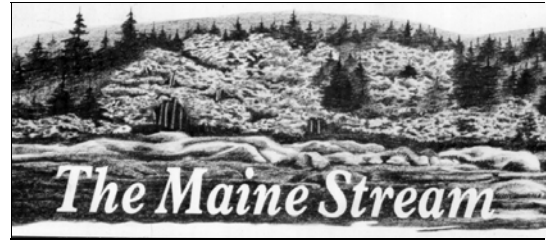


**MAINE DISTRICT  
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**YEAR OF PRAYER**

Two thousand eight / two thousand nine is becoming a life-changing year for many Nazarenes across the State of Maine. We have already experienced two Prayer Summits and a Prayer Waiting Summit with Elaine Pettit and others. These were tremendous awakenings! Our Camp Meeting at China Lake Conference Center and Cross Style weekend at our South Portland Church with Stephen Manley were excellent times of Prayer and Revival. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Scot Crothers and Pastor Chris Curry for coordinating the Cross Style weekend at South Portland. Stephen Manley always does an excellent job bringing us into God's presence.

Bob Broadbooks, USA/Canada Director, challenged all District Superintendents in the USA/Canada region to fast and pray during the month of January. I started my fast on January first so I am now on my seventh day of this fast.

Tomorrow I will be joining over thirty men from our Maine District for the fourth annual Men's Prayer Summit at Moose River Outpost in Jackman. We are believing God for another life changing Prayer Summit.

CHALLENGE: I am asking you to pray about joining me in this January Prayer and Fasting request issued by Bob Broadbooks. God has blessed many people down through the centuries as they were led by God in extended prayer and fasting.

I will be praying for you as you do what God directs you to do.

God bless you,  
Cecil Jones  
*District Superintendent*



**Adult Ministries**

Pastor Gloria Coffin  
207-251-9939

Arrangements are being made for a Lay Retreat celebrating the call to "Exist in Community Sharing God's Love with the World". Anyoe interested in a gathering filled with fun and refreshing, contact me at 797-6913 or [glorierev@comcast.net](mailto:glorierev@comcast.net).



## **Men's Ministries**

Pastor Dave Switter  
[thesuit@verizon.net](mailto:thesuit@verizon.net)

Hey Guys,

New things are beginning to take shape with our District Men's Ministry. I just returned from our Annual Men's Prayer Summit at Moose River Outpost in Jackman. What God has been doing in these summits has been amazing. I would encourage all the men on our district to set aside time for next years summit and make it a priority January 7-10, 2010. It seems like a long ways off, but if you put it on the calendar now it will be easier to make time. What a privilege to begin a new year seeking God and being renewed in spirit and vision. Just ask any of the men who attended this year and I'm sure you will get a testimony of how God blessed them during this time.

We have a special outreach event being planned for May that you will be hearing about soon. If you're a Red Sox fan you will be excited. (I'm not and I'm still excited.) I am looking forward to the first gathering of a new Men's Ministry Council that can help encourage and equip Men's Ministry in our local churches. I would love to hear what is happening in your local churches Men's Ministry. Hearing those stories can be inspiring to other churches. Please pray for this new thing that God is doing with Men's ministry. If you have any ideas or questions I would love to hear from you.

Dave Switter  
Men's Ministry Director



## **Women's Ministries**

Gloria Hargenrader  
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It has been a delight for me to see the women of our district come together for zone events. God has been leading and I have been learning the art of following. I appreciate my Council members as they seek to serve our ladies on each mission area. We are making plans for summer, yet to be announced. The ladies prayer summit is scheduled for Aug. 7-9 at Limington Maine. We are looking forward, *with great anticipation*, to what God is going to do. Don't miss this yearly Prayer Summit, put it on your calendar as a very important date. May God bless all his lovely ladies on the Maine District. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to call 897-2301.

***“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer”.* Psalm 19:14**

**Gloria Hargenrader**  
***Women's Ministry Director***



## **Central Mission Area News**

On December 13th we had our first meeting of the Central Mission Area at the *Ladies Creative Christmas Connection!* Praise God we had 19 in attendance. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and the power outages, we were blessed to be able to gather together and ready our hearts to receive our Savior this Christmas.

We began our time together with praising in song to worship our Lord! Our scripture and devotional focus was John 1:11-13. Vonda Faxon shared a special testimony and beautiful song that blessed each heart! God does make something beautiful out of our lives.

We enjoyed a wonderful meal of soups, salads, subs and desserts! YUM! We then embarked on a creative odyssey of making our own Christmas centerpieces. Thanks to our very patient and helpful florist Pam Polk, we made some wonderful and inventive centerpieces. The "fir" was certainly flying as well as the laughter.

After our masterpieces were completed, we adjourned for a time of song and focusing on prayer. We shared highlights from the book, "The Hour That Changes the World" by Dick Eastman. This is a very powerful and practical book on exploring all the aspects of prayer and the importance of staying at least one hour in concentrated relationship building with our Lord.

We concluded the evening with a special in song by Pam Polk- "My Redeemer". With full hearts and new friendships and connections made, it is our prayer to further reach out to each other and our world this Christmas season.

I thank each one who attended and all worked so diligently to make this event happen. A special thanks to Pat Heuring for taking pictures, Gloria Hargenrader and Bev Jones for joining us! Most of all I praise our wonderful Lord for changing our lives!

Make that CONNECTION!

With a grateful heart,  
Hazel Seavey



## NMI News



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Greetings from your President

Happy New Year! With each new year comes the human desire to make things better than they were in the year past. In Isaiah 43:18-19, god's word tells us "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing." It is exciting to start a new calendar year with God anticipating the "new thing" He will do in NMI and in each of our lives.

Important upcoming emphases and events for NMI:

January emphasis – Volunteer Ministries

February emphasis – Alabaster

March 25-29 – Deputation tour with missionary Brian Utter

March 28 – Children's Mission Jamboree, Augusta Church of the Nazarene with special speaker Brian Utter, former missionary to Argentina

NMI is still collecting Crisis Car Kits and School Pal Paks. A trip to the warehouse is being planned and anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact us. I would like to express my gratitude to the

Portland and Richmond churches for overpaying their WEF. Their budgets have been paid since August 2008. Well done!

Just a reminder that there are three months remaining in our church year to do our share as well in participating in God's mission to reach the lost and make Christ-like disciples. Keep sharing the Cross!

May God bless all your efforts in His name.  
In His Service and yours,  
Cheryl Dunning



### **Sunday School Connection**



Sunday School  
***Make the Connection***  
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Please look for information about upcoming Sunday School events. Pastor Jim Ledoux has accepted the position of Director of Kids Camp for 2009. The next issue will contain information on when, where, cost, registration deadlines. Please remember that we are in need of more camp counselors, especially men.

In Gods Love,  
Deb Grant



### **NYI News**



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Look for important information about upcoming NYI events in the next issue of MaineStream.

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, but will be in the next issue.

