on the afternoon of the 15th. Later that evening, though, the 2nd Annual NMI/NYI convention will be taking place. I urge you to attend these events; this is a chance for us to participate in District-wide revival!

So, over the last few months many people have not been able to recognize who I am. Others have gotten me confused with Keith Green, Church Norris, Jeremiah Johnson, and even the apostle Paul. You yourselves may have even noticed that my look has changed over the last few months. Though my hair is long and the look is beginning to grow on me, there is a reason. I have challenged the teens on this district with this: that if there are 90 registered campers in attendance, the key word being "attendance," that I would let them shave my head, dye it pink, purple, orange or whatever they choose to do on the Sunday evening in which Teen Camp begins. We will be heading back to Limington, Maine this year for Teen Camp. It will begin with registration on the night of July 19th and end on the morning of July 25. The cost will be 150 dollars this year and we will again be doing things like canoe trips, Aquaboggan, mountain hikes, and service projects. Hope to see you there! Remember to check out the information and forms we have on www.mainenyi.com

One last thing, we will be making a trip down to the Crisis Care Kit center in Maryland, April 20th through the 24th. Those interested in going or getting information about the trip contact Rev. John M. Evans, Cheryl Dunning or me. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all,

Allen Hamlin
District NYI President



Budget update can be seen on the next page. Information on ENC contributions was unavailable.

	District Ministries		P&B Fund		WEB		ENC	
	Budget	Received	Budget	Received	Budget	Received	Budget	Received
Auburn	4,716	2,832	1,452	1,452	5,445	3,627		
Augusta	10,107	10,016.30	3,084	3,392	11,565	5,072		
Bangor	8,298	2,767.50	2,555	2,555	9,580	4,285.55		
Bath	3,736	1,868	1,150	1,150	4,313	4,313		
Belfast	3,662	1,916	1,127	1,127	4,227	4,357		
Berwick	493	103	286	0	1,072	50		
Bethel	2,374	2,374	731	731	2,741	2,741		
Bingham	807	0	322	0	1,208	0		
Brunswick	3,110	1,710	958	453	3,591	1,774.41		
Bowdoinham	1,294	260	398	398	1,494	1,494		
Cape Elizabeth	4,732	0	1,457	641	5,463	5,463		
China	4,339	3,906	1,336	1,206	5,010	2,773.50		
Cundy's Harbor	785	485	281	281	1,053	1,053		
Dixfield	1,172	1,172	467	467	1,753	1,753		
Dover-Foxcroft	1,794	1,794	716	716	2,684	2,923		
East Harpswell	1,337	1,337	533	550	2,000	2,242		
East Millinocket	7,908	5,931	2,435	1,2156	9,131	4,924		
Ellsworth	6,085	3,185	1,873	1,873	7,025	7,025		
Fairfield	9,479	7,090	2,919	2,669	10,944	10,594		
Farmington Falls	1,039	320	415	415	1,555	1,373		
Gardiner	7,343	4,500	2,261	2,261	8,478	8,478		
Jackman	1,689	827	520	520	1,950	0		
Leeds	2,785	100	857	50	3,216	50		
Lewiston	192	195	111	192	418	418		
Lisbon Falls	5,358	4,718	1,650	1,648	6,186	7,021		
Livermore Falls	3,643	660	1,122	1,122	4,207	1,108.21		
Mechanic Falls	1,253	1,253.43	500	521	1,875	1,220.98		
Millinocket	8,615	6,408	2,652	2,358	9,946	7,164		
Norway	1,144	327.65	457	457	1,712	947.68		
No. Waldoboro	3,194	0	983	300	3,687	542		
Oakland	1,015	1,015	405	405	1,518	1,518		
Pittsfield	656	393	262	262	981	544		
Portland	539	539	312	312	1,171	1,211		
Richmond	481	481	279	279	1,045	1,070		
Rockland	50	0	25	25	100	100		
Saco	1,060	1,060	423	423	1,586	1,050		
Sebago	5,139	5,139	1,582	1,582	5,933	5,933		
Sebasco Estates	183	0	106	0	398	150		
Skowhegan	7,201	1,569	2,217	2,248.75	8,314	3,665		
South Portland	32,242	29,018	9,927	9,927	37,225	37,225		
Stonington	434	434	251	267	943	1,068		
Strong	3,560	3,004	1,096	1,095	4,110	3,880		
Union	3,359	3,359	1,034	1,034	3,879	4,506		
Wells	1,469	1,019	586	586	2,198	2,198		
West Point	1,374	300	548	100	2,055	462		
Windham	5,973	4,973	1,839	1,839	6,897	6,897		
Wiscasset	1,291	0	515	515	1,932	0		
Yarmouth	3,313	828.25	1,020	255	3,825	957		