

AT THE PARK

Christ-centered, People-focused, Spirit-led



JANUARY 2018

[New Adventures with Christ in 2018. Adapt to thrive!](#)

Happy New Year! Welcome to the year of our Lord, 2018! I don't know about you, but it seems that the older I get, the faster time seems to go by. I can hardly believe it is 2018 already!

I love the start of a new year, as it gives us a chance to look at the past, consider the present and make plans for the future. This year, we will be doing just that through the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) process. Nardin Park has a rich history and I for one am grateful for the faithful and generous leadership of this congregation. Our goals for this New Year are to build a truly vital and healthy church and help it to grow and strengthen as we make disciples for Jesus Christ in our community and around the world. To achieve our goals we need strategies and vision as well as direction from God.

In 1965, when Nardin Park began to worship at 11 Mile and Middlebelt, the world was a lot different than it is today! For those of you who were born in 1965 or before, think about how much has changed in your own life in the past 53 years! For those born after 1965, reflect on how much has changed in your own life since your birth and up to this point.

Our church historians, Jim and Annette McConnell, report that in the mid to late 1960's and early 1970's church growth was rapid at Nardin Park, in part because so much growth was happening in Farmington Hills at the time and in part because so many people in the community considered attending church to be an important part of their social life. Since that time Nardin Park, along with most other mainline Protestant denominations, has been facing decline. There are many reasons for this decline. Part of the struggle that mainline protestant churches are having across our nation is that while much has changed in our "mission field" we still do many of the same things we did 53 years ago! The VCI process helps us to examine what is no longer effective in the changing world we now live in and helps us to develop strategies to adapt and thrive in this new world we now live in. While we truly celebrate our past, and live in the present, God is calling us to embrace the future and that means we must be willing to embark on new adventures, trusting in the one who promises us abundant life.

As we journey through the VCI process it will mean that as we learn, we will also have to let go of some of the familiar, in order to embrace what is next. And as we do this, we need to remember that through all losses, God is with us. Loss teaches us so much and builds our resilience and capacity for growth. In this edition of "At the Park" you will find many classes, workshops and preparations for our VCI process. Please sign up and plan to attend and participate! All of us are important parts of this journey together.

While it is always a bit daunting to be in uncharted territory, it is also exciting to learn new things, to grow and change all for the sake of Christ. I am looking forward to the new adventures awaiting us in 2018 and am particularly grateful that we are on the journey together.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Melanie

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM

New Worship Series in January 2018 - Window of Opportunity

As Nardin Park prepares for our VCI (Vital Church Initiative) consultation weekend, March 9th - 11th 2018, we will explore the view through the window as we celebrate and give thanks for the past, live in the present and claim the future for our church. God is inviting us to do a new thing for the kingdom.

Sunday, January 7th

Pastor Beth Titus will be preaching, *Looking Back and Looking In.*

Hebrews 13:8

Holy Communion

Chancel Choir will sing with Karen Roth, Reading by Karen Roth, Susanna and Sam Brennan

Sunday, January 14th

Pastor Melanie Lee Carey will be preaching, *Looking Around.*

Isaiah 43: 18-21

Chancel Choir will sing.

Sunday, January 21st

Pastor Melanie Lee Carey will be preaching, *Looking In*

Matthew 6: 25-30

Chancel Choir will sing.

Sunday, January 28th - Family Sunday

Pastor Karen Poole will be preaching, *Looking Over.*

Psalms 98: 4-6

Cherub, Wesley and Chancel Choirs will sing.

Child Protection Policy Training

...time to choose a date!

Saturday, January 20, 2018

or Saturday, April 14, 2018

9am – 1pm *here at Nardin*

Our vision and goal in 2018 is that...

...all those working or planning to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults will complete this training.

This includes but is not limited to:

SOS, Arts Camp, Youth retreats, Common Ground, "Godly Play" and Nursery / Toddler leaders.

Leaders:

Dr. Kristin Ahrens and Lauren Sundquist

RSVP is required by January 7th or March 25th.

Please send all correspondence to Lauren Sundquist: text 248-798-9410.



**DETROIT RENAISSANCE
LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES
SAVE THE DATES**

MARCH 15TH TO 17TH

SPRING LAY CLASSES

Garden City UMC

6443 Merriman

Garden City, MI 48135

JUNE 8TH TO 10TH

LAY SERVANT YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT

Calvary UMC

15050 Hubbell

Detroit, MI 48227

GRADES 5 THROUGH 12

**CONTACT Wilma Fleming@layserdir437@gmail.com or
313.641.8069**

IN THE LIFE AT NARDIN PARK

News from Evening Star

We are a multi-generational group of women who meet on the 4th Monday of the month for fun and fellowship. All ladies of the church are welcome!

Evening Star invites all women of the church to join us on **January 22** for an evening out. We will meet at a local restaurant (watch the church bulletin for details) for a night of food, fun and fellowship.

February 26 - "Exploring the World of Essential Oils" - this is an introductory program on essential oils - what are essential oils, how to use them, where to get them, what to do with them. We will have samples, handouts, recipes and more!

Call Sue Genschoreck for additional information (248-477-8029)

District's Martin Luther King Celebration

You are invited to the 24th Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of the Detroit Renaissance District on Sunday, January 7th, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M. The celebration will be held at Trenton Faith United Methodist Church, 2530 Charlton in Trenton with Rev. Doug Ralson, Host Pastor.

District Superintendent Rev. Charles S. G. Boayue, Jr. will bless the 20 MLK Scholarship Awardees.



Learn CPR...
Save a Life

AED - CPR Training Certification

We will be offering training on Tues. January 9th at 7:30. Please call the church office (248-476-8860) if you will be attending. There is no cost. We need people at the church who are trained, so, if you ever thought about doing this now is the time.

Anchor / Torch - Reminder to all church women

We have a Special day coming up on Tuesday, January 23rd @ 11:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room! We will have a Mystery Guest lead us in a very unusual and interesting conversation. Invite your friend or neighbor to join us. Just tell your caller how many will be attending.

Pray for good driving weather and don't forget to bring your sack lunch & beverage.

Holy Land Trip with Bishop David Alan Bard November 12-21, 2018

Join Bishop Bard and Detroit Renaissance District Administrative Assistant, Dwanda Ashford on a trip to the Holy Land with Educational Opportunities Tours. Register early and save. Trips start at \$3,398. Applications are available in the church office. For more information contact Ms. Dwanda Ashford 313-481-1045 Drdooffice@detroitconference.org or go to this website www.eo.travel.com

A Special Thank You

Many, many thanks to everyone for all the cards, messages, visits and calls sent to me recently. Your many prayers were such great blessings too! I can't thank you enough for all your thoughtfulness during a difficult time.

Wishing you all God's blessings and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Much love,
Eva Ashton

STEPHEN MINISTRY

HAPPY NEW YEAR - RESOLVE TO BE GOOD TO YOURSELF!

In 2018, make a resolution to treat yourself better. You will always find someone or something telling you that you are “not enough” – just listen to a few hours of TV to feel you have the wrong credit card, not the right car, too tall, too short, too thin or need to lose weight. Everyone has an opinion about what you may be lacking or need to do. Think positive thoughts about all of the wonderful traits you possess and celebrate you every day.

Pledge this year, that you will start to put these voices in the background. People will treat you the way they see you treat yourself. Do you put yourself down; do you make disparaging remarks about yourself, your appearance, and your talents? This gives others “permission” to treat you the same way. We teach other people what is acceptable about the way they treat us!

The next time you say yes to something, when you really want to say no, ask yourself why? Is that request more important than doing something else that you need or want to do? Sometimes by saying no, you are opening the door for someone else who may really want to say yes to that opportunity.

The next time you are addressed in a disrespectful manner, instead of staying silent, stand up for yourself and speak your truth, and show (by your actions) that you deserve to be treated in a better manner.

The next time you think a negative thought about yourself, stop yourself and remember that you are a beautiful, special, wonderful creation of God!

Finally, make a list of twelve things you would like to do this year and make sure to take the time out for yourself to accomplish one each month. You are worth it!!

If you need to talk to someone to help resolve an issue feel, better about yourself or a situation in your life, remember that Nardin Park has a loving and caring ministry staff and a compassionate and confidential Stephen Ministry program available for you to talk to at any time. Contact one of our ministers or Dr. Wes Brun regarding the Stephen Ministry program.

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

CREATIVE SELF CARE PROGRAM

This is a 10 week Art Therapy Program for adults who are seeking alternative methods of maintaining self-care. Each week will focus on a different component of self-care and will encourage creative self-exploration.

DATES: Every Wednesday beginning January 10, 2018 until March 14, 2018
TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: SCC, 29887 W11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, in the Park Place room
FEE: \$25/session plus a one-time material fee of \$25

A one day training to become certified to deliver and interpret the series of Prepare/Enrich Marital and Premarital questionnaires. Many clergy and churches find these instruments useful in premarital counseling. Therapists often use these instruments when working with couples in therapy.

PREPARE/ENRICH FACILITATOR TRAINING – FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

LOCATION: SCC’s main office at Nardin Park UMC, 29887 West Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336
TUITION: \$200
You can find the Prepare-Enrich link for [registration on SCC’s website, sccmich.org](http://registration.on SCC’s website, sccmich.org).

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

DATE: February 17, 2018
TIME: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
LOCATION: First UMC of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham
FEE: \$225 per couple. A \$125 deposit is required at registration

SCC AND AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Help SCC offer hope and healing to our community by using the SCC’s Amazon Smile Page. Amazon will donate .5% of the money you spend with them to SCC when you shop through smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2600956 for any items you normally purchase through Amazon. There is also a link on the SCC website: sccmich.org

VITAL CHURCH INITIATIVE AT NARDIN PARK

What's coming up with the VCI for January 2018 and beyond?

Nardin Park is in a 3 year visioning process called Vital Church Initiative (VCI). This process involves the entire church. Here are the upcoming VCI activities. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend or participate.

- ♦ **Study Class with Pastor Melanie on Tuesday Nights at 6 and 7 p.m. starting January 9th--** Identical hour long classes will explore the book Who Stole My Church? by Gordon McDonald. This book is a preparation for the consultation weekend in March and explores the topic of how to embrace change and use it to further the Kingdom of God. Books are on sale in the church office and on Sundays during coffeehour for \$10.
- ♦ **All Church Readiness 360 Online Survey** measures a church's current ministry multiplying capacity. This powerful tool helps churches more effectively engage new people. This survey helps churches get ready, so that new initiatives take root and thrive! This will be an online survey for all church members and constituents to participate in and will launch on Friday, January 12th with an email and link to the survey.

All Church Workshops for everyone to attend!

Sunday, January 28th, 2018 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - ALL CHURCH pre-consultation workshop led by Rev. Brad Kalajanean, Pastor Melanie's coach and pastor of Cornerstone UMC in Grand Rapids, MI. (One of the 10 fastest growing United Methodist Churches in the nation) Topics covered in this workshop will be:

- Consider how much has changed in our world during the last 50 years, without the church necessarily keeping up with those changes
- Examine the scriptural basis for focusing outward and reaching those who do not know Christ
- Characteristics of healthy churches and where we might currently find Nardin Park in those characteristics.

Sign up by contacting the church office (lmcdoniel@nardinpark.org) or on Sundays during coffee hour starting January 7th. Childcare provided for those who request it.

Saturday March 10th 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Mercer Hall. - All CHURCH workshop Call the church office to register or sign up to attend starting on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Workshop will be facilitated by our consultation team. Lunch will be included in the workshop. A free will donation is requested to help defray the lunch costs. Childcare is provided, but please let us know if you need childcare so we can plan to have enough childcare providers.

Saturday, March 11th, following worship, the Consultation Team will read **our five Prescriptions.**

March 12th - April 22nd - Discussion of Prescriptions.

Current Financial Status Year to date through November 30, 2017

I am encouraged that at the end of November we are in a more positive position than we have been all year. This was made possible by the generosity of many of you during a matching fund campaign along with the financial support of the Trustees.

Our matching fund campaign kicked off in October with a \$ 25,000 contribution from our Trustees that was matched and exceeded with your contributions of \$32,000!

Historically, we collect approximately 22% of our total budget during November and December and with a solid December we could end this year in a positive status. To date, we have contributed only 10% of our Common Budget Apportionments. But with an end of the year push, we could meet our local church budget and pay more toward our total share of the greater United Methodist missions and ministries known as our Common Budget Apportionments.

I ask you to consider during this very special time of the year, second mile giving to put us in a better financial position. We are making some very positive strides as we go into 2018 but this can't be done without your continued support.

Operating revenues	\$ 572,522.80
Operating expenses	\$ 565,043.16
Net gain	\$ 7,479.64
Net Other Income	\$ 1,336.64
Net Income	\$ 8,816.28
Carryover from 2016	\$ (8,437.61)
Balance	\$ 378.67

With the start of 2018, I am pleased and very supportive in passing the duties of Financial Chairperson to George Walker. This is a very good choice and he will serve our church well.

I want to thank former Trustee Chairperson Jerry Foss and current chairperson Peter Sharpe for their dedication, assistance and cooperation I have received over the past three years. I would also acknowledge the leadership of John Gingrich and his cooperation as Church Council Chairperson.

Also, my thanks go out to the members of the Finance Committee and Rev. Melanie Carey for their belief and support of the many ministries at Nardin Park UMC. Lastly, to Dean Moening and Robbie Hayes, the other members of the class of 2017 Finance Committee, as we "retire". Their hard work during my tenure as Nardin Park UMC Finance Chairperson was so appreciated.

Financial Chairperson
Thomas J. Tobe

YOUTH MINISTRY



Renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness.
- Ephesians 4:23-24

Youth News



POTATO BAR January 21

Stay for lunch following worship and support the Nardin Park youth fundraiser for their mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky in June.



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LITTLE CAESARS ARENA 2.11.18

JANUARY

- Sunday 1/7 - 5:00 Dance Choir
6:00 Common Ground
- Tuesday 1/9 - Welcome Back to **Night @ The Park**
- Sunday 1/14 Dance Choir
Common Ground
- Tuesday 1/16 - **Night @ The Park**
- Sunday 1/21 - Potato Bar Fundraiser

Nardin Park Youth Winter Retreat

Fri. Jan. 26 - Sun. Jan. 28
\$75 per student due Jan 14.



Double J Ranch, Rothbury, MI

Mark your calendars now
Summer mission trip to Henderson Settlement
June 17 - 23



MISSIONS 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Cass Tiny Homes project. We are happy to report that seven people now occupy the first homes. Each has a unique story but they are all grateful for the opportunity to live in a new home which one day, they will own.

It is exciting to see them move in add small decorations. Already they are meeting together and are working toward becoming a part of the larger community.

The foundations for our next five homes have been poured and, so, the process begins again. Gifts from generous donors like you allow us to both respond to immediate needs and tackle complex stubborn issues.

This fall, Cass has started the architectural plans to renovate the old Mom's Place building. The Activity Center has added extra enclaves so that ten more adults with developmental disabilities have jobs, people moved into the first seven Tiny Homes and five more are under construction. The Rotating Shelter has started and the Warming Center for Homeless Women and Children has opened.

We certainly appreciate the role you have played in helping us with this wonderful development.

Sincerely,
Rev. Faith Fowler



These are important dates!



World Sabbath Sunday
March 11, 2018

Arts Camp (VBS)
July 9-12



SOS -
South Oakland Shelter
July 15-22

Watch for more information

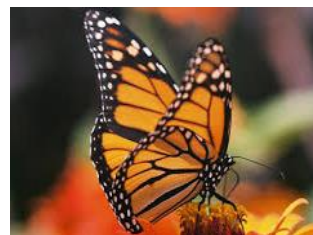
"Baby it's cold outside"
MISSION WARMING TREE



The Mission Committee's focus for the month of Dec. and Jan. is providing warm items for the homeless. We are collecting **NEW, WARM** gloves/mittens, socks, boots, scarves, jackets, blankets, and hats to be delivered to Baldwin Center in Pontiac. There is a collection box in Mercer Hall.



*Volunteer, donate funds, say a prayer - many people from our church will be serving at **CROSSROADS** on Sunday morning, December 31st. The only soup kitchen open on Sundays in Detroit.*



Beautification Award

Congratulations Nardin Park on our 10th year Beautification Award! The city of Farmington Hills has again recognized our efforts and achievements with the grounds and vegetation surrounding Nardin Park. I would like to thank the following past and present members for helping: Jack Mumford, Tina and Rich Jensen, Terry West, Jan and Tom Tobe and Mike Glenn.

Karen Nicholson

Children's Ministries



“...Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” Mark 10:14



10:00 a.m. - Sundays

Children's Spiritual Guidance

First Floor

Nursery - Infant Care

Toddler - Two Year Old Room

Three and Four Year Olds - “Godly Play”

5K/6 Year Olds - 5th Graders - Second Floor



3 and 4 Year Olds

January 7

Holy Family/ Epiphany

January 14 - Holy Baptism

January 21

Parable of the Good Shepherd

January 28 - Family Worship

Children meet in their room, then the leaders will take them into the main worship experience.

Later they return to their room for “Parable of the Good Samaritan”



Season of Epiphany

Arts Camp

July 9 - 12, 2018

5K/6 Year Olds - 5th Graders

January 7

Holy Family/ Epiphany

January 14 - Holy Baptism

January 21

Parable of the Good Shepherd

January 28

Family Worship Sunday

Children's Choirs sing

10:00 a.m. Worship

Children are welcomed in worship with their families any time. There are children's papers, colored pencils, etc. for their use during the hour.



Children 3yrs. and older are offered Holy Communion on the First Sunday.

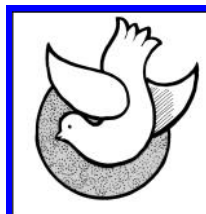
Family Worship children attend main worship all hour with family.

Acolytes: 4th graders & older
Acolytes carry the processional cross, Bible, light & extinguish

Symbols of Baptism



The River Jordan reminds us of Jesus' baptism. Some people today are baptized in rivers and lakes.



A dove descended from the sky and reminds us of God's Spirit.



Water reminds us of God's love flowing all around, and is a sign of the beginning of new life in God.

A Note to Families:

On Sunday, January 14, children will hear the story of Jesus' baptism. (Luke 3:15-17; 21-22) This story provides a unique opportunity for families to talk about baptism.

If your children have been baptized maybe you can find some pictures, and tell what the day was like. If you have been baptized you can tell your story as well.

Maybe the pictures above can help start the conversation. Take time in this conversation to tell your child how loved and special she or he is to you, just by being who they are!

Baptism reminds us of God's love for each person, and that we are all special to God.

Children's Ministries



Child Protection Policy Training

Dr. Kristin Ahrens and Lauren Sundquist

Session offerings:

Saturday, January 20 or April 14, 2018

9am – 1pm

here at Nardin

Light breakfast provided

Mandatory training session for anyone working with or planning to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults during a District/Conference event. This includes but is not limited to:

SOS, Arts Camp, youth retreats, "Godly Play" and Nursery / Toddler leaders, etc.

Volunteers must have completed one of the above training sessions and a background check prior to attending an event where youth will be present.

RSVP is required by January 7th or March 25th.

Please send all correspondence to Lauren Sundquist: Lmsundqu@gmail.com or call/text 248-798-9410.



Michigan Area United Methodist Camping

umcamping.org/events
lakelouisecommunity.org
campmichigamme.org

There are camps for all ages (children - adults), interests, and length of time.

Vital Church Initiative

An *all-church* pre-consultation workshop.

Sunday, January 28 3:30—5:30 p.m.

The more people at this workshop the more likely the consultation event will prove strategic for a sustainable, healthy and fruitful future.

GEMINI

Friday, February 9, 2018 7 p.m.

A family concert joined by the Cherub and Wesley Choirs of Nardin Park



Night @ the Park

*The place to be on Tuesday Nights!
 Begins January 9th*

Snack 'n Fun

5:00 - 5:25p. m.

5 yrs.- 5th graders - "The Avenue"

0 - 4yr. Olds *Childcare / Toddler Room*

Dinner

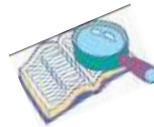
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

*with family and friends
 Choose a time that works for you*



6:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

*0 - 4 Year Olds - Childcare
 Return to Toddler Room*



5 yr. Olds - 2nd Graders

6:00 - 6:25 p.m.

Spiritual Guidance

Bible 101 in "The Avenue" K - 2nd graders

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir / Music Suite

3rd - 5th Graders

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Choir / Music Suite



6:35 - 7:05 p.m.

Spiritual Guidance

Bible 235 - 3rd - 5th graders

Bible 235 Room / Second Floor



6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Adult Study

Who Stole My Church

Leader: Pastor Melanie

Begins, January 9th Multi-purpose room



Youth (6th - 12th graders) happenings from 5:00 p.m. on

Save These Dates

MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRIES

January Featured Concert:

Beaumaris Ensemble

Sunday, January 14, 2018—3:00 p.m.

Naki Sung Kripfgans, Piano

Hailed by Diapason magazine for her virtuosity and musicality, international concert organist/collaborative pianist and competition winner, Dr. Naki Sung Kripfgans, a native of South Korea, has concertized regionally and internationally, including Japan, Germany, Russia, and South Korea. Naki received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ (Liturgical, Church, and Synagogue Music) and a master's degree in Piano Performance from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Northern Iowa.

Daniel Thomas, Cello

Daniel enjoys a diverse career as an orchestral, solo and chamber cellist while remaining in high demand as an educator. As a fellowship student throughout his education, Daniel earned his BM from the University of Wisconsin and MM from the University of Michigan. Since graduating, Mr. Thomas has won over a dozen orchestral and pedagogical positions throughout the US. He currently is the principal cellist of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

Kaycee Ware Thomas, Oboe

Kaycee is currently the Adjunct Instructor of Oboe at Hillsdale College, a position she has held since the fall of 2012. In addition to her college teaching, Mrs. Thomas runs a thriving private oboe and voice studio in Ann Arbor. Her students have been accepted to prestigious music schools such as Northwestern, Cincinnati Conservatory, and Manhattan School of Music. Locally, her students have been accepted into Interlochen for oboe and musical theater, MPulse Summer Vocal Institute, Michigan All State band and choir, Honors Orchestra at Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Michigan Youth Ensembles, and Detroit Civic Orchestra, to name a few.



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Upcoming Concerts

February 2, 2018—7:00 p.m.

Kalamazoo College Choir

BONUS CONCERT!

**A free-will offering will be taken to support the Kalamazoo College Choir

February 9, 2018—7:00 p.m.

Gemini— A Family Concert Experience!

March 18, 2018—3:00 p.m.

The Wesley Project

11 Hymns of Charles Wesley arranged for Flute, Strings, Piano and Handbells



January Worship Schedule

Jan 7: Chancel Choir

Jan 14: Chancel Choir

Jan 21: Chancel Choir

Jan 28: Chancel Choir,
Cherub and Wesley Choir

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Livingston 1/1
Collin Mueller 1/1
Olivia Mueller 1/1
Bea Peters 1/1
Andy Thompson 1/1
Ryan Thompson 1/1
Tami Wayne 1/1
Marjorie Powell 1/2
Matthew Titus 1/2
Greg Hall 1/3
Rick Maxwell 1/3

Jerry Berkesch 1/4
Caelynn Doerr 1/4
Evelyn Doerr 1/4
Sue Brown 1/6
Jackie Dailey 1/6
Maria Taylor 1/6
Cathy Breese 1/7
Don Christie 1/7
Zachary Latimer 1/7
Hudson Pawl 1/7
Paul Vainer 1/7

E. Michele Davis-Price 1/8
Earl Hendrickson 1/8
Jim Love 1/8
Mary Jacobs 1/9
Donna Shelden 1/9
Jack Ward 1/9
Lois Crall 1/10
Karen Miller 1/10
Lisa Merritt 1/11
Muriel Strebe 1/11
Marilyn Hill 1/12
Ryan Modreski 1/12

Maggie Paulson 1/12
Sarah King 1/13
Kelly Murphy 1/14
Kylar Weekley 1/15
Scott Latham 1/16
Justin Work 1/16
Steve Cook 1/17
Cathy Bock 1/18
Becky Collins 1/18
Mary Glenn 1/18
Shayne Beaufait 1/19
Karen Hendrickson 1/19

Riley Kahaian 1/19
Nancy Adams 1/20
Carol Smith 1/20
Jim Cole 1/21
James Allbery 1/22
Logan Brewart 1/22
Cindy Whiting 1/22
Brianna Avedisian 1/23
Troy Szopo 1/23
Bob Ahrens 1/24
Victoria Diebel 1/24
Matt Kastner 1/24

Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara and Clark Reid 1/22
Mike and Arlene Marks 1/22
Joan and Gary Simon 1/28



January 14th

In memory of Sgt. Gerald D. Rippett (2/17/1925 - 1/14/1945) and Bill Walsh. Also in honor of Bill Hollingsworth. With love from Denny and Jackie Rippett

Prayers for the families of:



Richard McFarland, a long time and former Nardin Park member, passed away on December 10th in Florida. Funeral arrangements are pending.

LeRoy Martin Clinkscale, father of Jason Clinkscale, passed away on December 7th. Visitation and Mass were held at Corpus Christie Church on December 15th.



Congratulations to David and Rebecca Beemis on the birth of **Micah David Beemis** born on November 11th. Proud grandparents are John and Robin Darnbrook. Welcome Micah David!

WE PRAY FOR ...



Eva Ashton
Michael Breckenridge
Anthony Brown
Peggy Champion
Jennifer Forbes
Carol Gladfelter

Deanna Grace
Earl Hendrickson
Amy Langdon
Arlene Marks
Dorothy McCoskey
Janet Simpson
Dan Webster
Marilynn Woelke
Myron Woelke
George Wold
Lynda Wonn

Betty and John Barclay
Carrol Belott
Jane Black
Bob Bough
Joyce Campbell
Elaine Haskell
Ruth Heaslip
Lorene Juhnke
Ricky Moore
Bev Mumbulo
Fred Nader
Ruthe Peterson
Wendy Morlewski

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Ann Shell
Margaret Shell
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Diane Sherman
Evelyn Bertram
Carol Howell
Vicki Webster



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